

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the replacement of Bridge No. 02339, which carries Route 44 (Putnam Road) over Bark Meadow Brook in the town of Pomfret. The meeting will be on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pomfret Community School, 20 Pomfret Street, Pomfret Center.

The bridge is currently rating in Poor condition due to scour and it is recommended that the bridge be replaced. There is noticeable scour taking place under the abutment and wing wall footings of the existing structure, and the gunite cover on the substructure contains large cracks and spalls indicating possible settlement.

The proposed project consists of replacing the existing bridge with a single, four-sided box culvert comprised of pre-cast concrete sections. Four wing walls, also pre-fabricated, will be installed along with bridge headwalls and cutoff walls. The new bridge will be constructed in the same location and alignment as the existing bridge and widened to an out-to-out width of 34 ft. New protective guardrails will also be installed along the stretch of Route 44 to meet current Department standards.

Construction is anticipated to begin in summer of 2018. The Department is proposing to accelerate construction which will require a complete road closure and detouring of traffic for no more than seven consecutive days in late July or early August 2018. The Contractor will receive an incentive payment if the road is open to traffic in less than seven days. If the Contractor fails to open the road, then they will be assessed liquidated damages. Detoured traffic will be directed by signs along State routes during the road closure.

The Public Information Meeting is being held to afford a full opportunity for public participation and to allow open discussion of any views and comments the community may have concerning the proposed project.

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 discuss the project or review the plans may contact Mr. Bao K. Chuong, Project Engineer, at (860) 594-3316 or by e-mail at bao.chuong@ct.gov.

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