

**Department of Transportation  
Project No. 42-311  
Replacement of Noise Barrier Walls on Route 15  
Town of East Hartford**

**January 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
Silver Lane Elementary School  
Gymnasium  
15 Mercer Avenue  
East Hartford, CT**

**Minutes (Summary)**

**Purpose of Project:**

The purpose of the project is to replace the deteriorated noise walls with functional and improved walls. The overall condition and appearance of the existing walls is poor, with significantly reduced noise abatement ability due to missing panels and wood repairs. The Department's maintenance staff has performed frequent repairs. At this point, repairing the walls has become impractical.

**Presentation:**

- There were 2 attendees from the general public, the Mayor of East Hartford, 2 State Representatives, a State Senator and the Director of Public Works.
- On display were the following: a site plan, typical pavement/wall cross section, existing condition photos, an architectural elevation showing a perspective from Silver Lane and two planting plans.
- The proposed construction start is anticipated for fall 2012.

**Public Comments and Questions:**

- The Mayor expressed her support for the replacement of the walls.
- Concerns were raised about the effectiveness of the absorptive wall. A brief explanation about noise and noise reduction was provided.
- A question was raised regarding work at night. It was explained that at this time, a determination on time restrictions has not been made.
- A concern was raised by a member of the public regarding the cost of the proposed walls.

In general, those present expressed agreement with the need and design of the proposed project.