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## **Connecticut Department of Transportation I-84 Hartford Project Team to Discuss Most Viable Alternatives for I-84 in Hartford**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is announcing a series of three public meetings to discuss the most viable alternatives being considered for the I-84 Hartford Project.

Over the last six 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.

The meetings will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 4 - 8 PM (presentation at 6 PM), Whiton Memorial Branch Library, 100 North Main Street, Manchester
- Thursday, October 22, 2015, 4 - 8 PM (presentation at 6 PM), Elmwood Community Center, 1106 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford
- Thursday, October 29, 2015, 4 - 8 PM (presentation at 6 PM), Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street, Hartford

All three meetings will begin with an open house session where participants can view project materials. Attendees can view and discuss general information, design plans, and graphics about the project. A presentation will follow at 6:00 PM, followed by a comment and question / answer period. Visit [www.i84hartford.com/get-involved](http://www.i84hartford.com/get-involved) to view details on the meetings.

These public information meetings 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.

The I-84 Hartford Project is located between Flatbush Avenue (Exit 45) and the existing tunnel (Exit 51). 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. 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.