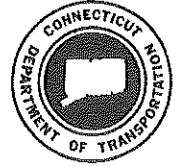




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NOTICE OF HEARING

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PETITION NO. 1604-36-RR

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF STATE OF CONNECTICUT
TO PERMANENTLY CLOSE A PRIVATE AT-GRADE CROSSING
LOCATED ON NORTON LANE IN BERLIN.

PETITIONER:

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

HEARING ASSIGNED:

Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION:

Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Public Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, Connecticut 06131
Conference Room A

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's Office of Facilities Design is proposing that the subject private at-grade crossing on Norton Lane in Berlin on the Springfield Line of the National Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), located at milepost 22.04 be permanently closed to all vehicle and pedestrian traffic. The public hearing is to be in accordance with Section 13b-292(e) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as revised.

Given the safety concerns, the future track geometry, very low vehicular traffic, minimal pedestrian crossings, planned high-speed rail operations, location of the crossing on a curve with substantial super elevation and limited sight distance, the Office of Facilities Design is recommending that the crossing be closed.

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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2800 Berlin Turnpike
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Attn: Judith Almeida

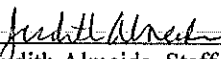
Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this public hearing or requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062 (**VOICE ONLY**) at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing.

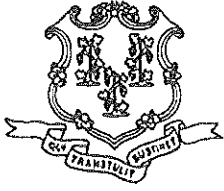
Parties and intervenors requiring an interpreter (translator) for this public hearing must provide a court certified interpreter and must notify the Department of Transportation by contacting the Department's Administrative Law Unit at (860) 594-2875 at least five (5) working days prior to the hearing.

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.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on this 8th day of April 2016.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION


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**SECRETARY'S RETURN
PETITION NO. 1604-36-RR**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the NOTICE OF HEARING, dated 8th day of April 2016 in the above-entitled matter to be heard on Thursday, May 5, 2016 were forwarded on April 8, 2016.

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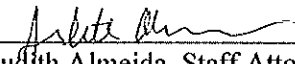
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