

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Replacement of the England Road Bridge over Natchaug River on Wednesday, March 30 at 7:00 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/DOTChaplin24-91> The live stream of the formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0024-0091.

The purpose of the project is to replace the existing structure due to its scour critical rating. The proposed replacement is a 104 foot clear span steel truss finished in a natural color.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements. Temporary relocation of overhead utilities for work clear zones and minor property takings for the wingwalls are anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2023 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permit(s). The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$ 3.86 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal Funds and 20 percent Local 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 be mailed to them by contacting James Barrows by email at DOT-FLBP@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-3192. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling **1-888-566-5916** and entering the Participant Code when prompted: **9977843**. 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 at DOT-FLBP@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.