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August 9, 2021

Mr. Kevin T. Lyden
First Selectman
Town of Salem
270 Hartford Road
Salem, Connecticut 06420

Dear First Selectman Lyden:

Subject: Virtual Public Information Meeting Confirmation
Project No. 0120-0094
Route 85 Corridor Improvements
Town of Salem

This is to confirm with your office the scheduling of a Virtual Public Information Meeting to be presented by the Department of Transportation (Department) concerning the subject project. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 1, at 7:00 p.m. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on other details can be found at the project webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTSalem120-94>.

A copy of the Notice of the Public Information Meeting, which contains a brief description of the proposed project, is transmitted herewith. Prior to the scheduled meeting, a member of the DOT project team will also provide the Town with a copy of the project display materials for posting to the Town website.

Also enclosed for your distribution to interested parties, is a copy of the Public Information Meeting display ad, which will be published in the Norwich Bulletin on August 18, 2021 and August 25, 2021.

If you would like to participate in introducing the meeting on the evening of the event (generally by call-in) or have any questions or comments regarding this project, please contact the Project Manager, Jeff Pfaffinger, P.E. at Jeffrey.Pfaffinger@ct.gov or (860) 594-2767.

Very truly yours,

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Division Chief of Highway Design
Bureau of Engineering and Construction

Enclosure

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed “Route 85 Corridor Improvements, Town of Salem” on Wednesday, September 1 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: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOTSalem120-94>

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

The project is identified as State Project No. 0120-0094.

The purpose of the project is to address roadway deficiencies in two separate segments along Route 85 (Hartford Road) in the Town of Salem. The purpose of Segment 1, Route 85 at Sullivan Road, is to repair a substandard masonry retaining wall which supports the east side of Route 85 in the vicinity of Sullivan Road. The proposed work will also include improving the turning radii at the Sullivan Road intersection, roadway widening for increased shoulder width, and slope stabilization. Other proposed improvements include upgrading guiderail and installing a new drainage system along the west side of the roadway. The purpose of Segment 2, Route 85 at Music Vale Road/Pratt Road, is to address intersection sight distance concerns looking south from Music Vale Road and to improve the stopping sight distance for Route 85 northbound vehicles approaching the intersection. The proposed work will include lowering the Route 85 roadway profile south of Music Vale Road, regrading the shoulders and embankments to maintain proper clear zone and provide drainage swales per the latest design guidelines.

Right-of-way impacts associated with Segment 1 will include Drainage Right-of-Way, easements to slope, and an easement to install and maintain guiderail. Right-of-way impacts associated with Segment 2 will include an easement to slope and to replace private fence.

Construction is anticipated to begin in Spring of 2023 based on the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way and approval of permit(s). The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$2.035 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with eighty percent Federal Funds and twenty 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 be mailed to them by contacting Jeffrey Pfaffinger, P.E., Project Manager, by email at jeffrey.pfaffinger@ct.gov or by phone at (860) 594-2767. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (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 DOTProject120-94@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.