

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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May 25, 2012

The Honorable Joseph Maturo, Jr. Mayor
Town of East Haven
Town Hall
250 Main Street
East Haven, Connecticut 06512

Dear Mayor Maturo:

Subject: State Project No. 043-0128

Replacement of Bridge No 01665 and Realignment of Route 100 (Main

Street) at U.S. Route 1 (Saltonstall Parkway)

Town of East Haven

This is in response to your letter dated April 25, 2012 addressing your opposition to the proposed replacement of Bridge No. 01665.

Bridge No. 01665 is currently proposed to be replaced with a new bridge as recommended in the bridge study report prepared by an independent engineering firm hired by the Department of Transportation (Department). This report identified this bridge to be structurally deficient and hydraulically inadequate.

The Department acknowledges the concerns raised by the Town, the Town's Historical Society, and Town residents, regarding the historical significance of Bridge No. 01665. As a result, the Department stated at the beginning of the formal public informational meeting presentation that the Department would explore the feasibility of bridge rehabilitation in lieu of replacement with a new structure. The Department will coordinate its findings with the Town upon completion of the feasibility study.

The Department appreciates your interest in this project. Should you have any questions regarding this project, please contact Ms. Susan M. Libatique, Project Manager, at (860) 594-3179.

Very truly yours

Timothy M. Wilson

Manager of Highway Design

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