



State Project No. 167-108

# Heroes Tunnel Project Geotechnical Investigation Program

Route 15 Wilbur Cross Parkway Through West Rock Ridge

Town of Woodbridge, Town of Hamden & City of New Haven

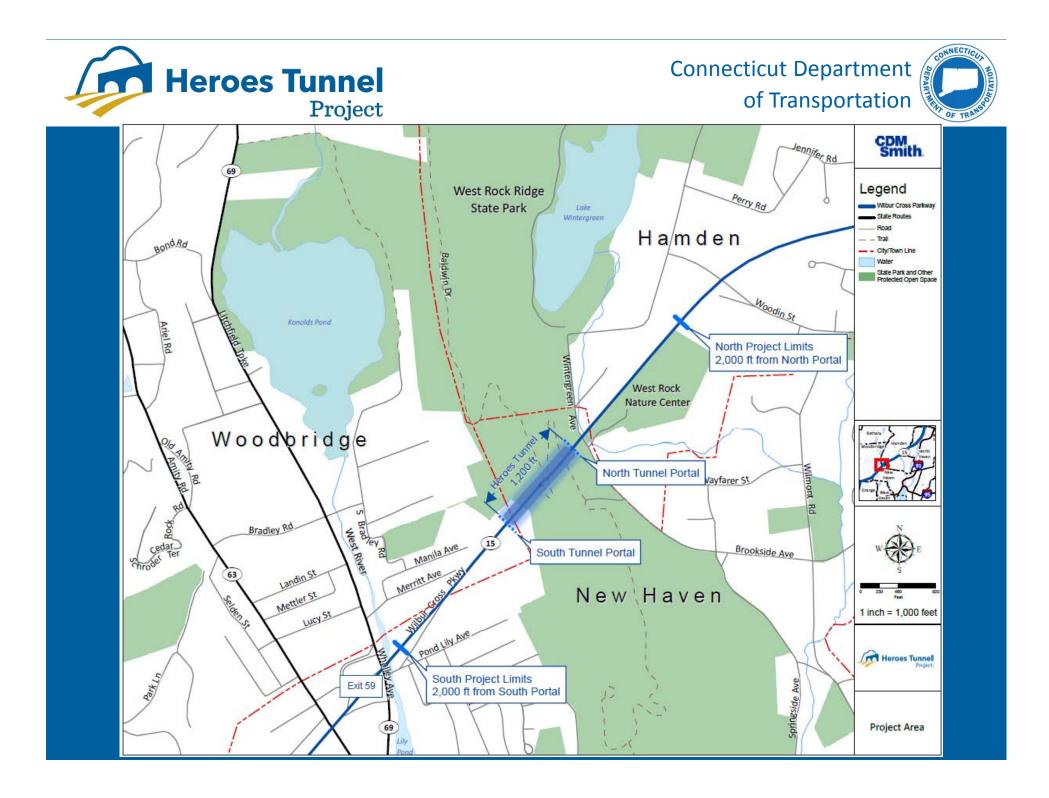
October 15, 2018





#### <u>Agenda</u>

- Project Overview
- Geotechnical Investigation Program
  - Need
  - Process
  - Schedule
  - Outreach
  - Contact Information

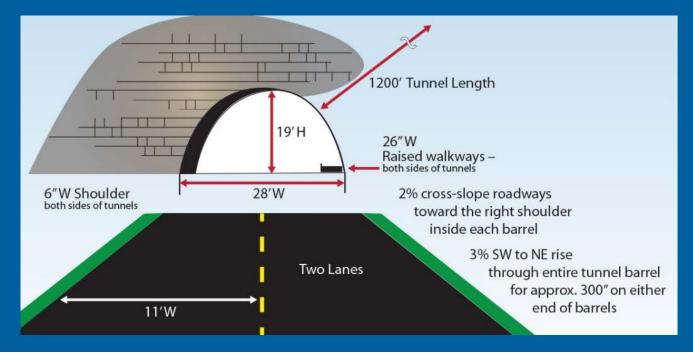






## **Existing Conditions**

- Non-Compliant with Tunnel Standards/Requirements
  - Geometrics, Ventilation & Emergency Systems
  - Each Barrel: 11' Lanes, 6" Shoulders, 26" Walkways
- Emergency Response Constraint
- Peak Hour Congestion







#### **Existing Conditions**









#### <u>Geotechnical</u> Investigation Program

- Borings
- Field Tests
- Laboratory Tests
- Documentation
  - Geotechnical Data Report (GDR)
  - Geotechnical Interpretive Report (GIR)

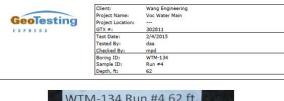






## <u>Geotechnical</u> Investigation Program

- Provide
  - Ground Conditions and Rock Quality
    - Strength and Deformability
    - Drillability
    - Hydraulic Parameters in Evaluating Groundwater
- Determine
  - Construction/Excavation Methods
  - Support Mechanisms
  - Requirements of the Structural Systems

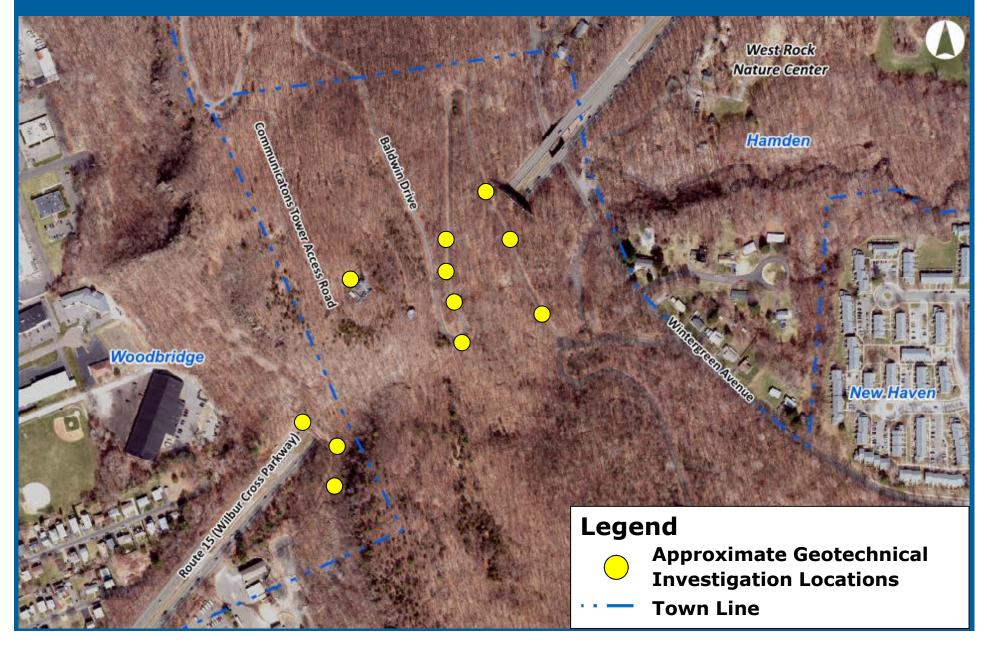
















## **Proposed Vertical Borings**

- 11 Vertical Borings
  - Baldwin Drive and Access Road to Communication Tower
  - Depths 60 feet to 300 feet
  - Collecting Rock Core and Soil Samples
- Limit Disturbance to Cut & Cover Areas





## **Proposed Vertical Borings**

- All drilling fluid captured and disposed of off-site
- Drill holes backfilled with soil, bentonite grout mix, and bentonite clay mix
- Increased noise and minor vibration
- Maintain pedestrian and bicycle access
  - Safety Measures (Cones and Signage)
- Provide Access for Emergency Vehicles and Other Park Equipment/Vehicles to Pass























### Geotechnical Investigation Program Schedule

- Contractor Selected
- October 29, 2018 Contractor Notice to Proceed
- October 31, 2018 Contractor Anticipated Start of Drilling Operation
- 6 to 8 weeks Anticipated Drilling Duration





## <u>Geotechnical Investigation Program</u> <u>Public Outreach</u>

- Letters to CTDEEP & City of New Haven
- Meeting with Stakeholders/Owners
- Emails to Stakeholders/Owners 48-hours prior to start of drilling
- Heroes Tunnel Project Stakeholder Email Blast
- Social Media Updates (Facebook & Twitter)
- Flyers at Park Entrances & Parking Areas









#### ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION WEST ROCK RIDGE STATE PARK

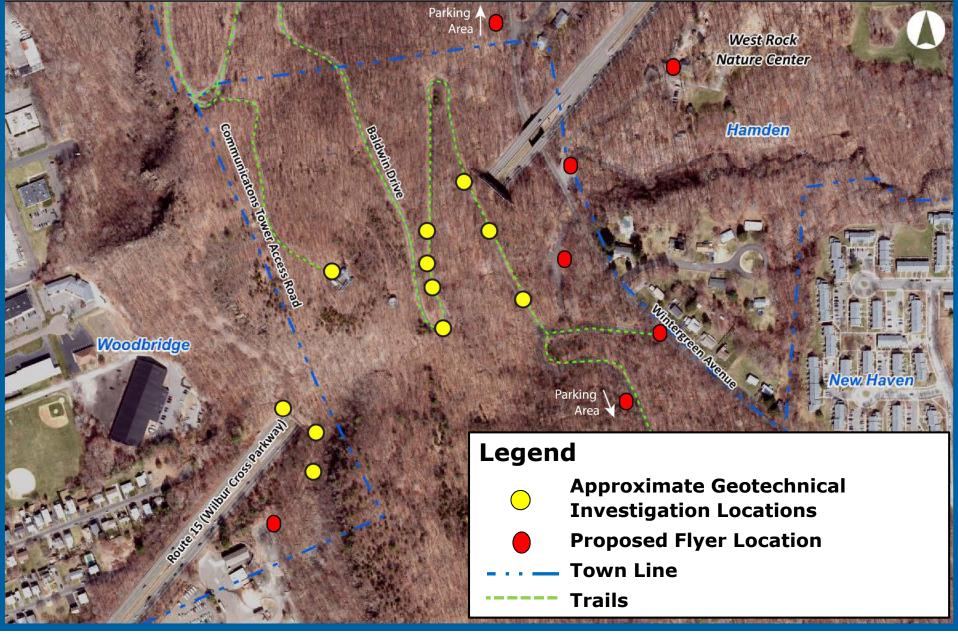
Exploratory drilling is being conducted within West Rock Ridge State Park beginning in late October 2018 for up to 8 weeks. The park remains open to all users, however users should use caution when approaching work zones.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: <u>www.HeroesTunnelProject.com</u>













#### <u>Heroes Tunnel Project</u> <u>Public Involvement</u>

- Identification and Engagement of Stakeholders
- Meetings
  - Outreach Events (Pop-Ups), Informational Meetings, Open Houses, Formal Public Meetings, Focus Groups
- Email Bulletins
- Project Website and Social Media
  - www.heroestunnelproject.com

Welcome to the Heroes Tunnel Project

Heroes Tunnel

Your information center for the Connecticut Department of Transportation's project to improve the tunnel, making travel on the Wilbur Cross Parkway safer and more reliable.







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## **Questions & Answers**

