

From: [Travers, James](#)
To: [Brossenon, Valerie](#)
Subject: FW: Stamford, South State Street Construction #1
Date: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 7:40:33 PM

Valerie,

Can you please disseminate this to the entire Board.

Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Representatives,

At the May 4th Board meeting Representative Sherwood stated that I had misrepresented the claim that South State Street was going to be closed for an extended period of time, and claimed that it would only be closed for two weekends in August. As the email below sent Monday, May 11, 2020, from the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation clearly states, the time period that I had presented to Board of the closure of South State Street was accurate. Additionally, the email further goes on to state that the City's Transportation Bureau concurs with their assessment that traffic will self-direct off the proposed detour route onto Pulaski Street. This was the traffic modeling that we had sent to the Board for your review.

I remain available to discuss the project with any member of Board. Please be assured that I have never misrepresented myself to the Board. I remain committed to addressing the traffic and congestion issues here, and throughout the city. It is troubling to me that my character would be brought into question when my only intent is to try to correct a long standing traffic issue.

Thank you.

Jim Travers

From: Leite, Alicia
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Rep. Michel, David <David.Michel@cga.ct.gov>
Cc: Sucato, Pamela P <Pamela.Sucato@ct.gov>; Stewart, Patricia <Patricia.Stewart@ct.gov>; Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: RE: Stamford, South State Street Construction #1

Hi David,

Please see below the most recent update from our design team as this is still in the design phase. My apologies for any confusion caused. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Alicia

Originally the full closure of South State Street (between Greenwich and Washington) was scheduled for April 2021.

The City's Transportation Bureau requested a delay in the start date due to proposed City projects in the area.

The Bridge Design unit agreed to a construction start date for May 2021. The Bridge rehabilitation would last approximately 4 months. Construction start date will remain in April 2021 for mobilization and some site work that will not require closure of the road. There may be some periods of single lane closures during that period. The detour, if approved by the City, will not start until May 2021.

Once completed, South State Street would remain closed and construction would begin of the State's Train Station Parking Garage. The detour would be approximately 4 months for the Bridge Rehabilitation (May-August). The total construction time for the bridge rehabilitation, including April where no detour will be implemented, is 5 months.

There currently an RFQ issued for Design/Build of the Parking Garage.

It is anticipated that the Garage Construction would last approximately 14 months. The overall Parking Garage project construction will be approximately 25 months; the duration of the required full closure of South State Street for the garage erection and related work (foundations, drainage, road reconstruction) is 14 months.

This begins the total duration of the closure of South State Street to 18 months for both projects combined.

Efforts are being made to try to align the detours for both projects so that there is no gap between required detours. However, there is a possibility that the 14-month garage detour will not be needed immediately upon completion of the bridge detour. Construction will still be occurring during this gap, but it is not construction that would require a detour. In order to not confuse the traveling public, we do not advise opening South State Street in between required detours. The bridge rehabilitation contract documents would specify that the detour is to be left in place and the garage project would remove it after its 14-month required detour. Therefore, the total length of detour could exceed 18 months, including non-required detour time that may occur between the required detours of each project.

The City's Transportation Bureau concurs with the assessment that traffic may self-direct off of the proposed detour route and utilize Pulaski Street. The City had an outside consultant who substantiated these findings and have provided a traffic simulation. CHA had expressed there may be some diversion from the I-95 Exit 7 northbound off ramp to southbound Greenwich Avenue to Pulaski Street; this was stated without knowledge of a specific MPT plan for the Pulaski Street roundabout project or of any potential delays or diversions at Pulaski Street due to that construction.

From: Leite, Alicia <Alicia.Leite@ct.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:04 PM
To: Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov>; Rep. Michel, David <David.Michel@cga.ct.gov>
Cc: Sucato, Pamela P <Pamela.Sucato@ct.gov>; Stewart, Patricia <Patricia.Stewart@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: Stamford, South State Street Construction #1

Good evening,

I was hoping to have an update for you before your 8pm meeting, my apologies. I am working on getting an update from our bridge designers on this project as there seems to have been some very recent developments. I hope to have that for you tomorrow morning. Talk to you soon. Thank you.

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From: Leite, Alicia
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Sherwood, Nina; Rep. Michel, David
Cc: Sucato, Pamela P; Stewart, Patricia
Subject: Re: Stamford, South State Street Construction #1

Hi Nina,

I sent the below on Friday. Does this help?

Good afternoon,

The projected start date is April 1, 2021 and the end date is October 1, 2021.

The current plan is for the detour to be utilized over two weekends while the bridge deck and joints are being repaired. The remainder of the work will be underneath the bridge or behind concrete barriers with one lane in each direction open. The current schedule is targeting August 2021 for the detours, though this is very much subject to change.

We have not heard anything that would suggest that this project will not be moving forward. Please let me know if you have any additional questions. Thank you!

Best,

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From: Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 9:09 PM
To: Rep. Michel, David
Cc: Leite, Alicia; Sucato, Pamela P; Stewart, Patricia
Subject: Re: Stamford, South State Street Construction #1

Thank you Alicia.

It would be very helpful to have more info on this matter before this Monday night May 4th at 8pm, as we have a meeting relating to this project at that time. Sorry for the late notice.

Thank you again,

Nina Sherwood

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2020, at 10:53 AM, Rep. Michel, David <David.Michel@cga.ct.gov> wrote:

Thank you so much Alicia.

I hope everyone is well.

Kind regards

Rep Michel

On May 1, 2020, at 9:43 AM, Leite, Alicia <Alicia.Leite@ct.gov> wrote:

Good morning,

I will look into and get back to you soon. Thank you!!

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From: Rep. Michel, David <David.Michel@cga.ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Leite, Alicia <Alicia.Leite@ct.gov>
Cc: Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: Re: Stamford, South State Street Construction #1

Hello Alicia,

I hope you are well.

I'll second the question. ;)

Best

David

On Apr 30, 2020, at 5:17 PM, Sherwood, Nina <NSherwood@StamfordCT.gov> wrote:

Dear Alicia,

Are the dates for this South State Street project in Stamford still April 1, 2021 through October 1, 2021?

Is South State Street going to be closed for the entirety of the project (6 months?) If not, for what length of time does the project require the closure of South State Street with the detour described below?

Finally, given the state's current financial crisis because of covid is the DOT still expecting to move forward with this project as planned?

Any and all additional information about the project is welcome.

Thank you for your time and I hope you and your family are well.

Sincerely,

Nina Sherwood
Stamford Board of Representatives
District 8
203-554-1485

From: Rep. Michel, David <David.Michel@cga.ct.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 7:29 PM
To: Sherwood, Nina
Subject: Fwd: Stamford, South State Street Construction #1

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Leite, Alicia" <Alicia.Leite@ct.gov>
Subject: Re: Stamford, South State Street Construction
Date: April 14, 2020 at 2:14:48 PM EDT
To: "Rep. Michel, David" <David.Michel@cga.ct.gov>
Cc: "davidmichel74@gmail.com" <davidmichel74@gmail.com>, "Sucato, Pamela P" <Pamela.Sucato@ct.gov>, "Stewart, Patricia" <Patricia.Stewart@ct.gov>

Hi David,

The projected start date is April 1, 2021 and the end date is October 1, 2021. Also the project engineers provided a map of the current detour plan (below & attached). Does this help?

Alicia

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From: Rep. Michel, David <David.Michel@cga.ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Leite, Alicia
Cc: davidmichel74@gmail.com; Sucato, Pamela P; Stewart, Patricia
Subject: Re: Stamford, South State Street Construction

Thank you so much for the prompt response Alicia!

Just a quick question, so people getting off the ramp have the choice of turning left or right on Greenwich Ave..and that piece of South State Street will be blocked between Greenwich Ave and Washington..and those going to Washington Blvd south are redirected by going north to Richmond Hill and then turn on Washington Blvd to go north or south if on that side of the highway and east of Rippowam river.

Also would mean that traffic getting off exit 7 95 South would still be able to use North State Street and turn left on Washington to go south.. I imagine..

I have taken 4 pics to sort of show if I understood correctly that the detour is using Richmond..not Pulaski..both ways..from east or west.. ?

Thank you all so much!
Rep Michel
1-914-843-7545
Stay safe, stay well, stay home!

On Apr 9, 2020 3:25 PM, "Leite, Alicia" <Alicia.Leite@ct.gov> wrote:

Hi David,

It was nice speaking with you today. Please see information regarding detours and the South State Street construction project. As discussed, this is what we currently have planned and will update if needed, as design progresses. Talk to you soon.

Project No. 0135-0336 - Rehabilitation of BR #03682 South State St (SR790) over the Rippowam River.

According to the 60% design plans, the detour route will be along Greenwich Ave., Richmond Hill Ave and Washington Blvd and will not be using Pulaski St. It is possible that traffic may increase on Pulaski St during the detour period if drivers choose that route on their own; however, all signs will be directing vehicles to use the route outlined above.

Best,

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