

Everyone Is Invited To A
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
Project No. 14-185

REHABILITATION OF BRIDGE NO. 00196
I-95 OVER U.S. ROUTE 1
BRANFORD, CONNECTICUT

TO BE HELD

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017
(INCLEMENT WEATHER DATE: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2017)

at 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department Headquarters
45 North Main Street
Branford, Connecticut

Residents, business owners, commuters, and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed project.

PLEASE JOIN US ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2017

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00196, I-95 over U.S. Route 1 (East Main Street) in Branford, Connecticut. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Department Headquarters, 45 North Main Street, Branford, Connecticut. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

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Project No. 14-185 involves the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00196, which was originally constructed in 1958 and rehabilitated in 1990. The existing structure is a three-span, simply supported steel beam bridge with a total length of 135.58 feet and an out-to-out deck width of 103.67 feet.

At this time, the project is nearing completion of the Preliminary Design Phase. The proposed rehabilitation of the structure includes a superstructure replacement with two Prefabricated Bridge Unit (PBU) spans that are supported by a new reinforced concrete pier and the existing abutments. The embankments in front of the abutments will be permanently cut and held back by new retaining walls. This will allow for the future widening of U.S. Route 1 which will accommodate two through lanes and a left turn lane in the northbound and southbound directions. Sidewalks will be constructed adjacent to the retaining walls and will connect to existing sidewalks along U.S. Route 1 at the north and south sides of the bridge. The U.S. Route 1 roadway will be lowered to provide a minimum vertical clearance of 16 ft. -3 in under the bridge. New traffic signals will be installed on U.S. Route 1 at the I-95 NB and SB Exit 55 off-ramps and the curb line radius along the right lanes of the I-95 off-ramps will be modified to facilitate truck right-turn movements.

Maintenance and protection of traffic will be accomplished with stage construction and crossovers of traffic during the superstructure replacement stages. Approximately 1,700 ft. of existing I-95 concrete median barrier, along both approaches, will need to be temporarily removed, stored and reset (or replaced) to accommodate the required lane shifts of I-95 traffic onto and across the median area. While the south half of the bridge is replaced, two lanes of I-95 NB and two lanes of I-95 SB will be maintained on the north half of the bridge. During the superstructure replacement of the north half of the bridge, both bounds will be carried by the south half of the bridge. Off and on-ramps for both I-95 NB and SB will need to be closed during certain construction stages. Detours are proposed during the off and on-ramp closures. Maintenance and protection of traffic on Route 1 can be accomplished with lane shifts into existing Spans 1 and 3, and temporary lane closures. Full closures of U.S. Route 1 for approximately 30 minutes are proposed to facilitate the placement of the PBUs.

Construction is anticipated to commence in spring 2019, assuming availability of funding and receipt of any required environmental permits or right-of-way acquisitions. The estimated construction cost is \$13,850,000 and will use both State and Federal funds.

The Public Information Meeting is being held to afford a full opportunity for the public's participation and to allow open discussion of any views and comments the community may have prior to progressing the proposed project into the Final Design Stage.

Plans will be available for public review. Department personnel will be available during the meeting to discuss this project. More detailed information is available at the Department's Office of Engineering, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays. Anyone wishing to review the plans may contact Mr. Andrew J. Cardinali, Transportation Supervising Engineer, at (860) 594-3315.

All persons interested in this project are welcome to attend this meeting and discuss this project with Department personnel.