



Report of Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, November 9th, 2023, 6 PM

Location: Chrysalis Center, 255 Homestead Avenue, Hartford, CT 06112

Subject: Public Information Meeting (PIM) on GHMS Final Recommendations

Attendance

Connecticut Department of Transportation

- Mike Calabrese
- Kevin Burnham
- Nileshe Patel
- Shannon Burnham
- Alicia Leite
- Ahmed Kadhim

Project Team

- Casey Hardin, AECOM
- Mayuresh Khare, AECOM
- Desirae Valentin, AECOM
- David Mellisy, Transystems Corporation
- Gina Trimarco, Transystems Corporation
- Martin Hull, Transystems Corporation
- Janice Flemming, Voices of Women of Color
- Bertha Flemming, Voices of Women of Color
- Michael Morehouse, FHI Studio
- Kevin Rivera, FHI Studio
- Katherine Montgomery, FHI Studio

Public

Sign-in sheet attached.

Summary

During the first half of the PIM the project team presented GHMS recommendations with a series of display boards highlighting early, mid-term and long-term elements of the proposed implementation plan. Members of the public were able to ask questions, provide comments/input using this one-on-one interaction opportunity with the project team.

The latter half of the PIM focused on a formal presentation to members of the public.



Kevin Burnham, of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) welcomed attendees to the public information meeting. K. Burnham introduced key members of the project team, provided an overview of how the study was created, introduced the study's goals and summarized the study's community engagement activities. K. Burnham then presented the study's universe of alternatives.

Casey Hardin, of AECOM, then talked about the universe of alternatives, introduced how alternatives were screened, and discussed the implementation program. C. Hardin then provided an overview of the study's long-term program, as well as the study's early actions.

K. Burnham then discussed the overall timeline for the recommended projects as well as ways members of the public can stay involved with the study.

Following the presentation, C. Hardin of AECOM, K. Burnham of CT DOT, and Nilesh Patel of CT DOT facilitated a discussion from the audience regarding the presentation.

Discussion

A summary of the questions and comments discussed during the public meeting is below.

- *One attendee inquired about direct public transportation to the Bradley Airport. The team explained that several transit alternatives, both bus and rail were included in the Universe of Alternatives. The implementation plan includes several bus recommendations, including improvements to the Bradley Flyer (Route 30) and implementation of high-capacity transit in a northern corridor terminating at Bradley. Rail alternatives are not recommended as part of the implementation plan.*
- *There was a question about the timeline for implementing the recommendations of the Study. The team explained that the long-term programs and recommendations can take several decades and is dependent on funding.*
- *One attendee inquired about continued maintenance with the capped highways compared to the existing elevated highways. The team explained that despite the recommended capping, lowering and reconstructing I-84 would result in a lower total bridge surface area in the corridor.*
- *Another question was related to the programs' funding and if federal funds are available. The team explained that the Department has already started applying for different grants for different components of the recommendations.*
- *There was a request about the possibility of getting more details about each recommended project. The team explained that each of the projects or recommendations will have its own public outreach plan later where more details will be provided as the environmental review and engineering progresses, and more feedback can be given.*
- *One attendee inquired about a southern tunnel as an alternative to the relocation of the I-84. The team explained that the study examined this alternative and concluded that the tunnel alternative alone does not satisfy mobility needs into or out of the*



project core and the addition of a supplementary tunnel presents many construction risks, does not add significant mobility improvement, detracts from desirable mode shift to transit, is estimated to be double the cost of the entire GHMS recommendations, and that the City of Hartford would have two major highways impacting it instead of one.

- *A question was asked about the potential impacts to the floodwall. The team explained that the highway design will consider the impacts to the floodwall and will include reconstruction or improvements as needed.*
- *One attendee inquired about where to see more information about the Study and if the highway viaduct must be maintained for the next 15 to 20 years. The team explained that the report for the study will be published in December 2023, and it will have more information about the study findings and recommendations. The team added that the highway viaduct will have to be inspected and maintained until construction begins.*

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