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yes it affects me - I-95 is in our backyard. It is very loud. I would like sound barriers 3 years ago. We need them. With an improved and wider ~~3rd~~ lane traffic will get closer and louder

How did you hear about tonight's meeting?

- Newspaper (which one) Harbor News
- Public Access Television
- Other

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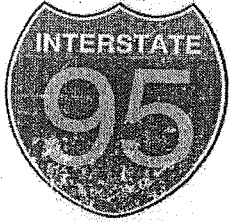
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[REDACTED]
Clinton, CT 06413

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Interested in Exit 76 interchange as well as alternative public transportation that may partially relieve I-95 congestion.

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- Newspaper (which one) _____
- Public Notice at Town Hall
- Other Town Planner of East Lyme

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Karen [redacted] Executive Director
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[redacted], Niantic, CT 06357 [redacted]

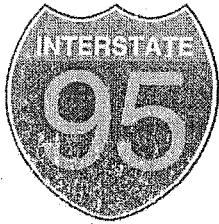
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Our property is adjacent to I-95. The noise level is terrible and it has gotten worse over the 29 yrs. we have lived here.

Creating a 3rd lane will only increase traffic. I would like to see the tolls reinstated. People would then find alternate routes to avoid tolls. E-2 pass would help for those who travel I-95 on a daily basis, and wouldn't the income be advantageous? People traveling through our state would help pay for the upkeep of our roads.

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What about a ferry service or improved rail service? There are other means of transportation.

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MR. BRIAN [REDACTED]

MADISON CT 06443

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Congestion markedly affects me. I live in Waterford.
 One Sunday afternoon I never plan to go to Meriden or
 Old Lyme because I-95 south is a zoo. The recommen-
 dations, especially about the 3rd Pass, are fine, but why
 wait so long? We've needed those changes for years already
 & it doesn't take a rocket scientist to know that - where
 were you guys when all this became apparent.
 Thank you for your present attention.

How did you hear about tonight's meeting?

- Newspaper (which one) N.Y. Day
- Public Access Television
- Other _____

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MARY [REDACTED]

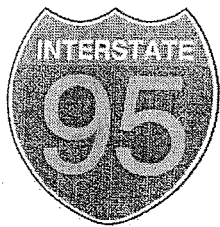
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I live off exit 61 Madison on Conestoga DR. which parallels I95. The noise I have greatly increased since I've lived there 17 yrs now

I am very concerned about the increase of noise and the great need for sound barriers even now! the increase in traffic would greatly depreciate my property value

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- Other _____

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LISA [REDACTED]

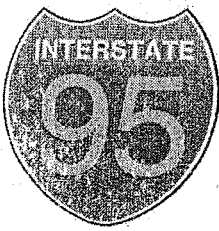
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We favor the 3rd lane expansion; not in favor of "priced" lane; request sound barrier.

We think you should get financial help from the Casino Indians.

We used to think the traffic bunched up southbound between East Lyme and Old Lyme because trucks slow down on all the hills. But lately the backups we've seen are all autos.

Also, if the State Police was able to enforce the speed limits better, traffic would not get bunched as much.

Can you send info + a comment form to Jan's brother?
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- Other _____

He owns a courier service and goes to NY & Wash D. almost weekly.

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<u>Jan + Steve</u>	
<u>Westbrook CT 06498</u>	

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The congestion on 95 has a ^{negative} impact on the quality of life for those of us living & needing to travel to work & go about our daily lives along 95. I-95 is so congested in the summer often a decision will be made not to attend a cultural event or go with family to tourist attractions just to avoid the hassle. Being late for work happens much too frequently. Waiting four years for work to begin is unacceptable. This project must be fast tracked in order for those of us south of 95 & along the corridor to maintain a good quality of life. Rbt.

How did you hear about tonight's meeting?

- Newspaper (which one) I don't remember.
- Public Access Television
- Other _____

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Linda [redacted]
[redacted]
Old Saybrook, CT 06475

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Lanes must be added including climbing lanes for the large number of trucks that often tie up traffic on the hills in the Old/ East Lyme area. Tourism is going to suffer (who's going to want to battle the traffic?)

It's not only the traffic tie-ups its a very real concern for safety. It is a very dangerous stretch of road. I travel from D.S. to Norwich everyday & Old Lyme until the 395 cut-off with all the short entrance & exit ramps is a nightmare.

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- Newspaper (which one) *I've already been involved in an accident in this area due to congestion & truly do not want another.*
- Public Access Television
- Other

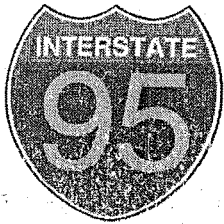
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The congestion on I-95 during the summer can be a nightmare. I work in Old Lyme at Exit 70 & I live in E. Lyme Exit 74. Friday nights a normal ten minute ride home can be anywhere from 30 to 40 minutes. What doesn't help either is some people get off the highway & then the back roads start to get congested also. The I-95 corridor needs to be completed & it needed it years ago.

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- Public Access Television
- Other _____

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Mandy [redacted]
[redacted]
E Lyme CT 06333

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Yes, as an individual, I am frequently delayed by traffic jams on I-95. But, construction of the proposed third lanes is more likely to exacerbate the congestion than relieve it. Witness the continuous jams and unsafe traffic flow on the more southerly sections of I-95 where construction is presently occurring. A potential 20 years of similar delays would be intolerable. And, before the twenty years were up we would be hearing a further hue and cry for an additional lane. All this to be reminded of LA traffic of 8 or more lanes filled with vehicles moving at the same leisurely crawl.

Time to "think out of the box". Correct the more obvious problems first. This will result in some construction delays but of a reduced scope to building new lanes. To wit, reduce the number of entrance and exit ramps while lengthening those remaining to provide improved merging. Of particular note in my immediate area are exits 71 N and S and 75 N. These should be closed at once. The merge of I-95 and I-395 needs to be improved with flyovers. A two-lane flyover should replace the present on-lane access to I-395 N. A raised exit should drop I-395 S traffic to Flanders separately from the merge onto I-95. The exit from I-95 to Flanders requires closure or a flyover. The idea of adding traffic from an extended Rt. 11 at this point is too ludicrous to discuss. The on-ramp at exit 82 N also needs reconfiguration. This should be extended to the on-ramp on South Frontage Rd. The exit at Vauxhall St. should be eliminated or a flyover added.

Such ramp changes would greatly relieve most of the stress areas in my neighborhood.

Construction delays can be reduced by more thoughtful traffic control:

- Greatly increased electronic signage
- More rapid forced pushovers where there is one lane traffic
- Continued one lane flow rather than debauching then reforming a few miles further on
- All construction 24/7/365

At the same time we need to better regulate the traffic load. Better flow control can assure magnified use of present lanes obviating the need for further lane construction:

- We can restrict commercial travel at high occupancy times by prohibiting trucks.
- We can use electronics rather than asphalt. An example of such envisions the use of the newer radar and laser speed control systems now installed in some high-line vehicles. Subsidized development and installation of such

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systems in all cars would easily be less costly than the expense of new pavement. Only vehicles so equipped and capable of sustaining steady speeds should be allowed in the outer lane. A universal speed set would be established for that lane by electronic markers. Vehicles not so equipped or unable to sustain constant speed (trucks and busses) would be banned from the lane. This concept can be extended further by embedding controls for all lanes that would function in concert with such speed controls.

- At the least we need electronic monitoring of I-95 traffic with directive signage.

Finally we need to work on ways to direct traffic to other venues or times:

- Businesses can be encouraged to use variable work schedules to reduce peak traffic flow. Government can use carrot and stick schemes utilizing their taxing ability.
- Increase the availability of other modes of commuter travel. Subsidy may be less costly than pavement.
- Divert commercial traffic to rail and water
- Consider a light rail commuter line to parallel the interstate.