

REPORT OF MEETING

Date and Time: Thursday, June 26, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Location: Western Connecticut State University Student Union, 181 White Street, Danbury

Subject: Public Information Meeting

1. Attendees

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2. Open House Boards

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) hosted an in-person Public Information Meeting to discuss the I-84 Danbury Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Western Connecticut State University Student Union, 181 White Street, Danbury from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

The meeting provided an opportunity for Danbury community residents, leaders, and business owners to learn about the I-84 Danbury PEL Study and share their feedback with the CTDOT study team. In addition to the general PEL process, the team shared information on the recommended range of alternatives and potential breakout projects.

The meeting was set up as an open house-style meeting with nineteen (19) information boards positioned around the room to provide details on the following topics:

- Welcome
- Study Background
- Needs & Deficiencies
- Screening Process
- Concept Segments
- Mainline Concept C1 – Lane Continuity
- Mainline Concept Renderings
- Center Concepts
 - Center Concept C3 – Hospital Access
 - Center Concept C13 – Great Plain Road
 - Center Concept C26 – North Street On-Ramp Interchange 6
 - Center Concept Renderings
- West Concept C6 – Interchanges 3 & 4 Segar Street Ramp Eastbound
- East Concept C15 – Collector Distributor (CD) Road
- Potential Breakout Projects
 - Bicycle Plan
 - Mill Plain Road Sidepath
 - Bus Transit Options
 - Interchange 8 Improvements
 - Dynamic Lane Use
 - Main Street, North Street, and Downs Street Intersection Improvements

There was also a presentation of four slides, of the two mainline and two center concept renderings, that were projected onto a screen at the front of the room.

3. Verbal Comments and Conversations

Members of the public were encouraged to browse the room, ask questions, and offer feedback to the study team during the open house. The following verbal comments were offered to members of the project team.

General / Corridor Wide

- The cause of congestion is population and employment growth. New York has more control over this than Connecticut does. The study Needs and Deficiencies should reflect this.
- Any improvements to I-84 need to extend across the New York state line.



- One attendee said he spends more than an hour commuting to New York City for work. He avoids I-84 because of congestion.
- There were questions about how long-term concepts / alternatives will affect travel patterns.
- An attendee questioned whether the team knew how many houses may be acquired.
- An attendee supported the recommendations and questioned when things will be constructed.
- An attendee stated support for the Flex Lane and requested that this improvement be initiated quickly.
- A few of the attendees were in support for Concept 3 for the center segment.

Mill Plain Road

- There were concerns expressed about roadway capacity needs on Mill Plain Road, which should be prioritized over a shared use sidepath.
- Another attendee voiced concerns about traffic and the speeds on Mill Plain Road. Mill Plain Road gets busy, and people divert off I-84.
- Pedestrians and bicyclists will not be safe on Mill Plain Road.

Exits 2 and 3

- An attendee stated concern about first responders' access to I-84 between Interchanges 2 and 3 and questioned whether it is possible to create gated access to the I-84 eastbound.

Main Street / North Street / Downs Street

- The team should consider school bus operations / stops in vicinity of Exit 6, particularly on North Street.
- An attendee questioned whether there will be property acquisitions at this intersection.
- This breakout project will drastically impact Golden Hill Road, Oak Street, and Main Street traffic north of I-84. It will cause more congestion.

Golden Hill Road

- There were concerns about cut-through traffic on Golden Hill Road entering and exiting I-84 at Interchange 5.

I-84 / Route 7

- There were concerns about highway signage on I-84 for Route 7 northbound (Interchange 7) and Route 7 southbound (Interchange 3).

Route 7

- There were concerns about vegetation blocking the view for merging traffic on Route 7 northbound before Interchange 11.

Interchange 8

- The lane drop at the top of the hill east of Interchange 8 is the cause of congestion into the Danbury area.
- The intersection of the I-84 westbound off-ramp and Route 6 is currently confusing. There was support for eliminating unnecessary movements at this interchange.
- There is a bottleneck issue westbound just after the on-ramp from Interchange 8 (Newtown Road).
- An attendee asked for the lane reduction to be eliminated on I-84 eastbound near Interchange 7. On I-84 eastbound, east of Interchange 7, the mainline goes from three lanes to two lanes. Further east, the highway goes back to three lanes. The two-lane stretch creates congestion.
- Another attendee voiced support for the proposed Interchange 8 improvements.

4. Written Comments

The following comments were placed into the comment box at the sign in table:

- Emergency access onto I-84 between Exits 1 – 3.
- Cars do not stop for school buses on North Street, creating safety issues.
- Stop the Margerie Trail.