

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

State Project No. 0047-0122

Route 140 Geometry Improvements

Towns of Ellington and Tolland

December 6, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Register: <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTEllington47-122>

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 Q&A session will immediately follow the presentation.

The purpose of the project is to improve the substandard roadway geometry along the section of Crystal Lake Road (Route 140) between Laurel Road and Teaberry Ridge Road. The project is needed to address the multiple sharp curves, including consecutive reverse curves, as well as unsafe sight distances at the intersecting roads.

The proposed improvements include increasing the radius of the curves and realigning this section of Route 140 to improve sight distances. The proposed improvements will realign Pinnacle Road to create a traditional "T" type intersection. Additionally, several embankments will be excavated to aid in improving sightlines.

Modifications to the existing roadside safety and drainage systems will be included in the project to accommodate the proposed changes. The realignment of the roadway will require the relocation of utility poles in the area.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements, including several slope easements, a defined sightline easement, and a full acquisition of a property to increase intersection sight distances for vehicles turning onto Crystal Lake Road (Route 140) from Hopkins Road and Pinnacle Road. The acquisition and easements affect property only.

Construction is anticipated to begin in 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 \$6.7 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with eighty percent (80%) Federal funds and twenty percent (20%) State funds.

Please register for the virtual public information meeting at <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTEllington47-122>. Registration is required to participate. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation e-mail 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 December 21, 2022, to: DOTProject47-122@ct.gov or Mr. Salvatore Aresco, P.E., Project Manager, at (860) 594-3239 or Salvatore.Aresco@ct.gov.

For more information, please visit the project webpage: <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTEllington47-122>

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 849 4685 4648. Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Mr. Salvatore Aresco, P.E. at (860) 594-3239 or Salvatore.Aresco@ct.gov.

Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS).

Language assistance may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least five 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.