



## REPORT OF MEETING

PROJECT NO.: 0040-0148

Date Prepared: 7/21/2023

PROJECT NAME: Replacement of Bridge No. 02698, Route 149 over Dykas Brook

FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO.: 0149(009)

TOWN/CITY: East Haddam

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual, Zoom Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: 07/18/2023, 7:00 PM

SUBJECT OF MEETING: Virtual Public Information Meeting (VPIM)

### **IN ATTENDANCE (Identified – unknown number of attendees):**

Name	Affiliation	Role
Luke Arno	CTDOT, CLE Bridge Program	Project Engineer
Francisco Fadul	CTDOT, CLE Bridge Program	Project Manager
Matthew Geanacopoulos	CTDOT, ROW	ROW Coordinator
Mark Elliott	CTDOT, District 2	Attendee
Irene Haines	Town of East Haddam	First Selectwoman
Linda Zemienieski	Town of East Haddam	Executive Manager
Erik Dill	Town of East Haddam	Selectman
Ron Sacchi	GM2 Associates, Inc.	Project Manager
Emily Fortier	GM2 Associates, Inc.	Presentation Support
Ajit Gokhale	GM2 Associates, Inc.	Presentation Support
Brian Chamberlin	PrimeAE	Project Manager
Sarah Ranson	N/A	Attendee
Debra Rich	N/A	Attendee

### **TRANSACTIONS AND DETERMINATIONS:**

This was a Virtual Public Information Meeting (VPIM) to introduce the proposed project in the Town of East Haddam to the interested public. Luke Arno, from CTDOT gave an initial introduction and Brian Chamberlin from Prime AE, presented the proposed project to the attendees.

What follows is the question-and-answer session between the attendees:

1. CTDOT Project engineer Luke Arno gave thanks to Irene Haines and the East Haddam town staff for assisting to set up the public information meeting for this bridge replacement.
2. Luke Arno gave a brief project introduction related to the Purpose and Need for the replacement of the existing bridge.



3. Brian Chamberlin further discussed the existing and proposed bridge plan for the Project.
  - Explained that there will be a closing of the roadway for one summer to shorten the construction timeframe, keeping the project within one construction season, as opposed to keeping the road open which may extend into two construction seasons.
  - Explained that with the temporary relocation of the driveway that is proposed, the intent is to return the driveway to the original location and a better condition.
4. Presentation shifted to Right of Way coordinator for the DOT, Mr. Matthew Geanacopoulos to discuss the property rights for the project location, via easement.
5. Luke Arno finished the presentation with the preliminary construction dates and schedule planned for one construction season.
6. **Question and Answers section:**
  - Q1. Question from Debra Rich: "Can the panelists see me?"
    - GM2 addressed with only the panelists can see other panelists.
  - Q2. A question was asked to re-show the planned schedule and cost for the project, to which Luke Arno (of CTDOT) responded to.
  - Q3. Question from Sarah Ranson: "Will the new road take away from my property? (331 East Moodus Road)"
    - GM2 responded "No, this will be contained within the State Right-of-Way".
  - Q4. Question from Sarah Ranson: "What grading will be used?"
    - GM2 responded that 4 inches of top soil is planned to be replanted and to replant either the existing grass or native plants that required removal for this project.
  - A follow-up query from the Department mentioned the initial question may have been focused on local ground sloping.
    - GM2 responded to this stating the sloping to the existing stream is steep and plan to have a 2:1 slope to keep the slope stable.
  - Q5. Question from Sarah Ranson: "How will local "wash-out" be handled? Will trees have to be removed?"
    - GM2 responded to this inquiry that the intent is to minimize any off-road disturbances whether trees and/or existing soil conditions and would only consider their removal if it was absolutely necessary for project construction.
  - Q6. Question from First Selectwoman Irene Haines: "Could you show the detour again and explain it one more time?"
    - The proposed detour plan was displayed and explained. The Department included that additional information related to the project is available for better visualization to represent the project location to better indicate the Proposed Detour route.
  - Q7. Question from Sarah Ranson: "Will power have to be cut off at any time to houses?"
    - GM2 responded by informing that one utility pole requires re-location and power would temporarily be shut off to transfer services to the new utility pole.
  - Q8. Questions from First Selectwoman Irene Haines: "So where does the road close?"
    - PrimeAE indicated the locations of the Precast Concrete Barriers are the locations of the closure points to non-local traffic (non-residential traffic).



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7. No additional (live) questions were brought up to the panel's attention during the remainder of the VPIM. Luke Arno (CTDOT) re-stated the method(s) of contact to the attendees to submit any comments/questions after the presentation regarding the project. All attendees were thanked for their time and attention related to the project presentation.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. The VPIM presentation will be available to all attendees, via the project website along with the VPIM presentation recording via YouTube through the web access links.
2. A comment period will be open for two weeks, until August 1, 2023.

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