

# INTERCHANGE 59

# Route 15 Interchange 59

## Transportation Needs and Deficiencies Study

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## CT Department of Transportation to meet on local study

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) will hold a public information meeting on the transportation study it is conducting of the area around Route 15/Wilbur Cross Parkway at Interchange 59, Route 63, and Route 69 in the City of New Haven and the Town of Woodbridge.

The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 6, 2010**, from **6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the **Mitchell Library, 37 Harrison Street in the Westville area of New Haven**. A short presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. The public will be able to talk with the study team before and after the presentation.

This public meeting will offer the public a chance to learn about the study and hear the study team's perspective about traffic problems. The study team will ask the public to share their thoughts on the area's problems and possible solutions.

The *Interchange 59 Transportation Needs and Deficiencies Study* was initiated due to traffic congestion and high crash rates in the vicinity of Interchange 59.

CTDOT will examine the geometry – how Interchange 59 is designed – with an aim towards improving it. The study will look at how well the ramps operate and their effect on the parkway itself and nearby roads. Key locations included in the study are:

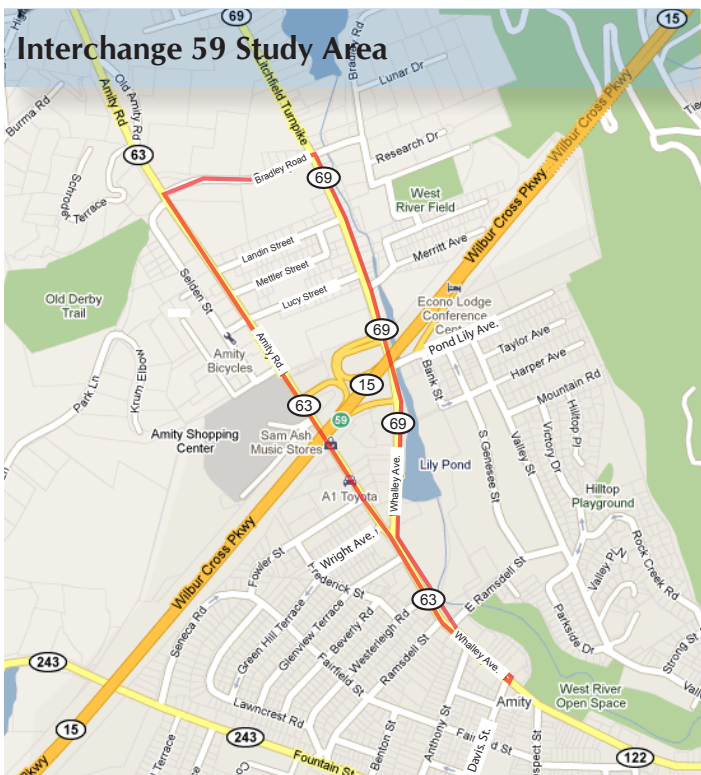
- ▶ Route 69 at Pond Lily Avenue and the Route 15 Southbound Ramps
- ▶ Route 69 between Route 15 Southbound Ramps and Merritt Avenue
- ▶ Route 69 between Route 63 and the Route 15 Northbound Off-Ramp
- ▶ Route 63 between Fowler Street and the Drive to Amity Shopping Center
- ▶ Route 63 at Route 69 and Wright Street

A checklist of items to be studied includes:

- Traffic congestion
- Accidents
- Frequency of driveways & traffic signals
- Access to the Route 15/Parkway ramps
- Pedestrian needs
- Layout of roadway lanes

The study will result in a plan of recommendations for the interchange and surrounding roadways that could lead to short and long term improvement projects in the future. Draft recommendations are expected in mid 2011.

CTDOT is utilizing a consultant team led by AECOM and assisted by Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin for the study. Public inquiries may be directed to CTDOT Project Manager, Melanie Zimyeski, [melanie.zimyeski@ct.gov](mailto:melanie.zimyeski@ct.gov).





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## Inside the study...

How can the Interchange 59 area be improved? To understand how the road network works and how it can be made safer and less congested, the study team will examine:

### Existing transportation conditions:

How long does it take to drive through the area? Where are the accidents and are there any patterns to how they occur? How well do area roadways handle traffic volumes now and what conditions are projected in the year 2030? Are there sidewalks for pedestrians? What is the environment for bicyclists?

### Social and environmental constraints:

When evaluating potential improvements, what do we need to pay attention to – steep slopes, streams and ponds, access to businesses and jobs, other community assets?

### Practical recommendations:

What can be done short-term (e.g. roadway re-striping, signal timing, signage)? Is a re-design of the interchange ramps possible in the long term? If yes, how should it be done to minimize community impacts and maximize benefits?

The study team expects to have draft recommendations ready for public review and comment in mid-2011.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

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