

NOTICE¹ OF
PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OF DESIGN APPROVAL DOCUMENT
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
P.I.N. 2236.28
BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT
NYS ROUTE 29 OVER CAROGA CREEK
BIN 1020590
TOWN OF EPHRATAH, FULTON COUNTY

In accordance with the provisions of Title 23, U.S. Code, Section 128 and Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 1500 to 1508; a Public Hearing will be held as follows:

Date: June 26, 2023
Location: Ephratah Town Hall
3782 NY-10
St. Johnsville, NY 13452
Schedule: 7:00-8:00 p.m. presentation on the proposed bridge replacement of State Route 29 over Caroga Creek.

Design plans for the project have been developed by the Department after coordination with Federal, State, and local agencies.

Department Engineers will be on hand one hour prior to the start of the hearing to discuss the project and answer any questions.

Tentative schedules for right-of-way acquisition and construction will be discussed. Information will also be available regarding the Department Relocation Assistance Program which provides assistance and advice to those who must relocate if the property they occupy is acquired for this project. Procedures will be described wherein occupants of such acquired properties may qualify for moving expenses.

A Draft Design Report and Section 4(f) Evaluation have been prepared which assesses the project's effect on the quality of the human environment. Copies are available for review and copying during business hours at the offices listed below and will be available for review on the project's website at <https://nysdotregion2projects.com/>.

Regional Design Engineer's Office
New York State Department of Transportation, Region 2
207 Genesee Street
Utica, NY 13501
Tel. 315-793-2429

¹ NOTE: The project under consideration may include construction which affects wetlands covered by Executive Order 11990 of the President of the United States dated May 24, 1977, "Protection of Wetlands."

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Leo O'Brien Federal Building
Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12207
Tel. 518-431-4127

Ephratah Town Hall
3782 NY-10
Saint Johnsville, NY 13452
Tel. 518-762-5688
<http://www.ephratah-town.org/index.htm>

Maps, drawings, and other pertinent information developed by the State and written views received because of the coordination with Federal, State and local agencies will be available for public inspection and copying at the Regional Design Engineer's Office, New York State Department of Transportation, Region 2, 207 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13501, Tel. 315-793-2429.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to express their views concerning the economic and social effects of the design plans, their impact on the environment and their consistency with the goals and objectives of such planning as has been promulgated by the community. The proceedings will be recorded. Persons may file written statements and other exhibits in place of or in addition to oral statements made at the public hearing. Written statements submitted at the hearing, submitted on the project's website, or mailed and received before July 6, 2023 at the Regional Design Engineer's Office, will be made part of the record.

Those property owners who may subsequently wish to challenge condemnation of their property via judicial review under the Eminent Domain Procedure Law (EDPL) may do so only based on issues, facts, and objections raised at the hearing.

Please advise this office if a sign language interpreter, assistive listening system, or any other accommodation will be required to facilitate your participation in this public hearing. Our contact person is Joel Bailey, whose phone number is 315-793-2449.²

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