

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Replacement of Bridge No. 04971 carrying Old Road No. 2 over Sasco Brook in Westport and Fairfield, Connecticut on Monday, September 20 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/DOTWestport158-218>

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

The project is identified as State Project No. 0158-0218.

The purpose of the project is to replace Bridge No. 04971, which carries Old Road No. 2 over Sasco Brook in the Towns of Westport and Fairfield.

Bridge No. 04971 was originally constructed in 1965 and reconstructed in 2002. The single span structure has a span length of 24'-10" and a curb-to-curb width of 16'-8" which includes a 3'-3" wide steel plate sidewalk on the north side. The bridge is located east of the intersection of Old Road No. 2 with Grist Mill Lane. The existing superstructure is comprised of an open steel grid deck supported by (9) longitudinal steel stringers, (3) transverse steel floorbeams and (2) riveted steel built-up through girders. The bridge superstructure is supported by concrete abutments with spread footings founded on soil.

The proposed project includes realignment of Old Road No. 2 in the vicinity of the bridge, replacement of the existing structure with a wider precast concrete three-sided rigid frame structure supported on piles, construction of U-Type wingwalls, installation of an open bridge rail system and full depth pavement reconstruction within the project limits. The proposed bridge replacement will be accomplished during one construction season utilizing full closure of the bridge with traffic detour.

One permanent property take, four temporary construction easements, one permanent slope easement, and right to regrade driveways are anticipated in this project.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2023 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$ 2.57 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 80 percent Federal Funds and 20 percent Municipal 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 be mailed to them by contacting James Barrows by email at DOT-FLBP@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-3192. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 1-888-566-5916 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 9977843. 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 DOT-FLBP@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.