

## PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Replacement of Bridge No. 07001, Michaels Way over West Branch Saugatuck River, in Weston, Connecticut on Wednesday January 26, 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/DOTWeston157-88>

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

The project is identified as State Project No. 0157-0088.

The purpose and need for the project are to address the structural deficiencies of Bridge No. 07001, which supports Michaels Way over West Branch Saugatuck River in the Town of Weston.

The existing bridge, constructed in 1995, consists of a simple-span, six rolled steel girder superstructure with a timber deck supported by cast-in-place concrete abutments and flared stone faced wingwalls. The existing bridge has a span length of 60 feet and a curb-to-curb width of 22 feet.

The proposed replacement consists of replacing the existing structure in its entirety in the same approximate location as the existing structure. The structure type is a steel superstructure on pile supported integral abutments. The structure will have a similar skew and length as the existing bridge. On either side of the bridge, there will be 5-foot-wide sidewalks and 42-inch-tall open bridge rail. The 42-inch-tall open bridge rail will be flanked by vertical face concrete endblocks with a stone cladding or aesthetic form liners. The proposed replacement will require approximately 230 feet of full depth roadway reconstruction along Michaels Way. The existing horizontal alignment and curb-to-curb width of Michaels Way at the project site will be maintained. The vertical profile of Michaels Way will be raised approximately 6 inches to accommodate the new structure.

Michaels Way will be closed at the bridge and traffic will be detoured during construction. The proposed detour route is approximately 2.24 miles long and uses Newtown Turnpike, West Godfrey Road, and Orchard Drive.

It is anticipated that rights-of-way impacts to private property surrounding the bridge will include two temporary construction easements, and one drainage right-of-way.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall 2023, based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permits. The proposed replacement will be accomplished by Fall 2024. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$2.95 million. The construction of this project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal funds and 20 percent Municipal 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 Marc Byrnes by email at [DOT-FLBP@ct.gov](mailto:DOT-FLBP@ct.gov) or by phone at (860) 594-3489. (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 product 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 [DOT-FLBP@ct.gov](mailto: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.