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CTDOT Initiates Danbury I-84 Project

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has initiated the planning process for the rebuilding of an eight-mile, heavily congested stretch of I-84 between Exits 3 and 8 in Danbury – a project that will improve safety, increase capacity, and improve operations and access to the highway.

The project is included in “Let’s Go CT” – Governor Dannel P. Malloy’s 30-year, \$100 billion transportation investment plan.

“Improving safety and access and reducing congestion on this section of I-84 in Danbury will have positive effects for commerce in the region and the state, said CTDOT Commissioner James P. Redeker. Our focus will be on public engagement and the development and preliminary assessment of alternatives. Future phases will include environmental documentation, identification of a preferred alternative and preliminary engineering.”

CTDOT and its team of consultants will work with the City of Danbury, local businesses, community groups, commuter and freight interests, environmental, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian advocates and organizations and residents during the project planning to ensure that project meets public expectations. CTDOT will coordinate with the Federal Highway Administration and other federal, state, regional and local agencies.

CTDOT has hired CDM Smith, a consulting firm with offices in East Hartford and New Haven, to lead the public involvement and preliminary engineering phases of the project. The firm of Milone and MacBroom of Cheshire, Connecticut will lead the environmental documentation phase.

The I-84 Danbury Project team will be launching a website and hosting a series of public meetings in the coming months. Other public outreach will include newsletters, stakeholder meetings, and social media updates.

Construction is expect to start by 2022 and continue for several years. The project is listed in Governor Malloy’s “Let’s Go CT” plan at \$640 million.

For more on the Governor’s plan, visit www.letsqoct.com.