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## Connecticut Department of Transportation invites the public to Open Planning Studios for Updates on I-84 Hartford Project

NEWINGTON— The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) announced today that it will host a series of Open Planning Studios for the I-84 Hartford Project. The Studios are one of several ways that CTDOT is providing opportunities for the public to learn about the project and participate in the planning process. The Studios will provide the public with an opportunity to meet with the project engineers and planners and get regular updates on the alternatives and environmental analyses of the project. Plans, graphics, including 3-D digital models, and project data will be available for viewing and discussion. The Studios are scheduled through the end of 2015 in various community locations in the study area. They will occur on:

- Wednesday, July 29, 2015 from 12:30 to 7 PM at the Hartford Public Library, SAND / Ropkins Branch, 1750 Main Street, Hartford
- Wednesday, August 12, 2015 from 12 to 8 PM Parkville Community & Senior Center, 11 New Park Avenue, Hartford.
- Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 12 to 8 PM at The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence Street, Hartford.

Members of the public can drop in at any time to interact with planners and engineers on the I-84 Hartford Project.

More details on the meetings dates and locations, including additional meetings 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.