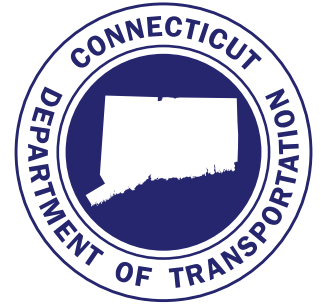


Public Information Meeting



CONNECTICUT STATEWIDE ROAD DIET FEASIBILITY STUDY STATE PROJECT #0170-3480 ROUTE 349 (EASTERN POINT ROAD) ROAD DIET IMPLEMENTATION GROTON, CT

Virtual Meeting (to be recorded)
6:00PM | October 5, 2020

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The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Road Diet Project (Roadway Reconfiguration) on Route 349 (Eastern Point Road) from Chester Street to Benham Road in Groton on Monday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage.

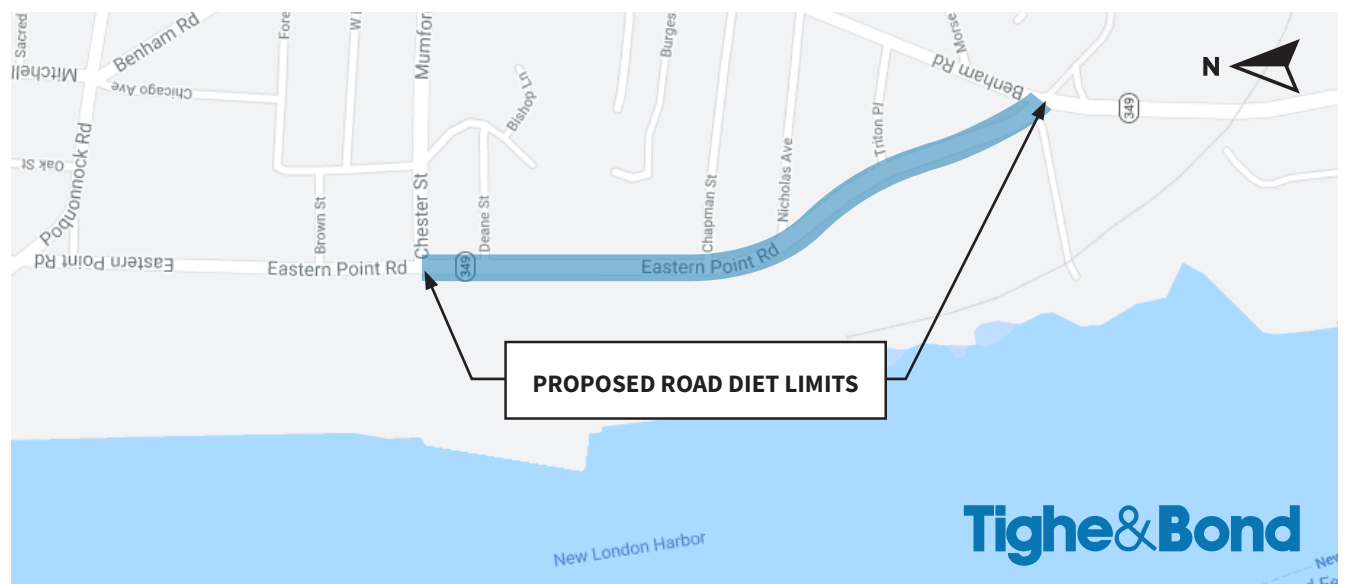
The purpose of this meeting is to provide the community an opportunity to learn about the proposed project and allow an open discussion of any views and comments concerning the proposed improvements. Public input is encouraged.

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Project Description

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is planning to resurface Route 349 in Groton to improve the roadway surface condition and pavement markings. Following the resurfacing, as part of the pavement marking installation work, the Department is proposing to implement a road diet cross section on a portion of Route 349. The proposed road diet is intended to improve safety and mobility for all travel modes along the segment of Route 349 (Eastern Point Road) between Chester Street and Benham Road (approximately 0.5 miles), as shown on the map. The proposed road diet cross section includes reducing Route 349 (Eastern Point Road) from three-lanes to two lanes to provide wider shoulders to improve mobility for bicycles and provide a buffer between the travel lanes and the sidewalk.

A road diet typically involves converting an existing four-lane undivided roadway segment to a three-lane segment consisting of two through lanes and a center left-turn lane. The reduction of lanes allows the roadway cross section to be reallocated for other uses such as bike travel in roadway shoulders, transit stops or parking. Studies show that road diet installations may reduce the overall collision rate by 19 - 47% and encourage a more community-focused Complete Street environment. A road diet can be a low-cost safety solution. Planned in conjunction with resurfacing projects, the change in cross section allocation can be incorporated at no additional cost by modifying the pavement marking design following the resurfacing. The proposed road diet along Route 349 will convert the existing three-lane undivided roadway to a two-lane roadway with one travel lane in each direction, and wider shoulders that can accommodate bicycle traffic. The proposed lane configuration at the two signalized intersections included in the road diet was determined based on the results of a traffic engineering study.

Rights of Way

None

Funding

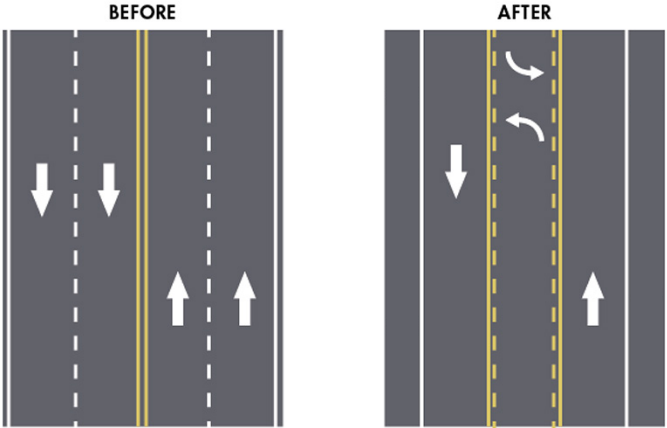
100% State Funds

Road Diet Information

Persons with limited internet access may request that project information is mailed to them by contacting Mr. Joseph Ouellette by email at TrafficSafety.DOT@CT.gov or by phone at (860) 594-2721. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

All comments and recommendations made at this meeting will receive careful consideration by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. During the Q&A session and the 14-day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at DOTProject0170-3480Groton@ct.gov. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Sample Road Diet Cross Section Details



Federal Highway Administration Safety Information
https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/road_diets/

https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/road_diets/resources/

https://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/road_diets/resources/pdf/fhwasa17021.pdf

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