

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

– NOTICE OF HEARING – STRATFORD, 42555

This meeting will be held electronically.

Given the Governor's declaration, via Executive Orders 2020-04 and 2020-10, of a state of emergency due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12, the Commission Chairman 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 of the meeting. As such, the meeting will be held electronically.

Pursuant to NH RSA 230:14 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 of a failed slope along Hog Back Road that has forced a closure of the road. The project is located 300 feet south of the north intersection with US Route 3 in Stratford, NH.

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/85313426246>, or by calling 929-205-6099, and using the meeting ID: 853 1342 6246. If a member of the public is unable to access the website or phone number, please call 271-3222, to inform the Commission 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 Commission is notified.

The hearing may be followed by a Finding of Necessity meeting. Please note that all votes taken during this meeting shall be by roll call vote.

On March 11, 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 Commission of Three Persons was appointed to conduct the hearing and its members are Timothy Donovan, Sr., Paul Ingersoll, and David Woodward.

This Notice of Public Hearing is notification of how to access the hearing to the petitioners, the owners of land over which the road may pass, and all others interested. No less than fourteen days prior to the hearing, this notice will be posted in a public place in the Town of Stratford and 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 Tobey Reynolds, Project Manager, at (603) 271-2171 in advance for an appointment.

Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the Chairman of the Commission, 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
May 28, 2020