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## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

### Project Description:

Danbury Centralized Train Control (CTC) and Signalization Project

**Project No. 302-0007**



### Why it Matters

This project installs a Centralized Train Control and a signal system on the Danbury Branch line.

- The project will enhance safety, shorten commute times and improve service frequency on the Danbury Branch Line
- The Danbury Branch currently has no automatic signal system and construction of the CTC signal project will ensure safe operation while maximizing line capacity. Increased frequency of service and reduction in travel times for commuters and other riders will result in significant regional economic benefits on this underutilized rail corridor.
- Rail commuting options for the residents in southwestern Connecticut will be increased.
- Diversion from single-occupant automobiles to rail transportation will reduce highway traffic and improve air quality.
- Revitalizing this rail corridor through improved rail service will stimulate economic growth and increase mobility options for residents of southwestern Connecticut.

### Solid Investment

- The project will result in immediate returns to the economy and create lasting value because of compatible infrastructure investments made on the New Haven main line. Integration of the signal system into the New Haven main line infrastructure increases efficiency of the entire New Haven Line rail network.
- The project creates jobs during construction and stimulates ancillary spending in the region.
- It improves regional mobility for southwestern Connecticut residents.
- The project builds on other investments made on the State's commuter rail system.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds (\$30 million) allow the project to proceed.



### Notable Project Facts

- Metro-North Railroad, under contract with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, has been given authorization to proceed with the project. The procurement phase of the project has begun. Ground materials are in the delivery phase. The signal contract bids have been received and are currently under review. The cable plow and substation contract has been advertised.
- The \$53 million project cannot be built without federal funds.
- Improved utilization of the branch line increases New Haven Line rail network efficiency throughout the region.