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NEWS RELEASE for Public Involvement Meeting

MANSFIELD, CONNECTICUT - the Town of Mansfield will conduct a public involvement meeting concerning the proposed Downtown Loop Closure Project on Tuesday, May 16th, 2023. The meeting will begin at 6:00pm. Preliminary design has been completed by the Town and the project is slated for construction under the Surface Transportation Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

It is the Town's and the State's policy to keep persons informed and involved when such projects are undertaken. It is important that the community share its concerns to assist in the project's development. The Town will conduct an informational meeting on May 16th, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Town of Mansfield Council Chamber at 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT 06268.

This project consists of the construction of the last remaining two segments of Trail in this larger loop. Both locations propose an 8-10' paved multi-use trail connecting to existing walkways and multi-use trails.

One location will be along the south side of South Eagleville Road between Maple Road and Separatist Road and will require a small wall to retain the existing embankment. The second location, is on the southeast side of Hunting Lodge Road Extension from Separatist Road to North Eagleville Road and will require construction of a small bridge over Eagleville Brook.

This walk/trail system sees a fairly high volume of commuters, joggers, walkers, bikers, wheelchairs, and destination users, however, without the completed off-road facility there are a number of groups of people that will not walk these sections or other portions of the system. Based upon a preliminary assessment, the construction cost will be approximately \$1,450,000.

The Federal Highway Administration / CT Department of Transportation will provide 80% of the construction cost with the Town providing 20%.

In accordance with PA 21-2 § 149, meeting participants may also attend virtually. Please email dpw@mansfieldct.org or call 860-429-3331 by 3:00pm on the day of the meeting to receive instructions for how to view, listen, or comment live. A video recording of the meeting will be available on YouTube at "MANSFIELD CONNECTICUT STREAMING CHANNEL" (<https://mansfieldct.gov/video>) within seven (7) days after the meeting.

Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). There will be a 14-day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email/phone (preferred) at dpw@mansfieldct.org or 860-429-3331.

Requests for language translation services should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting by contacting Sheri Baczanski at (860) 429-3331 or dpw@mansfieldct.org. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.