

## Report of Meeting

**Date and Time:** June 10, 2013 @ 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Meriden Public Library, 105 Miller St. Meriden CT  
**Subject:** Meriden Public Meeting  
**Attendees:** See attached Sign-in list for public commenters

Attending for CTDOT and PMT:

John Bernick, CTDOT  
Rich Jankovich, CTDOT  
Eric Bergeron, CTDOT  
Steve Deegan, CTDOT  
David Tudryn, Michael Baker Jr.  
Tony Sardilli, Michael Baker Jr.  
Bob Braren, Michael Baker Jr.  
Rob Yirigian, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Jeff Schultz, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Joanne Frascella, Parsons Brinckerhoff  
Patrick O'Mara, STV

CTDOT Project Manager John Bernick opened the meeting and provided an update on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail Program and the design for the new Meriden Station. Mr. Bernick gave an overview of the Program goals and regional vision for rail service, and the schedule and phasing of improvements for the new service. Mr. Bernick noted the City's plans for redevelopment of the downtown area for transit-oriented development and described CTDOT's coordination with the City during the planning and design of the station. David Tudryn presented a site plan and aerial view of the proposed site improvements and station and highlighted the high-level platforms, canopy/shelter, pedestrian overpass and parking areas. In addition, the station design features security cameras, platform snow melting systems, wayfinding signage, visual messaging, and an automated ticketing kiosk. He noted that CTDOT has been working with the City for the past few months on refinements to the design, including the exterior brick finish.

Steve Deegan described the property impacts and procedures CTDOT follows to compensate impacted property owners and provide relocation assistance. He presented a site plan that illustrated the property impacts including one total acquisition and nine easements along Colony Street. Tony Sardilli presented renderings of the station design illustrating views of Colony Street, State Street, the platforms, and the pedestrian overpass.

In the discussion that followed the presentation, many comments identified concern with security in the station. In response to these comments, Mr. Bernick noted that security is being studied as part of the Program and will include site surveillance in coordination with local police and security cameras that will be monitored remotely. Rich Jankovich also responded that CTDOT will continue to work with the City to address security issues that arise after the station is in service. Concern about the lack of restrooms

at the station was also cited in some comments. Mr. Bernick replied that this is consistent with CTDOT policy and that restrooms facilities would be provided on trains. Meriden City Manager Larry Kendzior pointed out that Meriden will issue an RFP for development of the adjacent site that would include public restrooms. Other attendees asked about construction period impacts to a playground on an adjacent property owned by Catholic Charities. Mr. Bernick explained that once a contractor is hired by CTDOT, they will coordinate with abutters. Another attendee asked if the project would affect local tax payers. Mr. Bernick explained that the Program is funded by the state and federally governments and would not increase local taxes. Attendees also asked about use of solar energy or other “green” design features. Mr. Bernick responded that CTDOT is studying green energy options, including solar energy. Other sustainable design features include LED lighting, stormwater management design, plug-in chargers for electric vehicles, and use of sustainable materials.