

**Department of Transportation
Public Information Meeting Summary
Project No. 92-640
Intersection Improvements on Route 10
At Lamberton Street**

**City of New Haven
Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

Present:

Connecticut Department of Transportation

William Britnell, P.E. – Principal Engineer – Highway Design
Scott Bushee, P.E. – Supervising Engineer – Highway Design
Erika Lindeberg, P.E. – Project Engineer – Highway Design
Nicholas Ivanoff – Transportation Engineer – Highway Design
Leslie Ruiz – Transportation Engineer – Highway Design

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Bruce Fischer – Transportation, Traffic & Parking Department

Four people were present.

Presentation: At 7:00 p.m., Ms. Erika Lindeberg began the presentation by explaining that informational handouts were available including comment forms. Comments in addition to those gathered at the meeting would be appreciated within two weeks. It was also noted that the design presented at the meeting is preliminary. Comments received as part of the Public Information Meeting process would be reviewed prior to proceeding further with the design.

The presentation covered the following items:

- ⇒ Project Location and Existing Conditions
- ⇒ High Incidence of Crashes With Existing Intersection:
 - Angle/Turning crashes into and out of Lamberton Street.
 - Left-turning vehicles being rear-ended by through vehicles while waiting to turn onto Lamberton Street.
- ⇒ Improvements Proposed To Meet Safety Objective:
 - Installation of a new traffic signal to help address the turning crashes at the intersection.
 - Installation of a left turn lane in the southbound direction to separate the left-turn vehicles from the through vehicles.
 - ⇒ Sliver widening is required in order to accommodate the left-turn lane. The existing street trees, granite stone curbing, stamped concrete, sidewalk, and luminaires will all be replaced where they are impacted by the widening.
 - New Crosswalks with ADA Compliant ramps at each leg of the intersection.
 - An exclusive pedestrian phase included in the proposed traffic signal.

- ⇒ Rights-of-Way:
 - All work will take place within the State and City of New Haven Right-of-Way
- ⇒ Cost & Schedule:
 - Total construction cost is estimated at \$850,000.
 - Design will be completed December 2012. Start of construction anticipated in summer of 2013 and will be completed in spring of 2014.

Public Comments and Questions: The following questions and comments were made, as summarized below:

- ⇒ Is it possible for the new traffic signal to go into flash after a certain hour, or will it stay on green until a vehicle is waiting to turn out of Lamberton Street or the private driveway on the opposite side? – In the preliminary traffic signal design, the traffic signal will not go into flash, but can be considered in the future. The signal will be coordinated with the existing signal at Washington Street. Mr. Fischer stated that he would prefer the signal does not flash at night.
- ⇒ There is sun glare during certain periods of the day which makes turning into and out of Lamberton Street more difficult. Is there anything that can be done to make the proposed signal more visible during these periods of the day? – It is possible to mount high contrast back plates around signal heads to increase the visibility of the traffic signal. This will be reviewed as the design progresses.

The general consensus seemed to be that improvements are necessary at this intersection and support was shown for the proposed project. Details regarding the signal heads and timing will be discussed further with the Office of Traffic Engineering in the next design phase of this project.

The question and answer session was concluded at approximately 8:00 p.m.