

Department of Transportation
Project No. 137-158
Replacement of Bridge No. 02934
Route 234 (Pequot Trail) over Anguilla Brook
Stonington

Wednesday October 14, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Stonington High School Commons Room
176 South Broad Street
Pawcatuck, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Theodore H. Nezames	ConnDOT – Bridges
Timothy D. Fields	ConnDOT – Bridges
Andrew J. Cardinali	ConnDOT – Bridges
Dobieslaw A. Kania	ConnDOT – Bridges
Michelle A. Miller	ConnDOT – Rights-of-Way
Mik Matwiejczuk	ConnDOT – Rights-of-Way
Keith B. Schoppe	ConnDOT – District 2 Construction
Donald P. Wurst	CME Associates
Susan K. Bakulski	CME Associates
Public and Individual Stakeholders	

Presentation:

Ms. Kania opened the meeting with a brief introduction of the Department of Transportation (Department) and the Consultant Liaison Engineer, CME Associates (CME), personnel. She then stated the role of the Department and the role of CME as liaison engineers and continued with an introduction of the subject project and its goals. Ms. Kania stated that the purpose of this public information meeting is to present the proposed design and discuss any questions, comments, or concerns the public or town officials may have.

Ms. Bakulski followed with the technical portion of the presentation for Bridge No. 02934. She explained the bridge's current deficiencies, proposed replacement measures, proposed maintenance and protection of traffic, funds, project schedule, utility, drainage and environmental considerations. Ms. Miller explained the rights-of-way process and impacts.

Comments and Questions:

1. Will vehicles be detoured onto South Anguilla Road during construction?
 - o Ms. Kania stated that traffic will be maintained on Route 234, with a recommended proposal to use alternating one-way traffic. She explained the bridge will be replaced using stage construction. Ms. Bakulski added that the detour routes were investigated; however because they are narrow local roads, it is recommended to maintain alternating one-way traffic on Route 234.
2. Will replacing the bridge on Route 234 with a longer span cause flooding of the downstream structure on South Anguilla Road?

- Ms. Bakulski responded that the replacement of the subject bridge will not cause flooding of the downstream bridge carrying South Anguilla Road. She explained that a hydraulic analysis was performed that included both structures in the model, and that the model was analyzed for scenarios including the existing configuration, proposed configuration, and the potential future replacement of the South Anguilla Road bridge with a longer span configuration.

Adjournment:

The recommended plans provide a design which will eliminate the structural deficiencies of the existing bridge while minimizing the need for future maintenance and improving the hydraulic adequacy of the crossing. Accordingly, the Department intends to seek design approval for the proposed plan. The Department will continue to keep the Town informed of any changes that may occur as the design is being completed and will notify the Town as the project transitions into the construction phase.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.