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### I-84 Hartford Project Team to Host Two More Open Planning Studios in 2015

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has announced that it will host two more Open Planning Studios during 2015.

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

- **Monday, November 16, 2015 from 12:30 to 7 p.m.** at the Mark Twain Branch of the Hartford Public Library, 55 Forest St. in Hartford. A panel question and answer discussion will take place at 5 p.m.
- **Thursday, December 10, 2015 from 12 to 8 p.m.** at the Conference of Churches Collaboration Centre, 224 Farmington Ave. in Hartford. This studio will be a day-long working design session focused on gathering input and suggestions on the design alternatives.

Over the last seven months, the CTDOT has developed and reviewed more than 100 possible alternative configurations to replace the aging I-84 Viaduct in Hartford. Preliminary evaluations of the alternatives have addressed issues of traffic operations, safety, bicycle and pedestrian mobility, property impacts, and costs. The CTDOT team will be presenting the results of these evaluations to gain stakeholder input on the potential for significantly reducing the number of alternatives that will be refined and subjected to more detailed investigations, including consideration of environmental, land use, traffic, bicycle and pedestrian impacts.

These 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 and 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 [www.i84hartford.com/get-involved](http://www.i84hartford.com/get-involved) to view details on the events.

The purpose of the I-84 Hartford Project is to address structural deficiencies, improve traffic operations and safety, and reduce congestion on 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.