

Everyone Is Invited To A
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Project No. 138-245

REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE NO. 00326
U.S. ROUTE 1 OVER METRO NORTH RAILROAD
STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT

TO BE HELD

Thursday, December 17, 2015
(Inclement Weather date: Wednesday, January 6, 2016)

at 7:00 p.m. at the
Town Hall
Town Council Chamber
2725 Main Street
Stratford, Connecticut

Residents, business owners, commuters, and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed projects.

PLEASE JOIN US ON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2015

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Location is ADA accessible.
If language assistance is needed, please contact:
Connecticut Department of Transportation
Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the replacement of Bridge No. 00326, which carries U.S. Route 1 (Barnum Avenue Cutoff) over Metro North Railroad, in Stratford. The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the Town Council Chamber of the Town Hall located at 2725 Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut.

This project involves the replacement of Bridge No. 00326, which was originally constructed in 1933. The structure consists of three spans of concrete-encased riveted steel plate girders structure atop reinforced concrete abutment and piers, with span lengths of 79 ft., 84 ft., and 79ft. and a 41° skew.

At this time, this project is nearing completion of the Preliminary Design Phase. The proposed plan is for a full replacement of the existing bridge with a single span having a total length of 120 ft. The new structure will be a Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil – Integrated Bridge System (GRS-IBS) bridge with the superstructure consisting of weathering steel girders atop geosynthetic reinforced soil abutments. Other work consists of profile adjustments along U.S. Route 1 to accommodate the longer, deeper superstructure and replacing the existing guide rail, transitions, and bridge attachments. Additionally, sidewalk enhancements and additions along the adjacent sections of U.S. Route 1 have been incorporated into this project to improve pedestrian safety. Sidewalks will be added at all four corners of the bridge and tie into existing sidewalks along U.S. Route 1.

Maintenance and protection of traffic over Bridge No. 00326 shall be accomplished will be accomplished by using a staged construction sequence. Bidirectional travel lanes and pedestrian access will be maintained throughout all stages, though there will be a reduction to two travel lanes for the majority of construction.

There will be coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) due to the historical designation of the structure as well as coordination with Environmental Compliance due to the presence of contaminated soils.

There will be significant impacts to Metro North Railroad, including the requirement of track outages and the de-energization of wires that run above and below the superstructure. Wires attached to the existing bridge are scheduled to be relocated as part of a different state project.

No permanent impacts to right-of-way are anticipated through this project.

Construction is anticipated to commence in the fall of 2017 and be completed in the fall of 2018, assuming availability of funding. The estimated construction cost is \$11,000,000, which includes the aforementioned sidewalk enhancements, and will use both State and Federal funds.

The Public Information Meeting is being held to afford a full opportunity for the public's participation and to allow open discussion of any views and comments the community may have prior to progressing the proposed project into the final design state.

Plans will be available for public review. Department personnel will be available during the meeting to discuss this project. More detailed information is available at the Department's Office of Engineering, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Anyone wishing to review the plans may contact Mr. Andrew J. Cardinali, Transportation Supervising Engineer, at (860) 594-3315.

All persons interested in these projects are welcome to attend this meeting and discuss the projects with Department personnel.