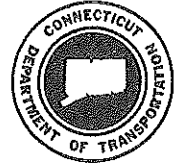




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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NOTICE OF HEARING

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PETITION NO. 1509-118-RR

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF STATE OF CONNECTICUT
TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE TO VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN
TRAFFIC A PRIVATE AT-GRADE CROSSING LOCATED IN WINDSOR

PETITIONER

Department of Transportation
Office of Facilities Design
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546

HEARING ASSIGNED:

Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Public Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, Connecticut 06131
Conference Room G-328

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's Office of Facilities Design is proposing that the subject private railroad/highway at-grade crossing, Wilson Avenue, located at milepost 39.85 on the Springfield Line of the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak) be permanently closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic as part of the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield (NHHS) Rail Program. The public hearing is to be in accordance with Section 13b-292(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as revised.

The crossing is a lightly used Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)-owned access roadway that dead-ends just east of the tracks at Windsor Meadows State Park. Town of Windsor ownership of Wilson Avenue ends at the westerly Amtrak right-of-way. There is a pedestrian trail in the park that continues east from the crossing. DEEP has another official public access to the park approximately ¼ mile south of Wilson Avenue via Meadow Road.

The proposed improvements, would include the removal of the grade crossing surface, flashing lights and gates, advanced warning signs, pavement markings, and roadway approaches. A new cul-de-sac will be constructed on the west side of the railroad tracks to enable traffic to safely turn around. In addition, new traffic sign and approximately 300' of 8' chain link fencing will be installed along along the west side of the railroad right-of-way to discourage trespassing on the railroad.

In order to obtain party status:

1. A written petition must be submitted to the agency;

2. A copy of such petition must be mailed to all known parties (usually Petitioner); and
3. The petition must state facts that demonstrate that the petitioner's LEGAL RIGHTS, DUTIES OR PRIVILEGES will be SPECIALLY AFFECTED by the agency's decision.

In order to obtain intervenor status:

1. A written petition must be submitted to the agency;
2. A copy of such petition must be mailed to all known parties (usually Petitioner); and
3. The petition must state facts that demonstrate that the Petitioner's participation is in the INTEREST OF JUSTICE AND WILL NOT IMPAIR ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE PROCEEDING.

All petitions and certifications of party notification must be received by this agency five (5) days prior to the date of hearing, otherwise, such requested status shall be subject to denial.

Also, the five-day requirement, as stated above, may be waived at any time before or after commencement of the hearing on a showing of GOOD CAUSE.

Finally, it shall be noted that the revised Uniform Administrative Procedures Act delegates authority to this agency to promulgate regulations relative to the above subject matter. Therefore, the scope of criteria for accepting petitions for party or intervenor status may change upon adoption of new procedural regulations.

An original and FOUR (4) copies of all prepared documents and exhibits intended to be introduced as evidence in this matter by the Petitioner or any other party or intervenor must be file with the Department not less than SEVEN (7) prior to the date of the hearing. All filings must be mailed to:

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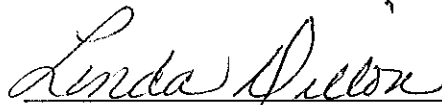
Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this public hearing or requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062 (**VOICE ONLY**) at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing.

Parties and intervenors requiring an interpreter (translator) for this public hearing must provide a court certified interpreter and must notify the Department of Transportation by contacting the Department's Administrative Law Unit at (860) 594-2875 at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing.

If the hearing is postponed due to inclement weather, the hearing will be rescheduled for the next available date. Confirmation will be sent of the new date of hearing. For any questions regarding postponements, please call (860) 594-2875.

Date at Newington, Connecticut, on this 16th day of September 2015.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



Linda Dillon, Secretary
Administrative Law Unit
Bureau of Finance and Administration