

**Department of Transportation
Project No. 105-211
Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 01890
U.S. Route 1 Over Center Brook
Old Saybrook**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Old Saybrook Town Hall First Floor Conference Room
302 Main Street
Old Saybrook, Connecticut**

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Theodore H. Nezames	ConnDOT – Bridges
Timothy D. Fields	ConnDOT – Bridges
Andrew J. Cardinali	ConnDOT – Bridges
Michelle A. Miller	ConnDOT – Rights-of-Way
Jacob J. Argiro	CME Associates
Ricky D. Mears	CME Associates
Carl P. Fortuna	First Selectman, Town of Old Saybrook
Public and Individual Stakeholders	

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 project and its goal. 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 or town officials may have.

Mr. Mears followed with the technical portion of the presentation. He described the bridge's current deficiencies, proposed replacement measures, proposed maintenance and protection of traffic, funds, and project schedule. Ms. Miller followed stating the process for obtaining rights-of-way and applicable State Statutes.

Comments and Questions:

1. Why is a 5'-6" sidewalk required, when Mike's Quality Meats was required to install a 3'-0 sidewalk on their property frontage?
 - o Mr. Mears stated that the Town of Old Saybrook requested the sidewalk which was also in line with RiverCOG's Route 1 Corridor Plan. Mr. Mears stated that the standard sidewalk width per the Connecticut Highway Design Manual is 5'-6".

2. Why is the project providing more than just a replacement of the deficient structure?
 - o Mr. Mears stated that the proposed plan is in accordance with the Town's requests as well as that as defined by the RiverCOG's Route 1 Corridor Plan. The plan depicts improvements to make downtown Old Saybrook more accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists. The proposed structure is 10' wider to accommodate

a future left-turn lane that the Developer of Max's Place will be installing west of Center Road.

3. What is the timing and duration of the utility relocation in comparison to the detour for the bridge replacement?
 - Mr. Mears stated that the detour will be 4 days with Contractor incentives to reopen sooner than that; however, vehicular traffic may be required to travel on gravel (processed aggregate) for a short duration. Mr. Mears stated that the utility relocation is anticipated to occur in the spring of 2017 and needs to be completed prior to the detour. Mr. Cardinali noted that stipulations will be placed into the contract stating that the detour cannot occur before the utilities have been relocated. Mr. Cardinali also stated that the utility companies use their discretion to complete the required work and that an exact timeframe is not known at this preliminary stage.
4. Why can't the utilities be relocated at night to avoid additional delays?
 - Mr. Cardinali explained that the State of Connecticut has limited authority over the utility companies, but the option to relocate the utilities overnight would be investigated further. Mr. Fields stated that consideration should be given to have the utility companies complete the work between October 2016 and April 2017 to avoid delays on U.S. Route 1.
5. Will there be temporary power loss during utility relocation?
 - Mr. Fields stated that in his experience that there may not be a power loss, but that further information is required before giving a definitive response.
6. A request was made to be notified of the project's schedule as the design progresses.
 - Mr. Cardinali assured that the concerned stakeholders that attended this meeting would be kept abreast of the project schedule and any project decisions that may affect the adjacent properties.

Adjournment:

The recommended plans provide a design for removing the structural deficiencies of the existing bridge from service. Accordingly, the Department intends to seek design approval for the proposed plan. The Department will continue to keep the Town informed of any changes that may occur as the design is being completed and will notify the Town as the project transitions into the construction phase.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.