

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Road Diet Project (Roadway Reconfiguration) on Route 349 (Eastern Point Road) from Chester Street to Benham Road in Groton on Monday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/DOTGroton170-3480>

The live stream of the formal presentation will begin 6:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0170-3480.

The purpose of the project is to discuss what a “road diet” is and how it typically involves converting an existing four-lane undivided roadway segment to a three-lane segment consisting of two through lanes and a center left-turn lane. The reduction of lanes allows the roadway cross section to be reallocated for other uses such as bike travel in roadway shoulders, transit stops or parking. Studies show that road diet installations may reduce the overall collision rate by 19 - 47% and encourage a more community-focused Complete Street environment.

Right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed project are not anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2020. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$10,000. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 100 percent State funds.

The public informational meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information is mailed to them by contacting Mr. Joseph Ouellette by email at [TrafficSafety.DOT@CT.gov](mailto:TrafficSafety.DOT@CT.gov) or by phone at (860) 594-2721. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 1 (800) 369-1733 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 4890560. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here:  
<https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14-day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email

(preferred) at [DOTProject0170-3480Groton@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject0170-3480Groton@ct.gov). Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.