

**Department of Transportation
Project Nos. 131-194 and 131-195
Rehabilitation of Bridge Nos. 01235 and 01236
Interstate I-84 EB and WB over Marion Avenue
Town of Southington**

**October 19, 2011, at 7:00 PM
Southington Town Hall Council Chambers**

Minutes

Present:

Department representatives: Scott A. Hill, Louis D. Bacho, Mary E. Baker and
Brien Smith

Close Jensen and Miller representative: Ajit S. Gokhale

Attendees:

Assistant Town Engineer, Annette Turnquist

Chief of Police, John F. Daly

Business Owner, Brian Callahan

Presentation: Mary Baker presented the general guidelines of the project including the factors leading to the need for rehabilitation of the bridges. Ajit S. Gokhale presented the technical aspects of the project with regards to the design including the sequence for accelerated construction for the replacement of the existing superstructures. Mary Baker closed the presentation with the approximate cost and anticipated project schedule. The PowerPoint presentation is attached separately.

Public Comments and Questions:

Those commenting were:

- A local business owner commented on the length of the detour and the impacts to his business.

Response: The proposed detour routes along with their anticipated duration were explained at the meeting. It was emphasized that the detour routes would be required only during the weekend closure of I-84 and Marion Ave when the accelerated replacement of superstructures would be implemented. Mr. Brian Callahan who manages a trucking business located at 130 Canal Street close to the project area was concerned about the access to I-84 during the weekend closure. It was clarified to Mr. Callahan that the existing on and off ramps to I-84 at Exit 30 would remain open during the weekend closure however no turns would be permitted onto Marion Avenue. The on-ramp, from Atwater Street would allow entry to I-84 eastbound however entry to I-84 westbound from Marion Avenue would not be permitted. Entry to I-84

westbound would be available via Route 10 and I-691 during the closure of Marion Avenue. Mary Baker and Brien Smith spoke about the regional detour routes along I-691, I-91 and the local detour westbound starting at Exit 31. Mr. Callahan was satisfied that he could re-route his deliveries as needed during the weekend closure.

- Police Chief Daly inquired regarding the noise level during construction and how it would affect the local residents.

Response: Ajit S. Gokhale responded that as the project entailed superstructure replacement, major substructure work involving noisier work such pile driving will not occur. Noise levels during construction will comply with DOT standard specifications which limit the maximum allowable level of noise to 90 decibels. The DOT District Construction office will work closely with Local and State police during this project.

Adjournment: Approximately 8:15 PM