

PRESS RELEASE

NEWINGTON, CT – The Connecticut Department of Transportation's (Department) Office of Engineering is developing plans to install closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras and fiber optic cable on Route 9, from the I-84 interchange in Farmington to Exit 11 in Middletown, and on Route 72, from Exit 1 in Plainville to the Route 9 interchange in New Britain. This proposed installation includes work in the towns of Farmington, Newington, Plainville, Berlin and Cromwell and the cities of New Britain and Middletown.

The purpose of the projects is to expand the existing camera network to provide up-to-date traffic conditions and travel times to emergency responders, the media, and motorists by installing 29 Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV), approximately 22 miles of fiber optic cable (FOC) and Traffic Flow Monitors (TFM). These projects will also connect existing Variable Message Signs (VMS) within the project limits to the proposed CCTV Controller Cabinets. The new FOC will be connected to existing fiber cable that feeds into the Newington Operations Center and Hartford Main Fiber Hub location at the I-84/I-91 interchange.

The present schedule indicates that the design will be completed in March of 2021 with construction anticipated to start in the fall of 2021, assuming acceptance of the projects, availability of funding and receipt of any required right-of-way and environmental permits. These projects will be undertaken with 80% federal and 20% state funds.

It is the Department's policy to keep the public informed and involved when such projects are undertaken. It is important that the community share its concerns with the Department to assist in the projects' development. It is not anticipated that an informational meeting or a formal public hearing will be held for these projects due to the limited nature of the proposed work.

Anyone interested in receiving information on these projects may do so by contacting Anthony M. Colangelo at (860) 594-3450 or by e-mail at Anthony.Colangelo@ct.gov. Please make reference to State Project Nos. 0171-0415 and 0171-0416.