

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Town of Pomfret, Connecticut – Maureen Nicholson, First Selectman, announced that the Town of Pomfret is contemplating a project to replace the Taft Pond Road Bridge over Mashamoquet Brook. The bridge replacement project would receive federal funds under the Federal Local Bridge Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

If undertaken, the project design would be expected to begin in November 2022, with construction likely in 2026.

Maureen Nicholson points out that local and state policy encourages early information to citizens on such projects and encourages people to raise any concerns with municipal officials early in the planning process. Persons wanting additional information should contact Maureen Nicholson, First Selectman, 860-974-0191.

The Town would receive at least 80% reimbursement from federal aid for all three phases of the project (Design, Rights-of-Way and construction) with the remaining funds from the state to cover 100% of the costs associated with the bridge replacement.

The federal aid for the project was authorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) administered by the Federal Highway Administration and the Connecticut Department of Transportation.