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I-84 Hartford Project Team to Host 8th Open Planning Studio in April

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has announced that it will host a two-day Open Planning Studio in April 2016.

The Open Planning Studio will take place on the following dates:

- **Wednesday, April 20, 2016 from 12 to 8 PM and Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 9 AM to 5 PM** at the Parker Memorial Community Center, 2621 Main Street in Hartford.

Members of the public are encouraged to drop in at any time to talk with planners and engineers as well as observe and/or participate in design sessions and discussions related to the I-84 Hartford Project. A detailed schedule of events for each day is listed below.

Over the last year, the CTDOT has developed three primary alternatives for replacing the aging I-84 Viaduct in Hartford. Whether I-84 will be rebuilt as an elevated, at-grade, or tunneled highway will greatly affect Hartford and its residents. The project team will present its evaluation of each alternative and associated opportunities for economic development, public health, safety, and much more. Public input has already influenced the development of many design ideas. Continued involvement is vital to ensuring that the rebuilt highway corridor benefits all users.

Open Planning Studios are a way for local residents, commuters, business owners, and any other interested parties to learn about and receive updates on the I-84 Hartford Project. They are an opportunity to interact with the project team's engineers and planners, as well as to give input on possible solutions for I-84. Visit i84hartford.com/get-involved for event details.

The purpose of the I-84 Hartford Project is to address structural deficiencies, improve traffic operations and safety, and reduce congestion on the I-84 mainline and its interchanges between Flatbush Avenue and I-91 in Hartford. The I-84 Hartford Project strives to reduce the highway's negative impact on the city, while creating efficient connections to other modes of transportation.

CTDOT is evaluating the I-84 Hartford Project 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, as well as other local agencies and stakeholder groups. A Public Advisory Committee, comprised of a wide range of stakeholders has been, and will continue to be instrumental in guiding each of the alternatives.

The meeting facilities are 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.

Schedule of Events

Day 1 - Wednesday, April 20, 2016

12 PM - 8 PM: Open to the Public

Working Sessions

12 - 1:30 PM: Public Advisory Committee Meeting

1:30 - 3 PM: Capped Highway and East Coast Greenway Update

3 - 6 PM: Youth Open House (attendees of all ages are welcome)

6 - 7:30 PM: Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit

Day 2 - Thursday, April 21, 2016

9 AM - 5 PM: Open to the Public

Working Sessions

9 AM - 10:30 AM: Urban Design

10:30 AM - 12 PM: Traffic and Parking

3 - 5:00 PM: Youth Open House (attendees of all ages are welcome)