

Department of Transportation
Project No. 170-3384
Replacement of Bridge No. 00847
Willington

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Community Room in Willington Library
7 Ruby Road
Willington, Connecticut

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance:

Andrew Cardinali	ConnDOT – Division of Bridges
Dobieslawa A. Kania	ConnDOT – Division of Bridges
Michelle M. Miller	ConnDOT – Rights-of-Way
Dean Cerasoli	ConnDOT – District 1 Construction
Donald P. Wurst	CME Associates
Timothy J. Young	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 that the public or town officials may have.

Mr. Young followed with the technical portion of the presentation for Bridge No. 00847. He explained the bridge's current deficiencies, proposed rehabilitation measures, proposed maintenance and protection of traffic, funds, project schedule, and utility and environmental considerations.

Comments and Questions:

1. Is there acceptance criteria for the Contractors, especially with regards to Accelerated Bridge Construction?
 - o CME explained that the Design Build (DB) teams, which include a Contractor and a Final Designer, will submit qualifications packages and proposals as part of the Department's selection process for the final DB team to construct the project. These will be scored on several factors including past projects. Those DBs with accelerated bridge construction could be scored higher. Andy Cardinali explained the RFP in more detail with respect to Design Build. There may also be monetary incentives and disincentives to encourage DB to complete on time.
2. If the beginning date for the project stalls, what happens particularly in relation to the specific two month shutdown window of Potter School Road?

- The Department explained that the shutdown will occur during a block of time in June to August to coincide with the school vacation schedule. The project anticipates this to happen in 2018. This bridge is part of a larger project with four bridges in total that will run through 2018 and 2019. If this bridge construction cannot happen in June to August of 2018, then the next available window to the Design Build team will be in June to August of 2109.
3. When was the average daily traffic (ADT) for Potter School Road on the bridge taken? How was it determined? It appears high for this road?
 - The ADT is from the most recent ConnDOT Routine Inspection report. CME will investigate how it was determined. If it does not appear accurate, traffic counts with data collectors or other verification can be used.
 4. The Town previously requested a dry hydrant be installed on the new bridge. Is this part of the project?
 - The Department has a process for the Town to officially request this. It requires the Town to agree to be responsible for maintenance and testing requirements. The Department will provide this information to the Town for their consideration. They can then submit the required request paperwork for consideration on this project.
 5. How will first responders get to areas on the north side of bridge when closure is in place?
 - The Town had already requested that the Fire Department drive the detour route and they found the response time to be 1 to 2 minutes greater than when the bridge is open to traffic. Based on this it is not believed to be a concern. All emergency response facilities will be notified in advance of the actual road closure.
 6. Is any profile (pavement height) change on Potter School Road anticipated as part of the project?
 - No profile change is anticipated on Potter School Road. The increase in vertical clearance over I-84 will be accomplished by making the superstructure depth less than the current. The new steel girders will use higher strength steels than the existing and new girders will be continuous over the middle pier which is more efficient. The new girders will not be as deep as the current.
 7. Old County Road is very narrow. Will it be a problem to have it part of the detour route for two way traffic?
 - CME will verify if the road is capable of use as a detour. Other detours were reviewed and this is the most favorable detour, at this time.
 8. Will it be a problem getting construction vehicles to the bridge over Old County Road when the bridge is closed?
 - The Department needs to evaluate this in more detail as the design progresses. It is not known at this time how the DB team will construct the bridge since that information will come from the individual DB team selected as part of their proposal.

9. Can incentive be given to Town of Stafford to improve Old County Road?
 - This needs to be evaluated further by the Department.
10. Residents of 43 Potter School Road questioned if the construction work areas and road closure will impact their driveway which is in close proximity to the bridge.
 - The Department will investigate the location of their driveway in relation to the anticipated construction limits and closure point for Potter School Road. The project will provide access at all times to private property and make accommodations for access.
11. The estimated cost is \$4.8 million. Is there other data to substantiate this? What will be the real cost?
 - The DB team includes in their proposal a total price, which is a lump sum for all work. The DB team will prepare a detailed cost estimate to determine this lump sum.
12. When the project starts construction, will there be another public information meeting?
 - Yes, the Department will provide additional information and meetings as the design progresses and construction begins. Ms. Kania can be reached at the contact information provided in this presentation at any time.

Adjournment:

The recommended plans provide a design for correcting the structural deficiencies of the existing bridge while minimizing the need for future maintenance. 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 8:00 PM.



Public Informational Meeting

**REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 00847
POTTER SCHOOL ROAD OVER I-84
WILLINGTON, CONNECTICUT
State Project No. 170-3384**

**Tuesday, June 14, 2016
At 7:00 p.m.**

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Community Room
7 Ruby Road
Willington, Connecticut**

1. **Introduction and General Project Information**
Ms. Dobieslawa Kania, Transportation Engineer, Division of Bridges
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2. **Design Presentation**
Mr. Timothy Young, Project Engineer
CME Associates
3. **Public Participation**
Comments

Plans showing the recommended proposal will be available upon request for public inspection at the following location:

**The Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Room 3300
Newington, Connecticut**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the superstructure replacement of Bridge No. 00847, in the Town of Willington. Bridge No. 00847 carries Potter School Road over I-84.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., in the Willington Public Library Community Room, 7 Ruby Road, Willington, Connecticut.

Project No. 160-148 involves the superstructure replacement of Bridge No. 00847, which is a two-span, steel beam and concrete deck structure, with a total length of 182'. The bridge carries Potter School Road over Interstate 84. The bridge was built in 1960. The proposed replacement superstructure has a minimum curb to curb width of 32 feet, CTDOT standard parapets, new 8' high chain link pedestrian fencing, and an improved vertical underclearance of 16'-3" over I-84. The project will also install new approach guiderails and transitions and will include substructure modifications to accommodate the replacement superstructure.

Accelerated construction for the replacement of the superstructure will be accomplished by fully closing Potter School Road to traffic at the bridge site during construction for approximately 2 months. During this time, a detour will be signed for vehicular traffic. No separate accommodations are planned for pedestrians.

Permanent work zones will be created behind temporary precast concrete barrier curb (TPCBC) on Interstate 84 along both shoulder lines to allow for safe access to both the pier and the abutments. All lanes of traffic on I-84, in a given direction, will be temporarily closed for a maximum interval of 20 minutes to allow for demolition and removal of the existing superstructure components and installation of new superstructure components.

Construction is anticipated to commence in spring 2018 for Project No. 160-148, assuming availability of funding. The estimated construction cost is \$4,778,000 and will use State funds.

Any comments may be submitted to Dobieslaw Kania at the address below:

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Ms. Kania may be contacted at the above telephone number Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to arrange for public inspection of the plans.



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 Location of meeting: Willington Public Library Community Room 7:00 PM
 Subject of meeting: Public Information Meeting
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 State Project No. 170-3884
 Bridge No. 00847 in Willington
 Potter School Road over I-84

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