



Route 7/15 Norwalk Project

Fall 2016 Overview





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Agenda

- Introductions
- Project Background
- Project Purpose
- Project Tasks
- Project Schedule
- Public Outreach
- Next Steps



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Project Team

- CTDOT- Lead state agency
- Stantec- Lead consultant, engineering, traffic analysis and environmental documentation
- Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.- community engagement
- BL Companies- environmental resources, engineering
- AHS- cultural resources
- VN Engineers- data collection, traffic



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Project History

- Early 2000's- CTDOT conducted NEPA/CEPA process and developed preferred alternative
- 2005- Construction began- Limited construction
- 2006- Decision on lawsuit
 - Required re-evaluation of impact assessment
 - Governor Rell and CTDOT committed to full re-evaluation of alternatives
- 2008-09- CTDOT convened stakeholder group resulting in the development of 21c alternative
- 2009- Lack of funding cancelled project construction



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Project Purpose and Goals

- Complete connections between Route 7 and Merritt Parkway
- Reduce congestion on Main Avenue
- Improve safety



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Work Efforts

- Existing Conditions
- Environmental Documentation
- Development of Alternatives
- Identification of Preferred Alternative
- Public Outreach



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Existing Conditions

- Vehicular Movements- incomplete interchange/missing connections
- Safety/Crashes
- Historic Context
- Multimodal
 - Bicycle and pedestrian
 - Transit
- Natural resources
 - Norwalk River and wetlands
 - Critical habitats and threatened species



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Environmental Documentation

Intent to document potential impacts and guide alternative development process

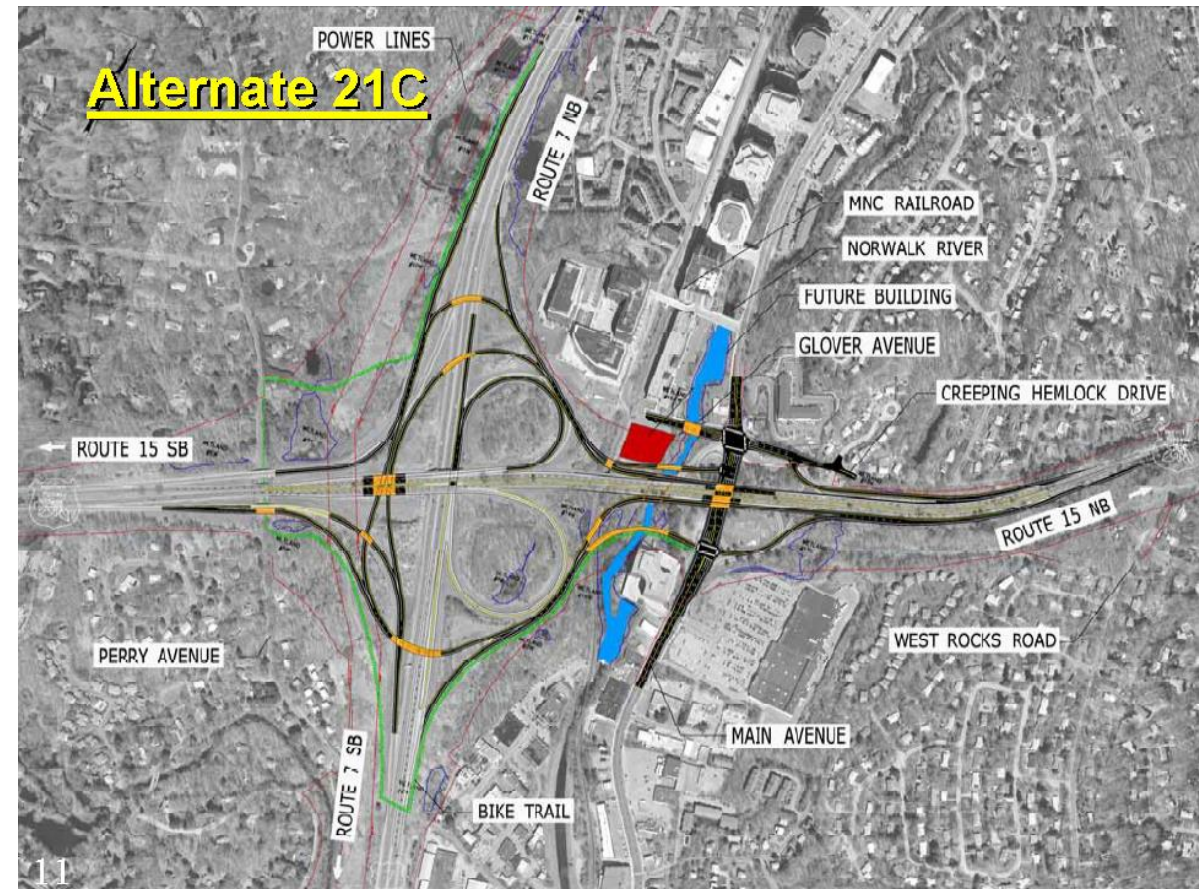
- Federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA)
- Section 106 Coordination- focus on historic resources



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Development of Alternatives

- Assess current conditions
- Prior work effort- “21c” alternative
- New ideas and options
- Do Nothing/No-Build





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Identification of Preferred Alternative

- Based on achieving purpose and need
- Evaluation screening matrix (for example):
 - Cost
 - Engineering feasibility
 - Traffic operations
 - Environmental impacts
 - Community input
 - Etc.....
- Recommendation for final design after approval in NEPA/CEPA process



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Preliminary Schedule

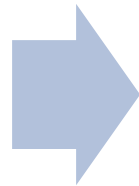
2016

Summer

- Outreach with key stakeholders

Fall

- Begin identification of design alternatives
- Data collection
- Begin Environmental studies



2017

- Public information meetings
- Develop preliminary alternatives
- Identify preferred alternative
- Preliminary design process



2018

- Conclude Environmental Documentation
- Initiate final design process



2021

- Start Construction



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Planned Outreach

- Advisory Committee
- Public Open Houses and Meetings
- Stakeholder Meetings
- Pop-up Events
- Website
- Newsletters
- Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
- News Articles

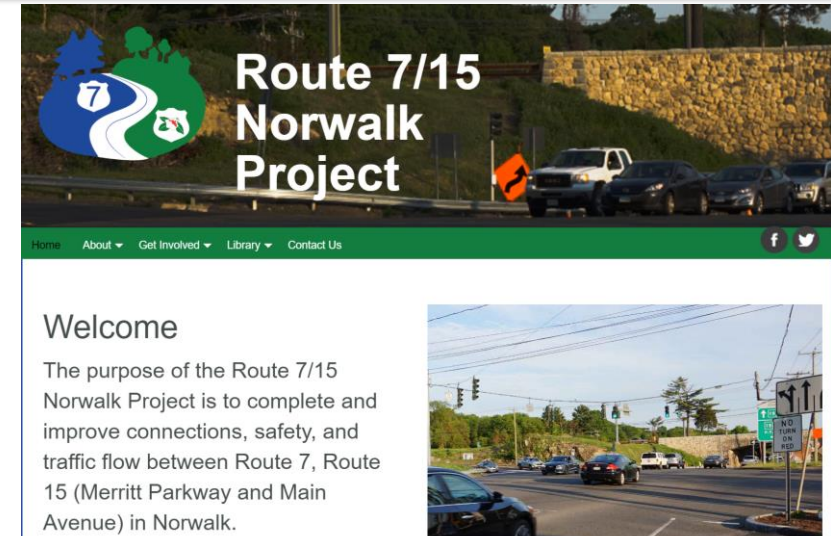




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Stay Connected

- Sign –up for contact list
- Visit website
- Connect with project on social media
- Attend meetings





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