

## **Department of Transportation**

### **Project No. 77-211 Safety and Traffic Operational Improvements On Route 44 at the Intersection of Birch Road and Cedar Swamp Road Town of Mansfield**

#### **Public Information Meeting Held in Conjunction with Mansfield Town Council Meeting at The Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building Monday, February 9, 2009 7:30 P.M.**

#### **Minutes**

**Prior to Presentation:** Color plans were displayed in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. for an informal question and answer session prior to the 7:30 p.m. Town Council meeting. DOT personnel were available to answer any question. Three members from the public showed up prior to the meeting but were not there specifically for this project. Brief discussions were had and there was no objection to the proposed plans.

**Presentation:** The Town Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.. A 15 minute presentation was delivered by Mr. Michael Calabrese, Project Engineer, with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) concerning the proposed improvements to Route 44 at the intersection of Birch Road and Cedar Swamp road. A short presentation regarding the Department's Right of Way Process was given by Mr. Derrick Ireland.

The presentation covered the following:

- Purpose and need of project was stated
- Existing conditions were presented
- Proposed improvements were presented which included; widening of shoulders on Route 44 between Birch Road and Cedar Swamp road to provide bypass capabilities, improve intersection sight lines from Birch Road, realign Birch Road to form a "T" intersection with Route 44, and provide landscaping.
- There will be one partial acquisition required for the realignment of Birch Road.
- Estimated cost of the Project is \$1.0 million to be funded by 100% Federal funds.
- Construction to begin in the summer 2010.

**Public Comments, Questions, and Answers:** There were 6 Town Council members and approximately 17 members of the public at the meeting. One Town Council member needed clarification concerning Rights-of-Way procedure and was resolved.

**Conclusion:** Upon no further questions or comments, the Town Manager announced that the public presentation portion of the meeting was concluded and that representatives from the Department would be in the hall if anyone wanted to discuss the project further. The color plans were set-up in the hall for approximately 30 minutes. Two members from the public came out and the plans were discussed in general. No pertinent questions were asked.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

**Summary:** There were no objections to the project and the proposed improvements are welcomed.

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