

Department of Transportation
Project Nos. 63-694 & 63-695
Rehabilitation of
Bridge Nos. 03399D, 03400D & 03402A
Carrying I-84 TR 824 and 823 Over Parking Lots and
SR 503 WB over Amtrak Railroad and Capitol Avenue
(Bridges within the I-84, Sisson Avenue Interchange at Exit 46)
Hartford

Wednesday January 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM
Greater Hartford Transit District Offices
One Union Place
Hartford, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Department Representatives:

Andrew J. Cardinali	ConnDOT – Bridge Consultant. Design.
David A. Cutler	ConnDOT – Bridge Consultant. Design.
Derrick Ireland	ConnDOT – Right-of-Way
Dean Cerasoli	ConnDOT – District 1 Construction.
Jacob J. Argiro	CME Associates
Donald P. Wurst	CME Associates
Ricky D. Mears	CME Associates
Luisa I. Cheney	CME Associates

Public Attendees:

Jennifer Carrier	Capitol Region Council of Governments (CROG)
Robert Barry	Hemlock Construction Company, Inc.

Presentation:

Mr. Cardinali opened the meeting with a brief introduction of Department and CME Associates personnel. He then stated the role of the Department and the role of CME Associates as liaison engineers and continued with a brief introduction of the project and its goals. Mr. Cardinali stated that the purpose of this public information meeting is to present our proposed design and discuss any questions, comments, or concerns the public may have.

Mr. Mears followed with the technical portions of the presentation, discussing each bridge's current deficiencies, proposed rehabilitative measures, rights-of-way considerations, and proposed detour routes.

Public Comments and Questions:

1. Ms. Carrier questioned if the proposed detours and their anticipated timeframes were discussed with the City of Hartford.
 - o Mr. Mears stated that they have coordinated with City of Hartford Public Works Department. He explained that the City of Hartford had a concern with Bridge No. 03402A's anticipated detour and they suggested contacting the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) to discuss potential conflicts with their planned

project on Farmington Avenue. Mr. Mears noted that a conversation with the MDC resulted in no anticipated conflicts.

2. Ms. Carrier questioned if the proposed rehabilitation will extend the life of the bridges to the anticipated start of construction for the forthcoming I-84 Reconstruction project. She also questioned if the I-84 Reconstruction project will replace the Sisson Avenue Interchange bridges.
 - Mr. Cutler stated that the anticipated service life of the proposed work for this project coincides with anticipated construction timeline for the I-84 Reconstruction project. He noted that many alignments are being proposed as part of the preliminary stages of the I-84 Reconstruction project and that the final roadway alignment is not known at this time so the future impact to these bridges is unknown.
3. Ms. Carrier asked if there will be construction noise concerns for private residents in the area.
 - Mr. Mears and Mr. Cardinali stated that there may be some noise as part of the proposed rehabilitative measures, but the anticipated noise level is no greater than ambient noise generated by current highway traffic.
4. Ms. Carrier asked if the bridges will be rehabilitated under one construction contract.
 - Mr. Cardinali stated that the intent is to have them under one construction contract.

Adjournment:

The recommended plan provides a design for correcting the structural deficiencies of the existing bridge and minimizing the need for future maintenance. Accordingly, the Department intends to seek design approval for the proposed plan. The Department will continue to keep the City informed of any changes that may occur as the design is being completed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.