

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed replacement of traffic signals along U.S. Route 5/Route 15 (Berlin Turnpike) from Nott Street in Wethersfield to Rowley Street on the Newington/Berlin town line, on Wednesday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage: <http://portal.ct.gov/DOTProject0007-0250>.

The live stream of the formal presentation will begin 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0007-0250.

The purpose of the project is to replace and upgrade traffic control signal and communications equipment at fifteen (15) State-owned coordinated intersections along U.S. Route 5/Route 15 (Berlin Turnpike) that have surpassed their life expectancy and do not meet current Department standards. The project will also include the installation of Adaptive Traffic Signal Control and the deployment of Connected Vehicle technology.

Intersections along U.S. Route 5/Route 15 (Berlin Turnpike) to be included in the project:

- Nott Street
- Route 314
- Pawtucket Street
- Arrow Road and Pent Road
- Route 287 (East Robbins Avenue and Prospect Street)
- Kitts Lane and Superior Avenue
- DOT Headquarters North Driveway
- DOT Headquarters South Driveway
- Route 176 (Main Street) and Griswoldville Avenue
- Pascone Place
- Route 173 (Richard Street) and Deming Street
- Lowe's Driveway and Target Driveway
- Pane Road
- Webster Street
- Selden Street and Rowley Street

There are right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed improvements limited to minor easements for the installation of traffic control equipment.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Fall of 2021 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$13 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal funds and 20 percent State funds.

The public informational meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information is mailed to them by contacting Mark Makuch by email at Mark.Makuch@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-2722. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (888) 831-8967 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 4490207. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed-captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed-captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14 day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at DOTProject0007-0250@ct.gov. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.