

NEWS RELEASE

ROUTE 7 AND ASPETUCK AVENUE PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT -The Town of New Milford will conduct a virtual public involvement meeting concerning the proposed Route 7 and Aspetuck Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project on Wednesday, October 21st. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. Conceptual design has been completed by New Milford and the preliminary design is slated to begin under the Transportation Alternatives Program overseen 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 a virtual public informational meeting on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 PM via: **Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/94222168906?pwd=S3ZOeDhhMHBXbER5VGRUOTZ0WisZz09>

Meeting ID: 942 2216 8906	Dial by your location
Passcode: 10212020	877 853 5247 US Toll-free
One tap mobile	888 788 0099 US Toll-free
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The purpose of the project is to improve pedestrian safety by constructing new sidewalks at the following locations:

- U.S. Route 7 between Candlewood Lake Road South and Savings Bank of Danbury (west side of U.S. Route 7)
- U.S. Route 7 between Three Brothers Diner and Pickett District Road (east side of U.S. Route 7)
- U.S. Route 7 at #177 Danbury Road (east side of U.S. Route 7)
- Aspetuck Avenue between #11 Aspetuck Avenue and Canterbury School (west side of Aspetuck Avenue)

Based upon the conceptual design, the construction cost will be approximately \$1,715,000. The Federal Highway Administration will provide 80% of the design, construction and rights-of-way costs with the Town providing 20%.

The public information meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information is mailed to them by contacting Tammy Readon by email at treadon@newmilford.org or by phone at (860) 457-4195. (Allow one week for processing and delivery).

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling **877-853-5247** and entering the Participant Code when prompted: Meeting ID: 942-2216-8906 and Passcode: 10212020. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The live streams generally offer closed captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. There will be a 14-day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email/phone (preferred) at New Milford Public Works, Attn: Laurene Beattie at lbeattie@newmilford.org or (860) 355-6040.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

Pertinent information about the project and a link to the upcoming Virtual Public Information Meeting (V-PIM) live streaming event may be found on the Town of New Milford Public Works webpage: <http://www.newmilford.org/dpw>. The webpage will remain available throughout the 14 day comment period following the meeting.