

REPORT OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Public Information Meeting – Orange, CT

DATE OF MEETING: October 17, 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>
02637	106-121	Orange	Route 114	Race Brook	170-2812

LOCATION OF MEETING: Town Hall – Orange, CT

IN ATTENDANCE:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
James M. Zeoli	First Selectman - Orange	203-891-4737
Stephen M. Savarese	Town of Orange	203-891-4741
Jospeh Scalise	ConnDOT- Bridge Design	860-594-3389
Daniel Stafko	ConnDOT	203-389-3156
Timothy Ryan	BL Companies	860-249-2200
Sara Bastos	BL Companies	860-249-2200
Steven Drechsler	Alfred Benesch & Company	860-633-8341

Three Orange 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.

The existing bridge consists of a single span concrete slab with two abutments consisting of stone rubble masonry and cast in place concrete. The bridge is located on Route 114 in the town of Orange. The bridge is approximately 0.2 miles north of the Route 34 intersection with Route 114. The existing roadway approaches consist of two 11-foot travel lanes and two 4-foot shoulders. North of the bridge, the roadway tapers to approximately 26-feet, curb-to-curb. South of the bridge, there is a three lane section that includes an exclusive left-turn lane for the southbound approach to the Route 34 intersection. The estimated 2010 Average Daily Traffic on Route 114 at this site is 6,200 vehicles per day.

The purpose and need for the project is to address the bridge's structural deficiencies. The bridge is Structurally Deficient due to the poor condition of the substructure, Functionally Obsolete due to the narrow deck width and hydraulically inadequate.

The recommended rehabilitation is to demolish the existing bridge and replace it with a new prestressed concrete deck bridge. The clear span will be increased to 24-feet and the roadway profile will be raised approximately 2-feet to increase the hydraulic opening.

The proposed bridge will be constructed in two stages using 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 \$2,700,000.

A resident asked what materials the proposed bridge would be constructed of. *A representative from BL Companies stated that the proposed bridge would be constructed of precast concrete deck units.*

A representative from the Town asked if the project limits could be expanded to include the reconstruction of the park driveway. *A representative from BL Companies stated that there is minimum construction proposed for the park driveway due to the proposed widening of Route 114.*

A resident asked what will be done with the existing abutments that are left in place. *A representative from BL Companies stated that the existing abutments will be left in place to be used for water handling during the proposed construction. The existing abutments will be cut down to a height that will contain a 2-year storm event. They will not carry any of the load from the proposed bridge.*

A resident asked if the proposed bridge would be wider and higher than the existing. *A representative from BL Companies stated that the proposed bridge would be 2-feet wider than the existing and the profile of Route 114 in the vicinity of the bridge would be raised approximately 2-feet.*

A resident asked who will oversee the proposed construction. *A representative from BL Companies stated that ConnDOT's District 3 Construction Unit will be responsible for overseeing the proposed construction.*

A representative from the Town of Orange Conservation Committee stated that the committee would like to visit the site and make a recommendation on plantings in the vicinity. *A representative from BL Companies stated that the Committee can forward any comments or recommendations to Joseph Scalise of the Department of Transportation of Timothy Ryan of BL Companies.*

A resident asked who would be responsible for the review of environmental permits. *A representative from ConnDOT stated that all permits would be handled at the state level.*
A representative from the Town asked what kind of guiderail would be proposed. *A representative from BL Companies stated that R-B 350 guiderailing would be proposed.*

A resident asked the process of a bridge getting on the “list” be explained. *A representative from BL Companies explained the process of bridge inspection and how the outcome of that inspection helps to determine which bridges need rehabilitation.*

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: _____ Date: _____
Sara M. Bastos

Approved by: _____ Date: _____