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- YES - CONGESTION IS A PROBLEM FOR ALL TOURISM BUSINESSES IN SE CT.
- 3RD LANE MUST BE ADDED
 - IMPROVED ON/OFF RAMPS
 - SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS ARE A GREAT START
 - MANAGED LANE USE COULD BE A PROBLEM
 - MAY DEER VISITATION
 - OTHER NON-RESIDENTS OPPORTUNITY TO GET HERE FAST
 - START EARLIER THAN 2008

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- Newspaper (which one) _____
- Public Access Television _____
- Other CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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CHRIS [REDACTED]

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I include a copy of the comments that had hoped to make at the Sept 22 presentation in Waterford.

I don't consider the mass transportation portion of your report to be at all visionary!

I want to see your lips move!

SEAMLESS BAIL TRANSPORTATION FOR COASTAL CT
AND

THE MASS OF GAMBLERS FOR MASS TRANSPORTATION

You should add advocacy for affordable housing within walking and biking distance of the casinos for modest waged employees!

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Old Lyme, CT 06371-1350

UNACCEPTABLE!

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My comments regarding this study can be summarized by that one word used in a multiplicity of ways.

I believe that we all can agree that the current state of traffic on I-95 is UNACCEPTABLE!

But it is UNACCEPTABLE that we will wait until 2012 to begin mainline improvement expenditures.

It is UNACCEPTABLE that the last mainline improvements will still be under construction in 2022.

It is UNACCEPTABLE that the traffic congestion of the proposed six lane highway will be as bad or worse in 2025 as our four lane highway is today.

The basic premise of this \$2 million 2 year study is UNACCEPTABLE!

The authors of this study say, and I quote, "For the purposes of this study LOS D and better are considered acceptable conditions."

The authors are telling us that, and I quote, "As conditions deteriorate to LOS D, the HCM (2000 Highway Capacity Manual) describes conditions with words such as 'unstable flow', 'average travel speeds are noticeably reduced,' 'freedom to maneuver is severely limited,' and 'drastically reduced physical and psychological (driver) comfort.'"

That's what the authors were aiming for in this study.

It sounds remarkably like the conditions of the four lane highway that we have.

Did the authors get that objective as a charge from the public input that it received?

Who in this audience beside the authors of this study believe that LOS D conditions are, and I quote the study, "considered acceptable conditions" for our vital artery from Branford to the Rhode Island border? WHO?

It is UNACCEPTABLE to evaluate in great detail a mainline expansion to six lanes when eight lanes would be required to achieve LOS C conditions or better in 2023.

It is UNACCEPTABLE for the solution to the Baldwin Bridge traffic bottleneck at Exit 70 to be delayed until 2013!

The authors should recognize the need for remediation as the original design error that it is!

Two full lanes of traffic on I-95 are merged with two lanes of traffic from SR 9 onto four lanes on the Baldwin Bridge and then merged to two lanes within 300 yards of the eastern end of the bridge. There should be an immediate priority for remediation of this original design error.

This is a public safety issue for Old Lyme as the back-up is relieved by diversion to US 1 and SR 156 which are then bumper to bumper every summer weekend obstructing emergency vehicle serving my town.

Immediate relief could be achieved by building the high priority three lane mainline expansion of I-95 from Exit 70 to Exit 71 as quickly as any existing state or federal funds can be reallocated. Not starting in 2013!

It was UNACCEPTABLE that the tribal plans for the construction of our first casino were begun in the early days of the last decade and nothing was planned to accommodate the traffic on I-95 generated daily by the 100,000 patrons and 25,000 employees of the two casinos.

New Jersey Transit runs 14 daily trains in each direction from Philadelphia to Atlantic City with the casinos providing complimentary bus service from and to the rail station.

It's UNACCEPTABLE that a two million dollar two year study ignored the largest mass of potential patrons for enhanced and seamless rail transportation for the full length of coastal Connecticut.

MetroNorth should have been proposed for extension from New Haven to Stonington with its eastern hub at New London. The obscenely state subsidized Shoreline East train (\$21+/trip) could be exchanged for the \$1.74/trip MetroNorth subsidy!

New York City and shoreline gamblers would find rail transportation preferable to our over-capacity highway in transit time, safety, reliability and comfort. Waiting casinos buses would compete for the comfortable completion of patrons' and employees' trips.

Seamless frequent shoreline trains are our greatest opportunity to unload I-95 as residents could comfortable extend the distance of their commuting and shopping trips; quickly, safely and reliably.

It's UNACCEPTABLE that such opportunities have not been advanced by the authors of this study.

Finally,

Instead of limousines, casino high rollers could be transported by Acela Express non-stop from both Boston and New York to and from New London with limonene pick-up and delivery at the New London station.

Even low-rollers might find a one and a half hour trip from those cities worth the Acela Express ticket price. Boston and New York businessmen could rely on an almost three-hour trip between those city centers with such non-stop trains. And many Southeast Connecticut residents could be expected to make day-trips to city center Boston and New York on the gamblers specials. Amtrak Northeast Corridor revenues might even swell enough to reduce our national subsidy.

I ask that the authors of this study incorporate the ACCEPTABLE suggestions of my presentation and I encourage the DOT to begin mumbling to them selves each morning:

SEAMLESS RAIL TRANSPORTATION FOR COASTAL CONNECTICUT

Thank you.



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AT THE WATERFORD MEETING I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT A POSSIBLE HOV LANE. IS THAT AN OPTION THAT WAS CONSIDERED? AS TO MY PERSONAL ISSUES, MY HOME IS RIGHT ON THE EXIT RAMP FROM I-95 N TO RT. 89 (BROAD ST) WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR A NEAR TERM IMPROVEMENT. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT I COULD HAVE TO MOVE AS SOON AS 2008. OVER THE PAST 26 YEARS I HAVE STEADILY IMPROVED AND INVESTED IN MY HOME. I WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO REPLACE WHAT I HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO ACHIEVE. I HAVE TWO CHILDREN TO PUT THROUGH COLLEGE AND WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FULL S.S. BENEFITS IN 2012. MY MORTGAGE IS DUE IN 3 YEARS. HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF IF I'M NOT OFFERED ENOUGH TO REPLACE WHAT I HAVE

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Other NEIGHBOR

HAVING TO TRUCE ON A NEW MORTGAGE

RESPONSIBILITY AT THE AGE OF 66

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DONALD [REDACTED]

WATERFORD, CT. 06385 [REDACTED]

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yes, I can't use it because of the tie ups.

It is impossible to go South on Sun and North on Fri.

More importantly where 395 enters Route 1 is a horrendous problem. 3 lanes come into one and a few feet later opens to 3 lanes again. This is totally unnecessary and easily solved. It is ineptful.

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Exits 65 + 66 (Westbrook) ramps are identified as deficient w/ regard to design speed, clear + dished tonnage. These deficiencies limit business development in the vicinity. Trucks cannot merge safely with the mainline traffic.

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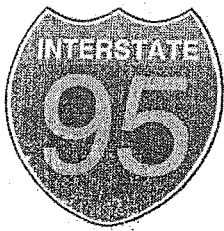
Eve [redacted]
[redacted]
Westbrook CT 06498

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My interest is in the rail aspect. I would like to expand my business - possibly in 2005. I would need to attract freelancers from Fairfield County.

I am very concerned about the congestion. If I have an appointment in Stamford I have to leave extra early. I could take the train to NYC in the same amount of time.

Thanks

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Darlene [REDACTED]
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9/29/04

Does congestion on I-95 affect you or your business? Do you have comments on the study recommendations or other ideas on how to improve traffic congestion in the corridor? If so, we want to hear from you.

This summer my wife and I travelled 9 or 10 times from Norwich to New Haven for medical reasons. Traffic congestion from Exits 55-50 made the trip difficult. That part of 95 is under construction and caused some of the congestion. We decided to take the Train either from New London or from West Brook to New Haven. We walked to Yale Mt. H hospital or took a cab. It made pleasant trips. More connection (Shoreline E) to New London would help and a connection to Norwich & points N. & West would help also.

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- Newspaper (which one) the Day the Norwich Register
- Public Access Television
- Other S.E. CT Chamber of Commerce

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Ernie & Rita [redacted] Norwich 06360
email - [redacted]

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Ernie

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Comments Cont.

From [redacted]
[redacted]
Norwich, CT 06360

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[redacted]
[redacted]
9/28/04

Fam concerned about Traffic Safety on I 95
is 3 lanes permit speeding & cutting
across lanes. Florida went to 4 lanes
plus a service & emergency lane each way and
reports I received say seniors will not
drive on it because of the speeds. That
sounds like Age Discrimination.

Please, consider a lower speed lane - say
limit of 55 MPH for safety. Also
consider Trucks - travel in this low speed lane
as well since congestion on 95 means lower
speeds & probably greater safety would follow
if you did not increase the lanes.

In Connecticut all counties are out of compliance
on Smog-zone, and autos - trucks - Buses
are major contributors. A panel of experts
and citizens should be assembled to prepare
a report & recommendations concerning the
future of air contamination along 95 (I 95).
So far the State along with others have not
met goals for clearing ozone (& particles).
Health and safety concerns need more attention.

Ernie [redacted]