

*Members of the public are invited to*

**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**State Project No. 0304-0029 Naugatuck Railroad Station**

**Naugatuck**

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

Register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_sX7ay2prT-yZdZs85usLNA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_sX7ay2prT-yZdZs85usLNA)

YouTube Livestream: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. A question and answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of the project is to improve the station allowing the New Haven Line Waterbury Branch Line to pick-up and drop-off passengers, provide full access for all passengers, as well as supply parking to serve additional rail commuters in the region. The proposed station will permit single-side ADA compatible passenger boarding of CTTrail trains operated by Metro-North on the Waterbury Branch.

The existing station is on a section of curved track that would preclude the use of high-level platforms and the addition of a second track. Relocating the existing station to its new proposed location to the south will mitigate the current substandard track conditions and align it with the Borough of Naugatuck's plan to construct a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) along the railroad ROW near Rubber Avenue and Old Firehouse Road. This relocation will ease improvements to the station and surrounding areas as Naugatuck grows.

The Naugatuck Rail Station project involves relocating the Naugatuck Station approximately 0.3 miles south of the existing station on New Haven Line Waterbury Branch. The Naugatuck Railroad Station project consists of a new platform and canopy, a new elevator and stair tower, and associated site work.

The station will include a new 350-foot high-level heated fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) platform with an integral heating system along approximately the full length. The platform will accommodate up to a 4-car trainset with 350-feet in length to allow level boarding. Platform amenities will include canopies, wind screens, benches, and lighting. The station platform and connecting stair towers will include energy efficient LED lighting that is specifically designed to control the spread of light onto adjacent properties. Passenger information displays will be added to the station. Commuters would be able to connect directly to an enclosed two-story elevator tower connecting the passenger drop-off area to the platform with a ticket vending machine.

Parking will be added on the street to accommodate up to 80 vehicles and provide a vehicular passenger drop-off and pick-up area on site with allotted spaces for ADA and EV charging stations. The site provides convenient access to the nearby businesses and residents through the Borough of Naugatuck's complete street sidewalks plan.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements which include the property currently owned by the Borough of Naugatuck.

Construction is anticipated to begin spring 2025 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 \$26,000,000. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent (80%) federal funds and 20 percent (20%) state funds.

Please register for the virtual public information meeting at <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTNaugatuck0304-0029>. Registration is required to participate. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the meeting.

Members of the public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Please direct comments and questions by November 29, 2023 to: [DOTProject0304-0029@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject0304-0029@ct.gov) and 860-594-2020 or Richard Bertoli P.E., Project Manager, Transportation Principal Engineer.

#### ACCESSIBILITY

This meeting will also be livestreamed on YouTube, and closed captioning will be available. Non-English translation options will be available on Zoom and YouTube. The recording will also be available on CTDOT's YouTube Virtual Public Information Meeting playlist: <https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotvpimarchive>

Persons with limited internet access, use the call-in number 877-853-5257 and enter Meeting ID 823 7970 6049. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Richard Bertoli P.E., [DOTProject0304-0029@ct.gov](mailto:DOTProject0304-0029@ct.gov) or at 860-594-2020.

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