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Connecticut Department of Transportation invites the public to its third Open Planning Studio for I-84 Hartford Project

NEWINGTON— The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) announced today that it will host its third Open Planning Studio for the I-84 Hartford Project. The Studio is one of several ways that CTDOT is providing opportunities for the public to learn about the project, participate in the planning process, and get regular updates on the alternatives and environmental analyses of the project. Plans, graphics, 3-D digital models, and project data will be available for viewing and discussion. The Studio will occur on:

 Wednesday, August 12, 2015 from 12 to 8 PM, Parkville Community & Senior Center, 11 New Park Avenue, Hartford.

Presentations are scheduled at 1, 3, and 6 PM, though members of the public are welcome to drop in at any time to interact with planners and engineers.

Additional Open Planning Studios are scheduled in various community locations in the study area. Information on all meetings, including those not listed above, can be viewed at <u>i84hartford.com</u>.

The purpose of the I-84 Hartford Project is to address the highway's structural deficiencies, traffic flow and safety problems, while maintaining access for the City of Hartford and adjacent communities. At the same time, the I-84 Hartford Project will strive to reduce the highway's adverse impact and footprint on the city, while integrating it more closely into the regional multimodal and interstate transportation system, both existing and planned.

CTDOT is evaluating the I-84 Hartford corridor in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, the Capitol Region Council of Governments, the City of Hartford, the Town of East Hartford, the Town of West Hartford, other local agencies, and stakeholder groups. A Public Advisory Committee, comprised of a wide range of stakeholders has been, and will continue to be, instrumental in guiding each of the alternatives.

The meeting facilities are ADA accessible. Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications (voice only) at (860) 594-3062 at least five working days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public, and efforts will be made to respond to requests for assistance.