

TOWN OF AVON

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022

7:00 P.M.

AVON HIGH SCHOOL

510 WEST AVON ROAD

AVON, CONNECTICUT

Livestream available via web at:

<https://meet.goto.com/739714565>

Or by phone at: 1-877-309-2073; Access Code 739-714-565

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING - NOVEMBER 7, 2022 NOTICE OF REFERENDUM – DECEMBER 14, 2022

Pursuant to Chapter 90 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended (the “General Statutes”), and Section 10.3.3 of the Charter of the Town of Avon (the “Town”), notice is hereby given to the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the Town that a Special Town Meeting will be on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. (E.T.) at the Avon High School located at 510 West Avon Road for the following purposes:

1. To consider and act upon a resolution appropriating \$5,459,458 of grant funding for costs related to the relocation and reconstruction of a section of Old Farms Road in the Town of Avon.
2. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

A copy of the proposed resolution is on file and open to public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk.

Electors of the Town and qualified voters are invited to attend the Special Town Meeting in-person at the Avon High School. The meeting will also be livestreamed via the internet. The livestream may be accessed by web at the following link: <https://meet.goto.com/739714565> or by phone by dialing 1-877-309-2073 and entering access code 739-714-565. The livestream access instructions will be made available on the Town’s website www.avonct.gov. Electors of the Town and qualified voters wishing to provide public comment must attend the meeting in-person at the High School. There will be no opportunity for the virtual audience to provide public comment during the meeting.

A referendum vote by voting machine will take place following the Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at the Avon Senior Center located at 635 West Avon Road beginning at 6:00 A.M. through 8:00 P.M. (E.T.)

The question to be voted upon, and the ballot label, shall read as follows:

1. Shall the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$5,459,458 Of Grant Funding For Costs Related To The Relocation And Reconstruction Of A Section Of Old Farms Road In The Town Of Avon” be approved?

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

“Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$5,459,458 Of Grant Funding For Costs Related To The Relocation And Reconstruction Of A Section Of Old Farms Road In The Town Of Avon be approved?
[YES/NO]”

The vote will be by voting machine. Those in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word "YES" under such question. Those not in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word "NO" under such question. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

Applications for absentee ballots will be available beginning Wednesday, November 9, 2022 until Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in the office of the Town Clerk, 60 West Main Street in Avon, Connecticut between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. E.T or on the Town’s website at www.avonct.gov/town-clerk. Absentee ballots will be distributed by the Town Clerk’s Office beginning Wednesday, November 23, 2022 through December 13, 2022

at 4:30 P.M. Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office no later than 4:30 P.M. on December 13, 2022.

Electors of the Town and qualified voters are entitled to vote. A qualified voter is citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town or who would be so liable if not entitled to an exemption under subdivision (17), (19), (22), (25) or (26) of Section 12-81 of the General Statutes.

The polls will be open during the hours between 6:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. (E.T.). Electors and qualified voters entitled to vote as aforesaid will cast their votes at the Avon Senior Center, 635 West Avon Road.

Said vote is being held pursuant to Section 10.3.3 of the Town Charter and Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

The full text of the proposed resolution is on file open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Avon, Connecticut, this 14th day of October, 2022.

/s/ Dan Polhamus, Chairman
Avon Town Council

Special Town Meeting

*Old Farms Road Phase I
(North/South Section) Project
(State Project No. L004-0001)*

Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Avon High School
510 West Avon Road

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Referendum Question

*"Shall the Resolution Appropriating
\$5,459,458 of Grant Funding for Costs
Related to the Relocation and
Reconstruction of a Section of Old Farms
Road in the Town of Avon be Approved?"*

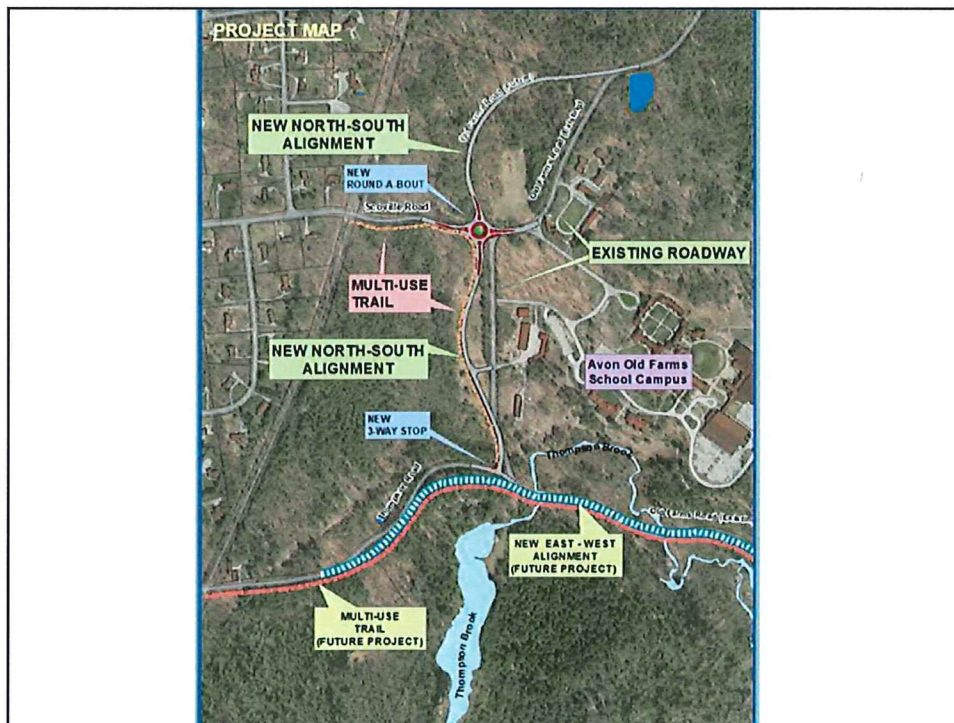
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Proposed Project Scope

- Old Farms Road from Thompson Road intersection north to a point ~1,700 feet north of the Scoville Road intersection.
- Relocation of roadway ~180 feet west onto Avon Old Farms School property.
- Installation of roundabout (Scoville) and crosswalk treatments (Thompson) at intersections.
- Installation of multi-use trail.
- Land swap between Town and School.

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Project Need

- Area experiences large number of accidents compared to similar corridors in the state.
- Roadway geometry, narrow lanes and other roadway conditions contribute to majority of accidents (91%).
- Narrow roadway plus roadside features confine motorists in travel lane, eliminating opportunities for accident avoidance.
- Larger vehicles, like school buses and fire apparatus, have difficulty navigating roadway due to sharp curvature and narrow lanes.

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Maintaining the Rural Feel

- Some of the design details that have been incorporated to maintain the rural feel of the road are as follows:
 - No change in the current speed limit (25 mph)
 - Widening of road kept to a minimum
 - Tree removal kept to a minimum
 - Use of steel-backed wooden guard rails installed with the face of the wood beams set flush with road edge/curb
 - Use of roadside swales to control drainage where possible rather than catch basins
 - Street lighting kept to minimum
 - Grass or landscaped feature installed in center of roundabout

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Impact on Pedestrians & Bicyclists

- Construction of bituminous multi-use trail on Scoville (beginning at Rail/Trail) and Old Farms Road.
- Supplemented by future proposed segment as part of future Old Farms Road Phase II (East/West) project on Thompson and Old Farms.
- Both phases combined would create a loop trail 1.25 miles in length that includes the Rail/Trail, as well as a connection to Fisher Meadows.

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Proposed Project Funding

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS:

DESCRIPTION:

<i>Construction Cost (not to exceed)</i>	\$ 5,459,458
<i>Add: Soft Costs</i> (i.e. Design cost to date; attorney's fees, referendum costs, etc.)	\$ 360,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	\$ 5,819,458
<i>Less: Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program Grant Funding (construction cost)</i>	(\$ 5,110,076)
<i>Less: Community Connectivity Grant Funding (construction cost)</i>	(\$ 349,382)
<i>Less: Use of Existing Capital Budget Appropriation (soft costs)</i>	(\$ 360,000)
ADDITIONAL LOCAL TAXPAYER FUNDING REQUIRED	\$0.00

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Next Steps

Referendum Vote	December 14, 2022 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Avon Senior Center 635 West Avon Road
<i>If Approved...</i>	
Public Bidding	December 2022/ January 2023
Contract Award	February/March 2023
Construction Mobilization	April/May 2023
Anticipated Project Duration	18 months (October/November 2024)

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QUESTIONS?

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**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$5,459,458 OF GRANT
FUNDING FOR COSTS RELATED TO THE RELOCATION AND
RECONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF OLD FARMS ROAD IN
THE TOWN OF AVON**

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of \$5,459,458 is appropriated for the relocation, construction, reconstruction of, and improvement to, Old Farms Road, located in the Town of Avon, Connecticut (the "Town"), by relocating the section of Old Farms Road from the intersection with Thompson Road, through the intersection of Old Farms and Scoville Roads, to a point on the existing Old Farms Road approximately (+/-) 1,700 feet north of the intersection of Old Farms and Scoville Roads, for the purpose of improving safety for vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian traffic; improving through traffic operations; providing a safe alternative to Routes 4 and 44 to reduce congestion and improve cross-town mobility; and providing other incidental environmental and safety improvements and enhancements, by undertaking certain improvements, including but not limited to: (i) entering into any agreements or covenants with Avon Old Farms School for the acquisition, or temporary use, of all or portions of parcels, located at 355 Old Farms Road, 500 Old Farms Road, 575 Old Farms Road, 625 Old Farms Road and 28 Scoville Road, with the specifics of the acquisitions and temporary uses to be determined by mutual agreement of the Town and the Avon Old Farms School; (ii) the installation of intersection improvements at the intersection of Old Farms and Scoville Roads; (iii) the installation of intersection improvements at the intersection of Old Farms and Thompson Roads; (iv) the installation of a bikeway along Scoville and Old Farms Roads; (v) related remediation, pavement, curbs, drainage and catch basin or culvert replacements, milling and overlay, micropaving, chipsealing and cracksealing, and other improvements; and for (vi) construction related costs, which are inclusive of, but not limited to, inspection (collectively, the "Project"), said appropriation to be inclusive of any and all State, Federal and other grants-in-aid thereof.

Section 2. The Town Manager or his designee is hereby authorized, in the name and on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State loans and/or other grants-in-aid of the Project and is further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof and in connection therewith, to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors and others.

Section 3. The Town Manager is hereby authorized, in the name and on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

Section 4. The Town hereby authorizes the preparation, printing and dissemination of concise explanatory texts or other printed material with respect to the appropriation for the Project in accordance with Section 9-369b of the Connecticut General Statutes.