

REPORT OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Public Information Meeting – East Haddam, CT

DATE OF MEETING: August 30, 2012

BRIDGE:

<u>Bridge No.</u>	<u>Project No.</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Route</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>P.E. Project No.</u>
02506	40-138	East Haddam	Route 82	Hemlock Valley Brook	170-2812
02507	40-136	East Haddam	Route 82	Hungerford Brook	170-2812

LOCATION OF MEETING: Town Hall – East Haddam, CT

IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
Mark B. Walter	First Selectman – Town of East Haddam	860-873-5020
Lou Bacho	Consultant Bridge Design – ConnDOT	860-594-3212
Joseph Scalise	Consultant Bridge Design – ConnDOT	860-594-3389
Carl Nelson	District 2 Construction – ConnDOT	860-823-3204
Robert Ike	Rights of Way – ConnDOT	260-594-2444
Timothy Ryan	BL Companies	860-249-2200
Sara Bastos	BL Companies	860-249-2200

Two East Haddam residents were in attendance.

TRANSACTIONS AND DETERMINATIONS:

The meeting opened with a brief introduction followed by the design presentation. After the presentation, the meeting was opened to questions and comments. The following is a summary of the presentation and comments.

Bridge No. 02507

The existing bridge consists of a single-span concrete slab on stone rubble masonry abutments. The bridge is located on Route 82 in the Hadlyme section of East Haddam. The bridge is approximately 0.6 miles north of the Lyme town line. The bridge carries one lane of traffic in each direction. The existing bridge has a curb-to-curb width of 26 feet. The estimated 2011 Average Daily Traffic on Route 82 at this site is 2,500 vehicles per day.

The purpose and need for the project is to address the bridge's structural deficiencies and functional obsolescence. The bridge is Structurally Deficient due to the poor condition of the deck and it is Functionally Obsolete due to the existing bridge width.

The proposed bridge replacement will result in approximately 500-feet of roadway construction. The proposed roadway approach width is 32-feet with two 12-foot travel lanes and two 4-foot shoulders. The proposed roadway profile will match the existing roadway elevation.

Traffic will be maintained under an alternating one-way traffic pattern during construction.

Work is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2015. The replacement of this bridge is to be undertaken with Federal and State funds. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$2,100,000

Bridge No 02506

The existing bridge consists of a single-span concrete slab on stone rubble masonry abutments. The bridge is located on Route 82 in the Hadlyme section of East Haddam. The bridge is approximately 1.7 miles west of the Lyme town line approximately 1-mile from Bridge No. 02507. The bridge carries one lane of traffic in each direction. The existing bridge has a curb-to-curb width of 22 feet. The estimated 2011 Average Daily Traffic on Route 82 at this site is 2,300 vehicles per day.

The purpose and need for the project is to address the bridge's structural deficiencies and functional obsolescence. The bridge is Structurally Deficient due to the poor condition of the deck and it is Functionally Obsolete due to the existing bridge width.

The proposed bridge replacement will result in approximately 550-feet of roadway construction. The proposed roadway approach width is 38-feet with two 11-foot travel lanes and two 8-foot shoulders. The proposed roadway profile be raised approximately 1-foot.

Traffic will be maintained under an alternating one-way traffic pattern during construction.

Work is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2015. The replacement of this bridge is to be undertaken with Federal and State funds. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$2,300,000.

A resident asked if the alternating one way traffic would possibly be controlled by signals. A representative from BL Companies stated that the alternating one way traffic would probably be maintained with the use of temporary traffic lights.

A resident asked how long the construction would take place and if the two projects would be constructed simultaneously. A representative from BL Companies stated that the work could be completed with 2 construction seasons. The two bridges could be done simultaneously depending on if the design schedules sync up.

A resident asked why it takes so long to complete the construction. A representative from BL Companies stated that completing the work under and alternating one way traffic pattern will add considerable duration to the schedule due to a tighter work area. A detour was explored to be able to lessen the construction duration. However, there were no suitable detour routes in the project area.

A resident asked if it is anticipated that the two Route 82 bridges in the vicinity of the Goodspeed Opera House will be constructed prior to the start of work on the subject bridges. A representative from ConnDOT stated that the other two Route 82 bridges are anticipated to be constructed during the 2013 and 2014 construction seasons.

A resident asked when he would be hearing from ConnDOT concerning the anticipated right of way acquisitions. *A representative from ConnDOT stated that they will begin to contact any affected property owners in the fall of 2012.*

We believe the minutes of this meeting reasonably reflect the content and findings of the meeting. Unless notified in writing to the contrary within ten (10) days of receipt of this report, we will assume all in attendance concur with the accuracy of this transcript.

Submitted by: _____
Sara M. Bastos

Date: _____

Approved by: _____

Date: _____