

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

– NOTICE OF HEARING – PLAISTOW-KINGSTON, PROJECT #10044E

**This meeting will be held electronically on
MAY 19, 2021 AT 7:00 PM**

Given the Governor's declaration via Executive Orders 2020-04 and 2021-05 of a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #88, the Chairperson of the Special Committee finds that an emergency exists due to the COVID-19 pandemic such that there is a risk of exposure to COVID-19 by physical attendance at the meeting. As such, the meeting will be held electronically.

Pursuant to NH RSA 230:45 and Public Law 100-17 (Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987), a public hearing has been set to discuss the proposed reconstruction and widening of US Route 125 to a three-lane section to improve safety and access control along the corridor. The proposed project starts about 400 feet north of the NH 125/Old County Road intersection in Plaistow, and proceeds north for 1.8 miles, to the signalized intersection of NH 125/Hunt Road/Newton Junction in Kingston. This project also entails realignment of Kingston Road, Happy Hollow Road and Colonial Road.

Please note that there will be no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting. The public may observe and listen to the proceedings contemporaneously at the following website address: <https://zoom.us/j/98065186122?pwd=RGE5TW9KSnRHeGs5VllWTUs0Znc5dz09>, or by calling 1-646-558-8656 and using the meeting ID# 980 6518 6122. If a member of the public is unable to access the website or phone number, please call 603-271-3223 to inform the Committee that there are problems with access. In the event the public is unable to access the meeting, the meeting will be adjourned and rescheduled after the Committee is notified.

On September 23, 2020, the Governor and Executive Council approved the petition of the NH Department of Transportation to convene a public hearing to determine whether there is the occasion for the laying out of this project and acquiring necessary rights-of-way. A Special Committee was appointed to conduct the hearing.

This Notice of Public Hearing is notification to the petitioners, the owners of land over which the road may pass, and all others interested, of how to access the hearing. No less than fourteen days prior to the hearing, this notice will be posted in a public place in the Towns of Plaistow and Kingston, and also on the Department of Transportation website. Interested landowners, local officials and highway users are invited to attend the hearing and will have the opportunity to express their comments relative to the project. The hearing will be recorded.

Relocation assistance will be furnished to each owner or tenant whose improvements or property will be acquired for this project, based on their eligibility.

This project will not impact historic properties. Maps, plans, the environmental studies and other pertinent information developed by the Department, along with written reports received as a result of the coordination with other agencies, are available at the Department of Transportation at the John O. Morton Building, 7 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire. Please call Matt Lampron, Project Manager, at (603) 271-2296 in advance for an appointment.

Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the Chairman of the Committee, c/o Peter E. Stamnas, Director of Project Development, NH Department of Transportation, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483, up to the date of the hearing for inclusion in the official record.

Any individuals needing assistance or auxiliary communication equipment due to sensory impairment or other disability, should contact Stephen G. LaBonte, Administrator of the Bureau of Right-of-Way, NHDOT, PO Box 483, Concord, NH 03302-0483 - TDD access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance must be made at the earliest convenience. This project will be administered according to the requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes to ensure nondiscrimination.

/s/ Stephen G. LaBonte
Stephen G. LaBonte, Administrator
Bureau of Right-of-Way
N.H. Department of Transportation

Dated at Concord, NH
April 16, 2021