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Subject: State Project No. 0301-0176
CTDEEP File # 201909990
Bridge No. 04288R (WALK Bridge) Replacement
Metro North Railroad New Haven Line
City of Norwalk

The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (the Department) is submitting an update to portions of the Structures, Dredging and Fill, and Tidal Wetlands Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification to your office, and is requesting that this submission replace the previous version of the application, which was transmitted to your office on March 5, 2021. The sections of the application that are being updated are Part III Questions 1, 2, and 5; Attachment A; Attachment AA; Attachment D; Attachment E; Attachment I (37 plates); and Appendix A.

The overall project has not changed. In Part III Question 1 and Question 2a, the update relates to the construction methodology for the existing swing span removal – Construction Activity 13 (CA13). Two schemes are presented (Scheme 1 and Scheme 2). The preferred method (Scheme 2) of Swing Span Removal, described in Section 2.3, has not changed; the application revision clarifies the two potential construction schemes for CA13. Based upon the preferred construction scheme, the Department anticipates that the duration of navigation channel impacts of CA13 will be up to approximately 180 days. The second update to Part III Question 2a relates to CA4, Marine Staging Yard Improvements. This update is in Section 5.1, and the revision clarifies the Department's intent regarding the proposed bulkhead. Similarly, Appendix A is updated to clarify the status of the bulkhead and associated dredging. The update to Part III Question 5, Section 5.2, clarifies the Department's land needs at 68 Water Street, Parcel 2/84/19. Attachments D and E are updated for recent coordination/correspondence with the Norwalk Shellfish Commission and the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission, respectively. Attachment E also is updated to include a chronology of meetings with marine use stakeholders and minutes of those meetings, including a recent meeting with these stakeholders held on April 22, 2021 at which the revised duration of navigation impacts was discussed. Attachment I contains the permit plates, portions of which are updated to incorporate minor design refinements affecting existing and proposed conditions, including several CAs. Attachment A is the Executive Summary which has been revised to reflect the above updates. Notification of these updates has been made by letters to the Mayor of the City of Norwalk, the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission, the Norwalk Shellfish Commission, and the Norwalk Conservation Commission; copies of these letters are included in Attachment AA.

The updated permit application for Flood Management Certification for this project to reflect minor design refinements is also being submitted to your office at this time.

This memorandum is to notify you that due to current COVID 19 concerns and telework arrangements in place for both agencies, the Department will transmit copies of the applications by electronic submission via our consultant's (HNTB) file transfer site. Additionally, the Department will provide the updated applications on a Project Wise folder which is available to your office.

Any questions regarding this matter may be directed to Mr. Andrew H. Davis, Transportation Supervising Planner, at Andrew.H.Davis@ct.gov.