VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Replacement of the Retaining Wall at the South End of Bridge No. 0176 on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation. The preservation 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: https://portal.ct.gov/DOTHartford63-723

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

The project is identified as State Project No. 0063-0723.

The purpose of the project is to replace a failed retaining wall adjacent to the Artspace Building at 555 Asylum Avenue in Hartford. The failed wall, which supports the roadway of I-84 eastbound is anticipated to be removed and a new Soil Nail wall is to be constructed behind it. Demolition of the failed wall, and construction of the new wall, will result in the need for a construction access road to be built along the embankment of I-84 eastbound, in order to allow for construction equipment to access the project site.

There are right-of-way impacts associated with this project as the failed wall is currently leaning on the privately owned Artspace Building. Additional impacts may include the need for the contractor to access the project site using the driveway to the Artspace Building and restricting access to parking spaces that are adjacent to the highway embankment.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2022 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights-of-way and approval of permits. The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$ 1.7 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with 90 percent Federal Funds and 10 percent State funds.

The Virtual Public Information 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 Jonathan W. Kang by email at <u>Jonathan.Kang@ct.gov</u> or by phone at 860-594-2754, allow one week for processing and delivery.

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (800) 857-9624 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 7770201. 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 Department's 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 DOTProject0063-0723@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 five 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.

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Replacement of Retaining Wall at South End of Bridge No. 01765 Route I-84 EB over Asylum Avenue Hartford

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

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