

## **Public Invited to Virtual Informational Meeting Regarding the Route 8 Design Build Project in Shelton, Derby, Ansonia, and Seymour**

*CTDOT holding a virtual meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.*

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) will conduct a virtual public information meeting concerning the Route 8 Design Build Project on Thursday January 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will take place on Zoom and registration is required. A Question and Answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. For instructions on how to access the meeting, ways to provide comments, and how to ask questions, please visit <https://www.route8designbuild.com/>.

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.

The purpose of the project is to provide corridor improvements that bring this section of roadway to current standards. Areas of improvement include roadway pavement, on- and off-ramps, roadway illumination, guiderails, bridge joints and deck repairs, and other minor bridge rehabilitation. Detour routes will be provided should ramps need to be closed for construction activities.

Right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed project are not anticipated.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 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 \$77.3 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with eighty percent (80%) federal and twenty percent (20%) state funds. The project is identified as State Project No. 0036-0203.

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling 646-558-8656 and enter Webinar ID 834 1536 3536 and Passcode 796353. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). Persons with limited internet access may also request that project information be mailed to them within one week by contacting Stephanie Brooks, Project Public Outreach Coordinator, [sbrooks@fhstudio.com](mailto:sbrooks@fhstudio.com); 917-933-7443.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the CTDOT 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.

This meeting will also be livestreamed on the CTDOT YouTube channel and no registration is required. Non-English language closed captioning will be available on Zoom and YouTube. The recording will also be posted immediately following the meeting in the list of CTDOT virtual public meetings at [portal.ct.gov/ctdotVPIMarchive](https://portal.ct.gov/ctdotVPIMarchive).

Members of the public can submit comments and questions during the two-week public comment period following the meeting. Please submit comments and questions by January 27, 2023 to: [info@route8designbuild.com](mailto:info@route8designbuild.com), 860-594-2020, or Joshua Bartkus, P.E., Project Engineer, 203-591-3575, [Joshua.Bartkus@ct.gov](mailto:Joshua.Bartkus@ct.gov). Please reference State Project No. 0036-0203 in the email or voicemail.