

**Department of Transportation**  
**Project No. 63-704**  
**Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00481**  
**SR 530 (Airport Road) over Route 15 (Wilbur Cross Highway)**  
**Hartford**

**Wednesday July 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM**  
**Room A at the Metropolitan District Commission's**  
**Anthony H. Gallicchio Training Center**  
**125 Maxim Road**  
**Hartford, Connecticut**

**Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:**

Theodore H. Nezames	ConnDOT – Bridges
Timothy D. Fields	ConnDOT – Bridges
Andrew J. Cardinali	ConnDOT – Bridges
Veronica M. Calin	ConnDOT – Bridges
Dean Cerasoli	ConnDOT – District 1 Construction
Donald P. Wurst	CME Associates
Jodi-Ann O'Conner	CME Associates
Susan K. Bakulski	CME Associates
Jeffrey Allen	City of Hartford

**Presentation:**

Ms. Calin opened the meeting with a brief introduction of the Department of Transportation (Department) and the Consultant Liaison Engineer, CME Associates (CME), personnel. She then stated the role of the Department and the role of CME as liaison engineers and continued with an introduction of the subject project and its goals. Ms. Calin stated that the purpose of this public information meeting is to present the proposed design and discuss any questions, comments, or concerns the public or city officials may have.

Ms. Bakulski followed with the technical portion of the presentation for Bridge No. 00481. She explained the bridge's current deficiencies, proposed rehabilitative measures, proposed maintenance and protection of traffic, funds, project schedule, utility, rights-of-way, drainage and environmental considerations.

**Comments and Questions:**

1. Where will the signs, currently mounted to the bridge, be located as standalone sign structures?
  - o Ms. Bakulski responded that it is anticipated that the new ground mounted sign structures will be located at the southeast corner of the bridge for the Route 15 NB signs and at the northwest corner of the bridge for the Route 15 SB signs. She explained that the sign foundations will be located within the State's right-of-way, and that they are anticipated to be cantilever type signs.

2. Is there enough foot traffic to require maintaining sidewalks during all stages of construction?
  - Ms. Bakulski stated that yes; it was requested to maintain pedestrian access during construction. It is also important to maintain the access that is currently provided across the bridge, as the final condition.
3. Can the south sidewalk be used during Stage 3 to avoid the need to break Stage 3 into substages (Stage 3A and 3B)?
  - Ms. Bakulski stated that there are sidewalks along the approaches on the north side; however there are not existing sidewalks along the approaches on the south side. Therefore, to maintain a safe crossing for pedestrians that tie into approach sidewalks, the pedestrians must cross the bridge on the north side. Crossing the bridge on the south side sidewalk and then crossing Airport Road to rejoin the approach sidewalks on the north side was investigated, but is not recommended due to the average daily traffic, existing geometry, and ramps to I-91 in close proximity to Bridge No. 00481.
  - Ms. Calin stated that there is evidence of foot traffic on the grass approaches of the south side. She explained that there is still a need for maintaining a safe crossing on the north side that meets standards.

### **Adjournment:**

The recommended plans provide a design for correcting the structural deficiencies of the existing bridge while 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 and will notify the City as the project transitions into the construction phase.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.