



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

Project Description:

Project Nos. 50-204, 50-206, 144-178, and 144-180

Merritt Parkway (Route 15) Safety Improvements, Resurfacing, Enhancements, and Bridge Improvements in the Towns of Fairfield and Trumbull.

The total Project begins at Congress Street in Fairfield and extends 9 miles north to the Route 8 Interchange in Trumbull.



Why it matters

- The Project will reduce the frequency and severity of accidents.
- The Merritt Parkway is a major commuter route through southwestern Connecticut.
- The Project preserves and enhances a portion of the Merritt Parkway, which is on the National Register of Historic Places.
- The Project restores architecturally distinctive bridges.

Solid Investment

- It provides much needed safety improvements.
- It revitalizes an aging transportation route.
- The Project will create construction jobs and stimulate ancillary spending in the region.
- Jobs for subcontractors that deal in landscaping, historic bridge rehabilitation and specialized concrete will also be created.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds allow the Project to proceed, thus improving a major Connecticut-New York corridor.



Notable Project Facts

- The Project was put out to bid on February 25, 2009
- These improvements are recommended in the Department's Strategic Plan for Reducing Roadway Departure Fatalities and Severe Injuries in Connecticut
- The Project evolved from a two year effort of public/private participation.
- Previous sections of the Merritt Parkway that have been improved are safer.
- The Merritt Parkway is among Connecticut's most distinctive roadways and the Project improves almost a quarter of its length.