

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has scheduled this public scoping meeting to discuss the proposed project in the communities of Woodbridge, New Haven and Hamden and request public comments on the scoping of the rehabilitation of the tunnel.

Project No. 167-108 – Rehabilitation of Heroes Tunnel (Bridge 00773), Wilbur Cross Parkway Route 15

Address of Possible Project Location: Route 15 (Wilbur Cross Parkway) through West Rock Ridge

Project Description: The Heroes Tunnel, also known as Bridge No. 00773, consists of twin 1,200-foot long horseshoe-shaped tunnels, carrying two lanes of Route 15 (Wilbur Cross Parkway) traffic in each direction through the West Rock Ridge. The Heroes Tunnel carries approximately 71,000 vehicles daily and is a vital scenic connector between New York and Hartford, as well as an alternate expressway route to Interstate 95 and Interstate 91.

Structural and drainage deficiencies have been identified within the Heroes Tunnel. The general deterioration necessitates either rehabilitation or replacement. In addition to the deteriorating condition of the tunnel, other characteristics are substandard such as the cross section with very limited shoulders, electrical and mechanical utilities, all of which would be upgraded or improved through this project.

The Department has retained CDM Smith, Inc., a design consulting firm with offices in New Haven, to lead the project through preliminary design. The project team recently completed the Heroes Tunnel Alternative Construction Options Study Report and Supplement. In these reports several rehabilitation alternatives were identified, including variations of tunnel rehabilitation, tunnel widening, and construction of a new third barrel.

This public scoping meeting is being held as an initial opportunity for stakeholder participation and to allow open discussion of any views and comments the community may have concerning this proposed project.

Project comments may be submitted as follows:

Public Scoping Comments by October 7, 2016 to:

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Mr. Cutler may be contacted at the above telephone number Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to arrange for public inspection of the Heroes Tunnel Alternative Construction Options Study Report and Supplement.

In addition, a copy of the presentation from the scoping meeting may be accessed at:
<http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/documents/0167-0108ScopingMeeting>