

Department of Transportation
Project Nos. 92-668 and 92-669
Rehabilitation of Bridge Nos. 03093 and 03014A
Interstate 91 Over Front Street and Quinnipiac River
Interstate 91 NB Over Mill River, State Street, and Interstate 91 NB Ramp 140
New Haven

Thursday January 15, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Library of Wilbur Cross High School
181 Mitchell Drive
New Haven, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Theodore H. Nezames	ConnDOT – Bridges
Timothy D. Fields	ConnDOT – Bridges
Andrew J. Cardinali	ConnDOT – Bridges
Mathew J. Briggs	ConnDOT – District 3 Construction
Donald P. Wurst	CME Associates
Susan K. Bakulski	CME Associates
Giovanni Zinn	City of New Haven
Public and Individual Stakeholder	

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 an introduction of the subject projects and their goals.

Mr. Cardinali stated that the purpose of this public information meeting is to present the proposed design and discuss any questions, comments, or concerns the public may have.

Ms. Bakulski followed with the technical portions of the presentation for Bridge No. 03093 followed by Bridge No. 03014A. She explained the bridges' 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. Will the construction be conducted during the day or during the night?
 - o Mr. Cardinali responded that in general the rehabilitation measures can occur during the day. He then explained the Limitations of Operations Chart that is used as the guide to determine when lanes can be temporarily taken out of service on Interstate 91, in order to perform work on the top of the deck. According to the Limitations of Operations, he stated that the work on the top of deck will most likely be performed as night or weekend (off-peak) work.
2. The State Street exit (Exit 5 of Interstate 91 NB) is a frequently traveled ramp, providing access to bakeries, daycares, schools, and many businesses. How will this ramp be impacted by construction?

- Mr. Cardinali and Mr. Fields discussed how the top of deck work is likely to be performed off-peak at night or on weekends. They explained that the ramp will not be impacted during the work day, and therefore should not impact the businesses accessed from the State Street exit.
3. When will State Street (crosses below Bridge No. 03014A over Mill River) bridge construction be completed and open to traffic?
- Mr. Fields stated that the reopening of State Street for the traveling public is anticipated in June of this year. He explained that the construction will not be fully completed in June, but the remaining tasks can be completed while State Street is open.

Adjournment:

The recommended plans provide a design for correcting the structural deficiencies of the existing bridges 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.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.