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Connecticut Department of Transportation invites public to learn about the I-84 Hartford Project

NEWINGTON— The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) announced today that an Open Planning Studio will take place for the I-84 Hartford Project during the week of April 27th to May 2nd, 2015. The Studio will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday on April 27th – May 1st, 2015 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday May, 2nd, 2015. The event will be held at Christ Church Cathedral Auditorium, 45 Church Street in Downtown Hartford.

At the Planning Studio, the public will be able to drop in at any time to interact with planners and engineers, though there will be scheduled times to discuss specific topics and have public presentations. Potential design concepts to improve I-84 will be explored in various forms and evaluated during the Studio, including how each one may address safety, connects with city streets, creates a comfortable environment for bicyclists and pedestrians, integrates with the urban landscape, and opens up land for development. At the end of the week, the planners and designers expect that the hands-on exchange of ideas and information will help shape the future I-84 corridor.

CTDOT is evaluating the I-84 Hartford corridor in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, the Capitol Region Council of Governments, the City of Hartford, the Town of East Hartford, the Town of West Hartford, and other local agencies and stakeholders.

The purpose of the I-84 Hartford Project is to address the highway's structural deficiencies, traffic flow and safety problems, while maintaining access for the City of Hartford and adjacent communities. At the same time, the I-84 Hartford Project will strive to reduce the highway's adverse impact and footprint on the city, while integrating it more closely into the regional multimodal and interstate transportation system, both existing and planned.

A Public Advisory Committee, comprised of a wide range of stakeholders has been, and will continue to be, instrumental in guiding each of these initiatives.

To learn more about the project, please visit the project's website at www.I84Hartford.com. A detailed schedule of activities for the Open Planning Studio will be posted to the website in the weeks prior to the event.

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.