

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Route 140 Intersection Improvements at Burbank Road on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 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/DOTEllington47-121>

The live stream of the formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0047-0121.

The purpose of this project is to increase the sight distances on Route 140 (Crystal Lake Road) for the Burbank Road intersection. The project needs to improve the existing roadway geometry along Route 140 to improve sightlines.

The proposed improvements will modify the vertical profile of Route 140 in the vicinity of Newell Road and Burbank Road to improve the intersection sight lines. Route 140 will be widened to provide adequate shoulder width throughout the limits. The proposed improvement will also realign Newell Hill Road to create a traditional “T” type intersection.

Modifications to the existing drainage and utility relocations will be included in the project to accommodate the proposed changes. Additionally, roadside trees and brush will be cleared to remove clear zone hazards and aid in improving the sightlines.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements that include a partial acquisition for the realignment of Newell Hill Road, several easements to slope for the safety and support of the highway, and a sightline easement to increase the intersection sight distance for vehicles turning onto Route 140 from Burbank Road. Property acquisition will be performed in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2024 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 Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000). This project is anticipated to be undertaken with eighty percent (80%) Federal funds and twenty percent (20%) 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 be mailed to them by contacting Salvatore Aresco by e-mail at [salvatore.aresco@ct.gov](mailto:salvatore.aresco@ct.gov) or by phone at (860) 594-3239. (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 e-mail (preferred) at DOTProject47-121@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.