



# The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Announces the Availability of the State's Draft Long-Range Transportation Plan



## What is Happening?

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has developed a draft Long-Range Transportation Plan for the State of Connecticut (2009 LRP) and is seeking your input. **The draft document will be available for public review beginning March 17, 2009.** The Department will be holding four public information meetings to present the draft 2009 LRP and receive comments on it. A final plan will be published in the spring of 2009.

## What is the LRP?

The State's LRP is a federally mandated policy document that outlines strategies and actions for addressing transportation issues and needs in Connecticut. It is prepared in accordance with the provision of Title 23, Section 135 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), as amended by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). It will serve as a framework for preparing future, more project-specific transportation plans such as the Department's Master Transportation Plan and the State Transportation Improvement Program. The LRP is generally updated every three to five years. This LRP covers the period from 2009 through 2035.

## Why Update the LRP?

Over time, changes occur in transportation needs, travel behavior, methods used to manage traffic, and the ability to pay for transportation system maintenance and improvements. The LRP is an important step toward reassessing Connecticut's policies for addressing our State's current and future mobility needs. It provides the framework for prioritizing projects and programs relating to Connecticut's transportation system.

## When Can I Provide Comments?

You may present your comments during the public information meeting or you may submit written comments by mail or electronically. **Comments received by April 30, 2009, will be reviewed and considered as part of the process for preparing the final 2009 LRP.**

## Public Information Meetings

**Tuesday, March 31, 2009**

**1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

Connecticut Department of Transportation  
Conference Room A  
2800 Berlin Turnpike  
Newington, CT

**Tuesday, March 31, 2009**

**7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

Chase Municipal Building, 1st Floor Conference Rm.  
236 Grand Street  
Waterbury, CT

**Wednesday, April 1, 2009**

**7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

Southeastern Connecticut Council of  
Governments  
5 Connecticut Avenue  
Norwich, CT

**Thursday, April 2, 2009**

**7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

Bridgeport City Hall, Common Council Chambers  
999 Broad Street  
Bridgeport, CT

*The meeting places are handicapped accessible.*

## What Happens at a Public Meeting?

After a slide presentation on the draft 2009 LRP, the floor will be opened for public comment. The meeting provides the public with the opportunity to offer their ideas and opinions on the draft 2009 LRP directly to Department of Transportation staff.

## Can Special Accommodations Be Arranged?

The Department will try to accommodate persons with special needs. Persons who wish to attend and need special accommodations or language assistance should contact the Department's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062 (voice only) or at DOTAccommodations@ct.gov **by March 23, 2009.**

## Where Can I View the Draft LRP?

Copies of the draft 2008 LRP may be found at the Department's web site, <http://www.ct.gov/dot>, under "Publications" **beginning March 17, 2009.**

Hard copies of the draft plan will be available for review at the Department's Headquarters in Newington and at Connecticut's 15 Regional Planning Organizations. To schedule an appointment to view the plan at the Department, call (860) 594-2047.

## Where Can I Find Additional Information?

Additional information, including copies of the presentation and handouts from the fall of 2007 Listening Sessions, may be found at <http://www.ct.gov/dot>, the Department's web site. The web site will be updated with new information on the process, as it becomes available.

## Where Do I Submit Written Comments?

Comments may be mailed to the attention of:

Ms. Roxane Fromson  
Bureau of Policy and Planning  
Connecticut Department of Transportation  
P. O. Box 317546  
Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546

Comments may also be submitted electronically to **roxane.fromson@ct.gov**. Please include your name, address, and, if applicable, the company or organization that you represent, with your comments.

## Why Should I Get Involved?

**Because your views are important!** The quality of the transportation system available to you affects your quality of life, including how you live, work, and play.

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***Thank you!***

***Your assistance is most appreciated.***

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COG of the Central Naugatuck Valley Waterbury, CT	(203) 757-0535
Greater Bridgeport RPA Bridgeport, CT	(203) 366-5405
Housatonic Valley CEO Brookfield, CT	(203) 775-6256
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Southeastern Connecticut COG Norwich, CT	(203) 889-2324
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Litchfield Hills CEO Goshen, CT	(860) 491-9884
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