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November 16, 2023

The Honorable Jennifer Tooker
First Selectwoman
City of Westport
Town Hall
110 Myrtle Avenue, Room 310
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Dear First Selectwoman Tooker:

Subject: State Project No. 158-223
Westport Maintenance Facility

The Department of Transportation's (Department) Office of Engineering is developing plans for construction of a new maintenance facility on 900 Post Road East in Westport. The purpose of this project is to replace a functionally obsolete maintenance facility.

The project involves the construction of a general maintenance building. The 22,600 square foot general maintenance building consisting of approximately 17,000 square feet of bay area and a 5,600 square foot office area. The new building will include operational areas for maintenance operations, private office areas, and supporting office spaces. Corresponding site improvements which will include primary storm water treatment will be made and the existing facility will be converted to a storage facility. The Department is researching the possibility of adding a drive directly to the Sherwood Island Connector. No additional personnel or equipment are anticipated under the project. The present schedule indicates that the design development plans 60 percent (60%) will be available on January 2, 2024 and the final design plans will be available on September 24, 2023. The project will be state funded.

Provided via email for your information are web links to the preliminary site and floor plan for the referenced project. The link has been shared with selectwoman@westportct.gov and fpickering@westcog.org. To activate the link from another e-mail, please share the e-mail with the Department.

In order to maintain the aggressive project schedule, please forward any comments to my attention on or before Wednesday, December 13, 2023.

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It is the Department's policy to keep the public informed when such projects are undertaken. It is important that the community share their concerns with us to assist in the project's development. Accordingly, the enclosed news release describing the proposed project is scheduled to be released shortly. If there is adequate interest, an informational meeting will be conducted. At this time, it is not anticipated that a formal public hearing will be necessary.

Members of my staff will be contacting you shortly to discuss this project. Should you or any of your constituents have any questions, or wish to assist us in this project, please contact the Project Manager, Mr. Michael J. Strong at (860) 594-3306.

Very truly yours,

Adam G. Fox, P. E.
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Enclosure
News Release

cc: Francis Pickering, Executive Director, Western Connecticut Council of Governments

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The Honorable Dominique Johnson, State Representative, 143rd District

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's (Department) Office of Engineering is developing plans for improving the Department's maintenance and existing winter storm operations site on 900 Post Road East adjacent to the Sherwood Island Connector in Westport. The project involves the construction of a general maintenance building. The general maintenance building consisting of approximately 17,000 square feet of bay area and a 5,600 square foot office area. The new building will include areas for maintenance operations, private office areas, and supporting office spaces. A new 2,050 square foot truck wash facility will be added to the site. Corresponding site improvements which will include primary storm water treatment will be made and the existing 6,000 square foot facility will be converted to storage. No additional personnel or equipment are anticipated under the project. The present schedule indicates that final design plans will be available in September 2024. The project will be state funded.

This project is necessary because the current facilities are functionally obsolete and do not meet current Department standards and the site does not comply environmentally with the Department's standing agreement with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). The maintenance operations at the site will remain unchanged. The Department is looking to add a drive directly to the Sherwood Island Connector to help alleviate traffic on Post Road East (Rt. 1) and facilitate winter operations for the Department.

It is the Department's policy to keep the public informed and involved when such projects are undertaken. It is important that the community share its concerns with us to assist in the project's development. If there is adequate interest, an informational meeting will be conducted. At this time, it is not anticipated that a formal public hearing will be necessary.

Anyone interested in receiving information on this project may do so by contacting Mr. Matthew Easdon, Project Engineer, at (860) 594-3393 or by e-mail at matthew.easdon@ct.gov. Please refer to the Westport Maintenance Facility construction project, Project No. 158-223.

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