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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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*Voluntown, Conn.* - First Selectman Tracey Hanson announced that the Town of Voluntown is pursuing a project to replace the Forge Hill Road Bridge over the Pachaug River. The bridge replacement project would receive federal funds under the Federal Local Bridge Program administered by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

If undertaken, the project design would be expected to begin in September 2022, with construction likely in 2024-2025.

First Selectman Hanson points out that local and state policy encourages early information to citizens on such projects and encourages people to raise any concerns with municipal officials early in the planning process. Persons wanting additional information should contact the First Selectman's Office at 860-376-5880.

The Town would receive at least 80% reimbursement from federal aid for all three phases of the project (Design, Rights-of-Way, and Construction) with the remaining funds from the State to cover 100% of the costs associated with the bridge replacement.

The federal aid for the project was authorized under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) administered by the Federal Highway Administration and the Connecticut Department of Transportation.