

*Everyone Is Invited To A*  
**PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

**Project No. 32-148**

**REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 02866  
ROUTE 275 OVER WILLIMANTIC RIVER  
COVENTRY AND MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT**

**TO BE HELD**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

**at 7:00 P.M.**

**Large Lecture Hall  
Coventry High School  
78 Riley Hill Road  
Coventry, Connecticut**

**(INCLEMENT WEATHER DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015)**

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

**PLEASE JOIN US ON  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2015**

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Location is ADA accessible. If language assistance is needed, please contact Department of Transportation's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Public Information Meeting concerning the replacement of Bridge No. 02866, which carries Route 275 over Willimantic River in the towns of Coventry and Mansfield. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7 p.m., in the Large Lecture Hall of Coventry High School, 78 Ripley Hill Road, Coventry. In the event of inclement weather, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015.

The existing bridge, built in 1900 and reconstructed in 1973, is a two-span structure consisting of a precast, prestressed concrete box beam superstructure on stone masonry abutments and center pier. It is situated between Route 32 and Route 31 and carries one lane of alternating one-way traffic controlled by stop signs. It has an overall length and width of 122 feet and 15 feet, respectively, and a curb-to-curb width of 14.3 feet. The approach roadways accommodate one lane of traffic in each direction; however, there is a railroad bridge just east of Bridge No. 02866 which has a minimum curb-to-curb width of 17 feet allowing only alternating one-way traffic to pass beneath it. The 2013 average daily traffic on the bridge is 3,100 vehicles.

The proposed project consists of replacing the existing bridge with a two-span precast, prestressed box beam superstructure supported on concrete abutments and the existing stone masonry pier. The proposed curb-to-curb width will be 32 feet, which consists of an 11-foot lane and 5-foot shoulder in each direction. An open metal bridge rail system will be utilized across the structure. The new abutments will be constructed behind the existing stone masonry abutments which are to remain to maintain the existing aesthetics of the area. Roadway work will include full and partial depth roadway reconstruction for a minimum distance beyond the ends of the bridge and new guiderail will be installed and attached to the newly construction bridge parapets.

Work is anticipated to begin in the summer 2015 and be completed in the fall 2015. The majority of construction will be performed utilizing an eight week detour. The proposed detour length is 14 miles utilizing Route 32 and Route 31. The estimated construction duration is five months. There is no rights-of-way involvement associated with this project. The replacement of this bridge is to be undertaken with 100 percent State funds. The estimated construction cost for this project is \$2,900,000.

The Public Information Meeting is being held to afford a full opportunity for public participation and to allow open discussion of any views and comments the community may have concerning this proposed project. The meeting facility is ADA accessible. Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications (voice only) at (860) 594-3062 at least five working days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public, and efforts will be made to respond to requests for assistance.

Plans will be available for public review. Department personnel will be available during the meeting to discuss this project. More detailed information is available at the Department's Office of Engineering, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Connecticut, during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., excluding holidays. Anyone wishing to review the plans may contact Ms. Lesgie M. Ruiz at (860) 594-3351 or by e-mail at [Lesgie.Ruiz@ct.gov](mailto:Lesgie.Ruiz@ct.gov).

All persons interested in this project are welcome to attend this meeting and discuss the project with Department personnel.