

Public Information Meeting



STATE PROJECT NO. 53-190 PUTNAM BRIDGE TRAIL CONNECTIONS TOWNS OF WETHERSFIELD & GLASTONBURY

Presented at:

GLASTONBURY TOWN HALL
2155 MAIN STREET
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
GLASTONBURY, CT
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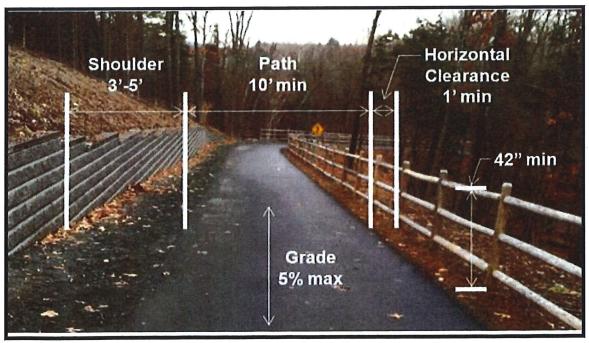
GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT LOCATION:

The project is located in the towns of Wethersfield and Glastonbury. The trail limits begin at the intersection of Great Meadow Road and the I-91 NB Exit 25 off-ramp in the Town of Wethersfield. The project extends to the Putnam Bridge and continues easterly over the existing walkway to Naubuc Avenue in the Town of Glastonbury. Concrete sidewalks would be installed to create continuous sidewalk along Naubuc Avenue from the intersection with Glastonbury Boulevard north to the intersection with Putnam Boulevard.

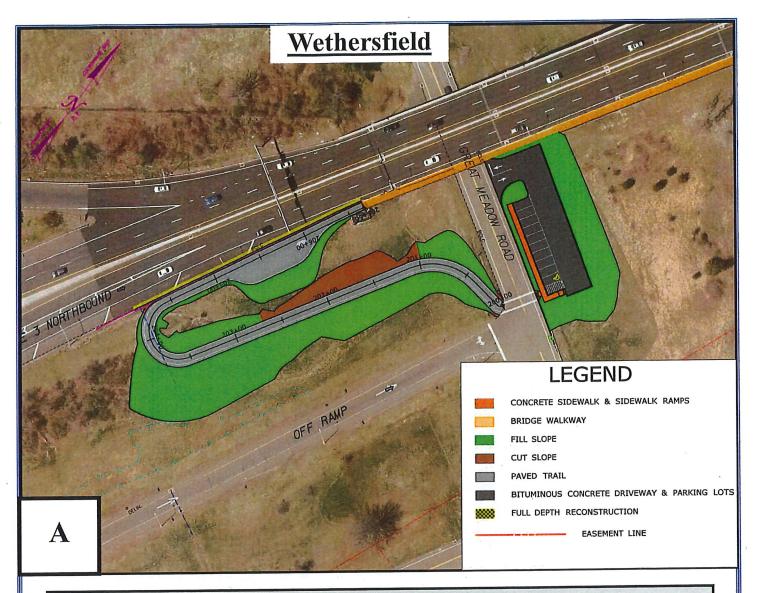
PROJECT PURPOSE & DESCRIPTION:

The purpose of the project is to provide non-motorized access across the Connecticut River between the towns of Wethersfield and Glastonbury adjacent to CT Route 3. Route 3 is a limited access freeway and currently restricts non-motorized travel. The Putnam Bridge is the only available crossing over the Connecticut River between the Charter Oak Bridge in Hartford and the Ferry Route in Rocky Hill. The proposed trail connections are approximately 670 feet in length on the Wethersfield side and 4,080 feet in length on the Glastonbury side, totaling 4,750 linear feet. Additionally there is a 1,140-foot spur providing connection to the Goodwin Trail. The trail includes a 10-foot wide bituminous concrete pavement path with a 3-foot wide aggregate/grass shoulder on both sides. A bicyclesafe railing would be provided along the path wherever steep side slopes exist. Vehicle turnaround areas would be constructed adjacent to each end of the bridge walkway. User amenities such as bike racks, trash receptacles, information signage, and other aesthetic enhancements, as required, would be provided at these locations. In addition, two off-street parking lots near the project termini on Great Meadow Road and Naubuc Avenue would be constructed. To better serve the non-motorized traffic and provide continuity, the project would include sidewalk installation on both sides of Naubuc Avenue and new sidewalk ramps at the intersections of Naubuc Avenue with Glastonbury Boulevard and Putnam Boulevard.



Real life example of trail dimensions

GLASTONBURY BLVD PUTNAM BLVD Proposed Sidewalk Improvements NAUBUC AVE Putnam Bridge Trail Connections: Project Overview KEENEY COVE Proposed Trail Location GREAT MEADOW RD GOODWIN TRAIL Putnam Bridge

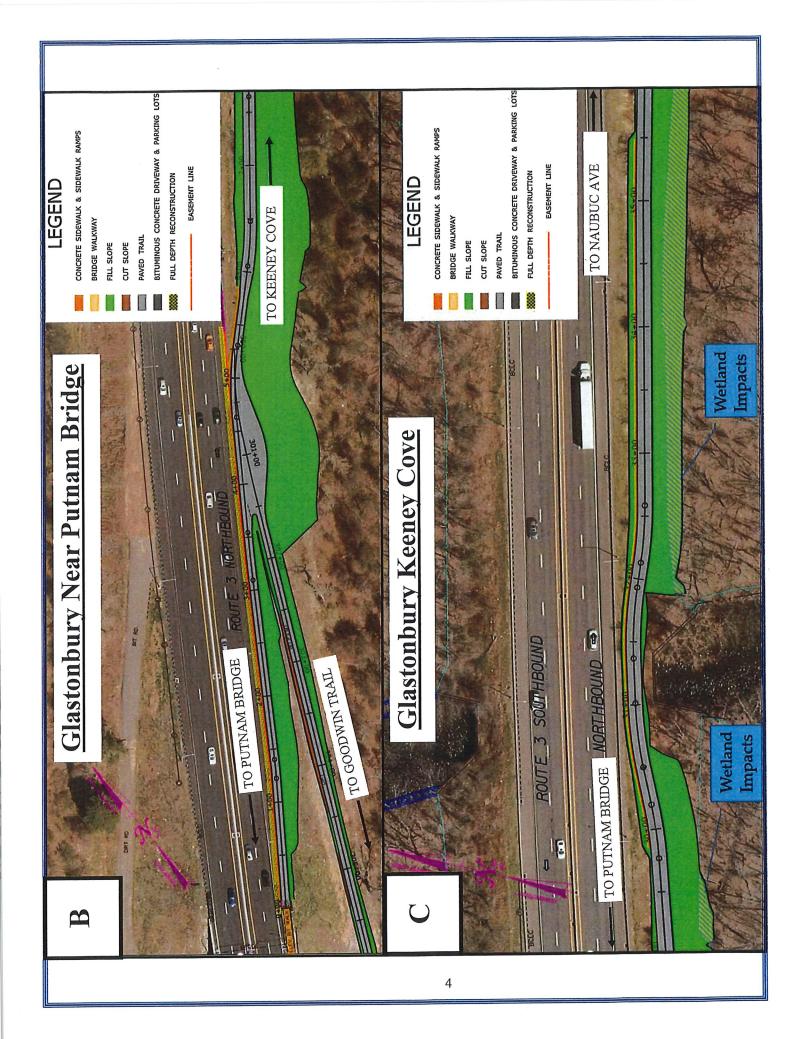


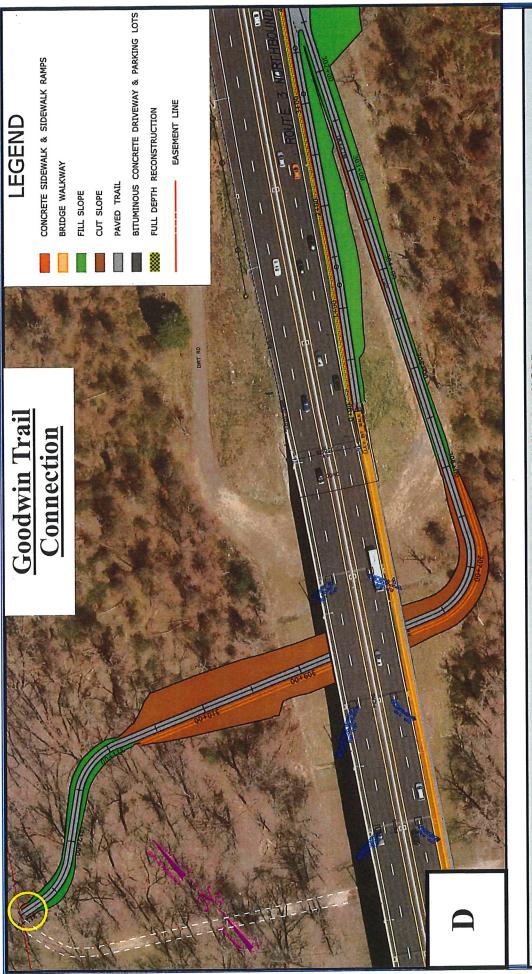
COLOR PLAN DESCRIPTION

A: Wethersfield Side: Proposed work includes a new parking lot adjacent to Great Meadow Rd. There will be a new cross walk leading right to the trail head. Cut and fill slopes are shown on either side of the trail (trail denoted in light gray). Also proposed is a large turnaround area right before the tie-in to the Putnam Bridge walkway.

B: <u>Start of Glastonbury Side of Trail:</u> Trail continues after Putnam Bridge walkway ends. Another large turnaround area is proposed approximately 350 feet from the Glastonbury side of the Putnam Bridge. The Goodwin Trail connection also connects to the main trail at this turnaround area.

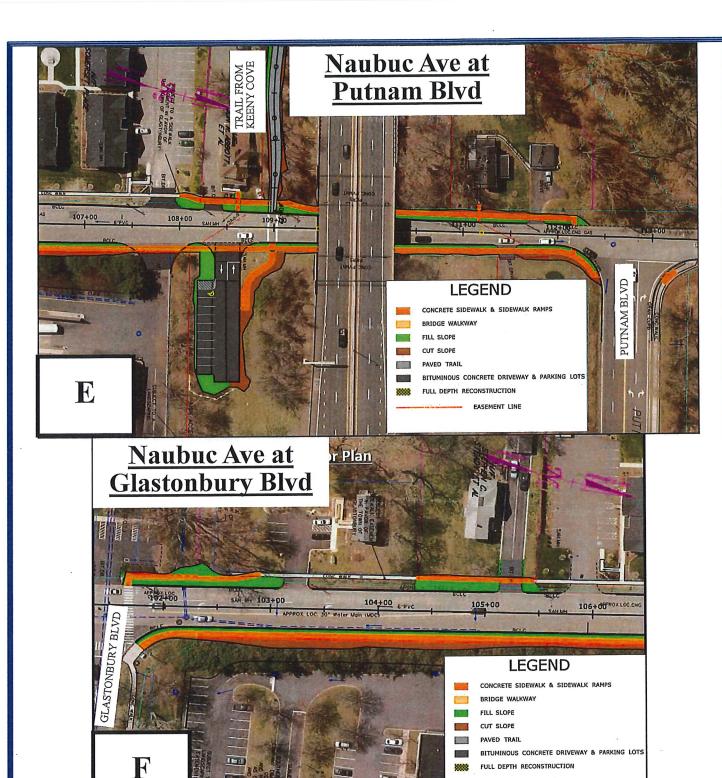
C: <u>Keeney Cove Crossing</u>: As the Glastonbury side of the trail continues from *Picture B* along Route 3, it eventually crosses over Keeney Cove. In this area, there is a retaining wall being proposed on the left side of the trail to keep the trail from impacting Route 3.





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D: Goodwin Trail Connection: The proposed Goodwin Trail Connection will extend from the main trail and wrap under Route 3 and eventually tie into the intersection of an existing farm road and the Goodwin Trail (shown with the yellow circle).



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EASEMENT LINE

E: Naubuc Avenue: On the top of the plan, the main trail connects to Naubuc Ave. Directly across the street will be another proposed parking lot. Also proposed is continuous sidewalk on either side of the roadway.

F: <u>Naubuc Avenue</u>: Sidewalk continues on both sides of the road with improvements stopping at the intersection of Naubuc Avenue and Glastonbury Boulevard.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<u>PERMITS:</u> There will be environmental permits due to state and federal wetland impacts as well as floodplain impacts throughout the project.

<u>UTILITY INVOLVEMENT:</u> It is expected to have minor utility conflicts because most of the trail is proposed on undeveloped land.

<u>RIGHTS OF WAY:</u> There will be sidewalk easements and possibly some small slope easements along Naubuc Avenue, but the entire trail is on State property.

<u>MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC:</u> The majority of the project will have no impact on traffic along Route 3. Coordination for site access will be done as design progresses.

CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE: Current construction cost is approximately \$9.5 million and will be all State money.

PROJECT SCHEDULE: Design is expected to be complete in October of 2020 and construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2021.

COMMENTS AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Documents and other information are available for public inspection or copying at the Connecticut Department of Transportation Engineering Office at 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, Monday- Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., holidays excluded.

All comments and recommendations made at this meeting will receive careful consideration by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. As a result of the information gained at this meeting, some of you may wish to make additional statements. Additional statements, made in writing, should be sent to:

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Comments must be received by May 22, 2019 Please reference—Subject: Project No. 53-190

Thank you for attending and we look forward to your feedback

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COMMENT FORM

For The Public Informational Meeting Held Wednesday, May 8, 2019

State Project No. 0053-0190 Putnam Bridge Trail Connections in the Towns of Wethersfield and Glastonbury

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