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New Haven Rail Yard Improvements

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1. DECISION

The State of Connecticut (ConnDOT) intends to implement the Proposed Action, the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements, in New Haven, Connecticut. This decision is based on the *Federal Environmental Assessment/Section 4(f) DeMinimis Finding and Connecticut Environmental Impact Evaluation*, (Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., May 20, 2008, Revised July 25, 2008) that was prepared for the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements. A copy of the *Executive Summary* is included as Appendix A.

The New Haven Rail Yard Improvements involves the construction of twenty-five new storage yard tracks, a component change-out running repair shop, a two-track ten-car service and inspection shop, a distribution warehouse, wheel true shops, a rail car washer, a heavy repair and paint shop, and a new parking structure. New offices and engineering shops will also be constructed. Utilities and walkways will be located to support the new facilities. Buildings no longer needed, such as the Amtrak power plant, will be removed as part of the Proposed Action.

In addition to the Proposed Action site at the New Haven Rail Yard, two other locations were considered for the facilities needed to store, service, and maintain the incoming M-8 rail cars: 1) Grand Central Station in New York City, and 2) Cedar Hill in New Haven. Grand Central Station was eliminated from further consideration because ConnDOT does not own the property, and, therefore, could not ensure that the necessary improvements would take place. The Cedar Hill site was eliminated from consideration for several reasons:

- Greater distance from the end of the service line
- Lack of electrification for traction power
- Potential soil contamination issues
- Property is not in ConnDOT ownership
- Space limitations
- Only access is over Amtrak right-of-way
- Considerable wetlands and floodplain impact to obtain access.

The Proposed Action will be financed with both federal (Federal Transit Administration) and state funds. The total cost estimate for the Proposed Action is \$1.1 billion. The cost estimate for Phase I is \$628 million.

II. STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The New Haven Rail Yard Improvements are essential for the efficient operation of ConnDOT's New Haven Line and its branches. The need to provide for storage, dispatching, inspection, maintenance, and cleaning of the fleet of rail cars is an important part of keeping Connecticut's transportation infrastructure in top working condition to the benefit of all of the state's residents. The improvements will provide the space and

equipment needed to maintain a new generation of rail cars and allow for more efficient, coordinated operations.

Potential adverse effects from the NHRY Improvements include wetland impacts, increased stormwater runoff from new impervious surfaces, work within the coastal flood hazard area, and construction-period impacts relative to noise, air quality, traffic, stormwater, and public utilities and services. These impacts will be mitigated through proper management of materials and resources during and after construction, adherence to all applicable local, state, and federal regulations, and through ongoing coordination with resource agencies. Through its impact avoidance and mitigation measures, the NHRY Improvements will not incur any significant environmental, cultural, or social impacts.

III. SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION WITH AGENCIES AND OTHER PERSONS

Per CEPA requirements, a scoping notice for the Proposed Action was placed in Connecticut's *Environmental Monitor* on August 8, 2006. A Public Scoping Meeting was not conducted for this project as such a meeting was not requested by 25 or more individuals or by an association that represents 25 or more members during the 30 day scoping comment period. Only two resource agencies, the Connecticut Department of Environmental protection (CT DEP) and the Connecticut Department of Public health (CT DPH) provided scoping comments during the 30 day comment period. A copy of the *Environmental Monitor* CEPA public scoping notice as well as responses received during the formal scoping period are included in Appendix B.

ConnDOT coordinated and consulted with other state agencies and the general public on the proposed New Haven Rail Yard Improvements. Numerous meetings were held with Metro-North Railroad (MNR) and other stakeholders throughout the design process. Public involvement and outreach has occurred through the formal legal process of project scoping and legal notice of the existence of the Environmental Assessment document, which was made available to the public on May 20, 2008. Notices of the availability of the document and the public hearing were published in the *Environmental Monitor* on May 20, June 3, June 17, and July 8, 2008 and the *New Haven Register* on May 20, 2008, June 10, 2008, and June 20, 2008 and in *La Voz* on May 29, 2008, and June 19, 2008. Notices and Affidavits are included in Attachment C. Drafts of the document were made available at the following locations:

- CONNDOT offices at 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Room 2155, in Newington, Connecticut
- New Haven City Clerk's Office, 200 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut
- New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, Connecticut
- The South Central Regional Council of Governments, 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor, North Haven, Connecticut
- Connecticut State Library, Capital Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut

A public hearing was held on June 25, 2008 at 7 pm at Gateway Community College, 60 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut (Room 160). Comments were accepted through July 9, 2008. The public hearing transcript is included in Appendix D. Public comments and responses have been incorporated into the document.

APPENDIX A

*Federal Environmental Assessment/Section 4(f) DeMinimis Finding and
Connecticut Environmental Impact Evaluation, Executive Summary
(Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., May 20, 2008, Revised July 25, 2008)*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Project Name: New Haven Rail Maintenance Facility Improvements, New Haven, Connecticut

Date: May 2008

Lead Agencies: Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT)

Regulatory Context

The New Haven Rail Yard Improvements, as described below, will be financed with both federal and state funds, and as such, is subject to the regulations and guidance established by both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended (42 USC 4321 *et seq.*) and the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) (Connecticut General Statutes [CGS] Sections 22a-1 through 22a-1h, inclusive, and where applicable, CEPA regulations Section 22a-1a-1 through 22a-1a-12, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies [RCSA]). Under NEPA, the subject document is an Environmental Assessment (EA) and under CEPA, it is an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE). The EA/EIE includes documentation of project compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and with Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act.

Several studies have been conducted for the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements. Some of these studies have been documented separately in technical memoranda including a Noise Analysis Technical Memorandum and a Traffic Analysis Technical Memorandum. These technical studies are part of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements file and will be made available at select locations during public review of the EA/EIE. Additionally, the findings of these technical studies have been summarized in the EA/EIE.

Description of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements

The New Haven Rail Yard Improvements (Proposed Action) is the construction of new facilities at the New Haven Rail Yard (NHRY) to serve the existing and future fleet of rail cars. The facilities are proposed to be built on approximately 74 acres of state-owned land that comprises the existing NHRY site. The NHRY Improvements are located within an area roughly bounded by Union Avenue to the west, Cedar and Hallock Streets to the south, Church Street Extension and Brewery Street to the east, and Route 34 to the north (see Figure ES-1 — Site Location). Specific details of each of the new facilities and associated site improvements are included in Chapter 4 of this EA/EIE. Existing facilities on the NHRY are shown in Figure ES-2. Elements of the NHRY Improvements are illustrated in Figure ES-3.



**Figure ES-1
Site Location**
New Haven Rail Yard EA/EIE
New Haven, CT
State Project # 301-0088



NEW HAVEN RAIL YARD FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS



**FIGURE ES-2 -
EXISTING CONDITIONS**

SCALE IN FEET
SCALE 1"=80'

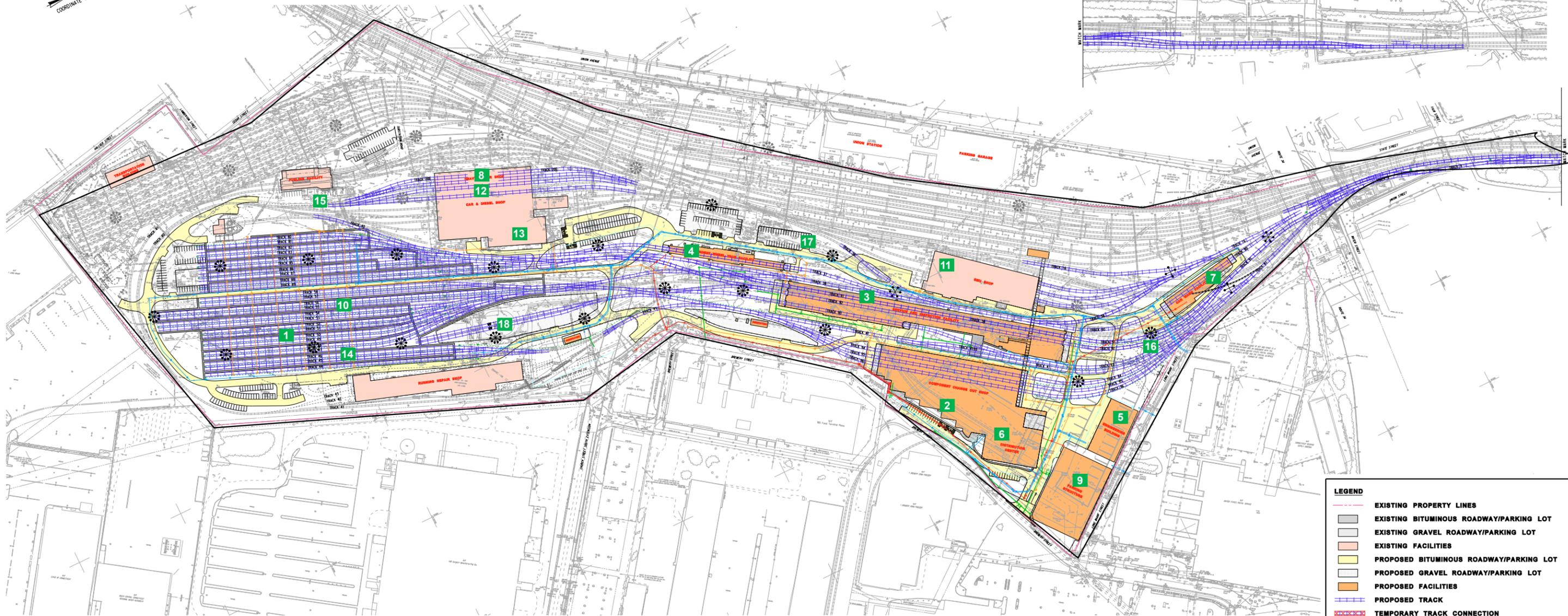
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- LEGEND**
- - - - EXISTING PROPERTY LINES
 - EXISTING BITUMINOUS ROADWAY/PARKING LOT
 - EXISTING GRAVEL ROADWAY/PARKING LOT



NEW HAVEN RAIL YARD FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

CONNECTICUT
COORDINATE GRID



LEGEND	
	EXISTING PROPERTY LINES
	EXISTING BITUMINOUS ROADWAY/PARKING LOT
	EXISTING GRAVEL ROADWAY/PARKING LOT
	EXISTING FACILITIES
	PROPOSED BITUMINOUS ROADWAY/PARKING LOT
	PROPOSED GRAVEL ROADWAY/PARKING LOT
	PROPOSED FACILITIES
	PROPOSED TRACK
	TEMPORARY TRACK CONNECTION
	PROPOSED DRAINAGE
PROPOSED UNDERGROUND UTILITIES	
	WATER
	SEWER
	GAS
	POWER

FIGURE ES-3 -
PROPOSED ACTION

SCALE IN FEET
SCALE 1"=80'

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ConnDOT is the owner and commuter rail authority for the New Haven Rail Line, which is the Connecticut portion of the Metro-North Railroad (MNR). MNR operates the New Haven Line and its engines and rolling stock under a service agreement with ConnDOT. ConnDOT is responsible for programming and funding, as well as maintenance and upkeep of the New Haven Line's engines and rolling stock. The NHRY Improvements will provide the facilities to service the new M-8 fleet of rail cars, as well as the existing M-2, M-4, and M-6 rail cars. As the current fleet of aging rail cars (M-2s) is phased out, ConnDOT will replace them with the next generation of rail cars (M-8s). The M-2 fleet (dating to the 1970s) was only designed to operate for 30 years. The M-8 cars require different maintenance facilities than the M-2s. The project incorporates both the new facilities and improvements to the existing facilities.

In order to construct the new facilities, demolition of two existing structures will be necessary. One of them is Building 10, which will remain in service until after the installation of the Warehouse extension during Phase 2 of the NHRY Improvements sometime after 2016. This building will be removed to permit space for additional yard tracks, as will diesel fuel tanks as part of the NHRY Improvements. The "Onion," the water treatment plant currently being used at the NHRY, is scheduled to be used during the construction period (for the Fuel Facility, and possibly other facilities as well). This water treatment plant will eventually be removed from the site.

The New Haven Rail Yard Improvements are the following new elements as shown in Figure ES-3 summarized in Table ES-1 and described as follows:

- Twenty-five new storage yard tracks located within the existing loop track west of the Church Street Bridge will be constructed. The new storage tracks will connect to the existing loop track, the existing car and diesel shops, and to the New Haven Main Line track to the east.
- A two-track, 10-car Service and Inspection (S&I) shop located south of the existing Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) shop, will be constructed. The existing EMU shop currently services the existing fleet of M-2 rail cars.
- A component change-out shop with three tracks capable of holding thirteen rail cars and adjacent support shops are to be constructed in the southeast portion of the site, next to a new distribution warehouse and south of the new Service and Inspection shop. The component change-out shop will also include MNR and ConnDOT offices, MNR training facilities, communications equipment, and security facilities.
- A new wheel true shop with a tandem wheel true machine will be constructed within the Service and Inspection shop.
- A second wheel true shop with a tandem wheel true machine will be constructed in the vicinity of the former Amtrak power plant.
- A maintenance-of-way building providing offices, headquarters, and shops for the MNR engineering department will be constructed on the southeast corner of the NHRY site.
- A rail car washer will be constructed east of the existing EMU shop.

- A heavy repair/paint shop will be constructed that will abut the existing diesel shop in the west-center of the rail yard within the existing car shop.
- A new parking structure will be constructed to the east of the new component change-out shop.
- An employee overpass will be constructed to link the parking structure, the component change-out shop, the Service and Inspection shop, and the EMU shop with the existing Union Station Platform D. This will facilitate safe movement of employees within the rail yard.

Table ES-1: New Haven Rail Yard Components

Figure 3 Locator Number	New Components	Purpose
1	New Storage Yard Tracks	Storing and dispatching of rail cars
2	Component Change-Out Shop with Support Shops	Repairing and maintaining rail cars
3	Service and Inspection (S&I) Shop	Maintaining and inspecting rail cars
4	Independent Wheel True Shop	Maintaining rail car wheels
5	Maintenance-of-Way Building	Headquarters, including offices and common work areas
6	Material Distribution Warehouse	Storing materials on pallets
7	Rail Car Wash Facility	Cleaning of rail cars
8	Heavy Repair/Paint Shop	Repairing and painting of rail cars
9	Parking Structure	Employee parking
Improvements to Existing Components		
10	Storage Yards	Storing and dispatching rail cars
11	Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) Shop	Servicing current fleet of rail cars
12	Car Shop/ Critical Systems Repair (CSR)	Component change-out, servicing, and retrofitting M-2 rail cars
13	Diesel Shop	Servicing Shore Line East rail cars
Components to Be Eliminated		
14	Building 10/Stores Building	Remove to provide space for new rail tracks
16	Diesel Tanks	Remove
17	Propane Tank	Replaced
18	Water Treatment/Dewatering Facility	Removed
19	Wheel True Mill	Replaced

Source: Fitzgerald & Halliday, 2006.

In addition to these newly constructed facilities, several existing buildings in the NHRV will become part of the improved, coordinated facility. These facilities include:

- The EMU shop
- The diesel shop
- The transportation building
- The fuel facility
- The running repair shop

Improvements, revisions, and additions to the network of utilities, roads, walkways and railroad systems to support the new facilities have also been developed as part of the NHRV Improvements.

Several divisions within ConnDOT, including the Office of Rail, Environmental Planning, Property and Facilities, and Environmental Compliance, discussed alternatives during project siting and design development. The MTA Police Department was also involved in discussions. These discussions resulted in the following project parameters being agreed upon, among others:

- The new facilities will be designed to current ConnDOT design standards to the greatest extent practicable, including Guidelines for Highway Design; Location Survey Material; Traffic Signal Manual; Standard Roadway Drawings and List of Road Standards; Manual for Selecting, Locating, and Designing Guide Railing and Traffic Barriers; and Standard Specification for Roads, Bridges and Incidental Construction (Form 816) & Supplemental Specifications.
- The new facilities will be designed according to the State of Connecticut Building Code (2005), as adopted pursuant to CGS 29-252, as amended, and the Connecticut Fire Safety Code (2005), as adopted pursuant to CGS 29-292, as amended, and Applicable Codes and Standards published by the National Fire Protection Association.
- The new facilities will meet the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code, the 1997 International Plumbing Code, the 1996 International Mechanical Code, and Applicable Codes and Standards published by American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the Illumination Engineering Society of North America (IESNA), Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., the International Electrical Testing Association (NETA), The Lighting Protection Institute, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.
- American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association (AREMA) and Metro-North Standards will be followed where applicable. These include the following: Metro-North Railroad's, Standards for Track Construction and Maintenance, AREMA Manual for Railway Engineering 2006, AREMA Portfolio of Trackwork Plans 2004, and Conrail Standard Plans for Turnouts.
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) guidelines will be observed for site/civil design including: Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, Guidelines for Driveway Design and Location, and Design of Pavement Structures.

- Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Parking Generation

Several ongoing projects within the rail yard have been addressed and documented for NEPA purposes as Categorical Exclusions: Project No. 301-097 Locomotive Fuel Facility, Project No. 300-0131 Temporary M-8 Acceptance Facility, and Project No. 301-T190, EMU/CSR Shop Code Upgrades. The recent demolition of the Amtrak power plant was a separate state-funded project. A CEPA document was prepared for State Project No. 301-0081 Interim Rail Car Service & Inspection Facility, which is now up and running. In addition, coordination with the following state projects must occur: Project No. 301-T106 New Haven Fuel Facility, Project No. 301-0089 Shore Line East New Haven Rail Yard Security Project.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements is to transform and expand the existing NHRY into a fully functional and coordinated facility that provides for efficient and effective storage, dispatching, inspection, maintenance, and cleaning of an increasing fleet of rail cars. The improvements will provide the space, equipment, and administrative support structure needed to operate and maintain a new generation of rail cars and will coordinate the new facilities with the existing facilities. ConnDOT's proposed program of improvements to the NHRY will support rail transit services in Connecticut well into the twenty-first century.

Goals and objectives of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements are:

- to provide maintenance shops and facilities (including new equipment) for new fleet of M-8 rail cars
- to provide yard space for acceptance and storage of new fleet of M-8 rail cars
- to improve existing facilities at the rail yard by providing a coordinated yard complex
- to continue current operations at the rail yard
- to maximize safety and efficiency of storage, dispatching, inspection, maintenance and cleaning of rail cars
- to support the provision of reliable MNR and Shore Line East service and encourage commuter use of rail

The new generation of M-8 EMU rail cars will replace the existing M-2 fleet of cars, originally procured in the early 1970s. The M-2 cars were designed to operate for 30 years and have exceeded their life expectancy. The increase in the fleet size will overwhelm the already inadequate rail car maintenance and inspection facilities and the rail yard tracks needed to store and prepare train sets for revenue service. The NHRY Improvements will address existing compliance, location, operational and space deficiencies. Chapter 4 of this document, Description of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements, provides more detailed information on the current and future fleet size and number of current and future maintenance and storage spots available/required.

New Haven's location as the northeastern-most terminus of the MNR rail line logically dictates efficiency in providing storage, dispatching, inspection, maintenance, cleaning and support functions. In addition, this terminus operates on an approximately 74-acre parcel of land that currently functions

as a rail yard owned by ConnDOT, and is, in effect, the connecting point for Shore Line East and the proposed New Haven-Hartford-Springfield lines.

Summary of Anticipated Impacts and Mitigation Measures

The implementation of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements, although it involves many components, will have minor adverse environmental impacts that can be mitigated. Table ES-2 summarizes the anticipated impacts from the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements along with proposed mitigation measures.

Table ES-2: Summary of Anticipated Impacts and Mitigation Measures for New Haven Rail Yard Improvements

Resource	Impact Synopsis	Mitigation
Land Acquisitions and Displacements	There are no Land Acquisitions or Displacements.	None needed.
Land Use and Zoning	There are no adverse impacts on Land Use or Zoning	None proposed.
Consistency with State, Regional and Local Plans	The New Haven Rail Yard Improvements are consistent with state, regional, and local plans.	None proposed.
Environmental Justice/Title VI	There are no adverse impacts to low-income or minority Environmental Justice populations	None proposed.
Socio-Economic Conditions	There are no adverse impacts on Socio-Economic Conditions. The New Haven Rail Yard Improvements will bring additional jobs to the area, which will have a Socio-Economic benefit.	None proposed.
Community/Neighborhoods	There are no adverse impacts to Community or Neighborhoods.	None proposed.
Air Quality	There are no adverse impacts to Air Quality.	None proposed.
Noise	There are no adverse impacts from Noise.	None proposed.
Traffic, Transit, and Parking	There are no adverse impacts on Traffic, Transit, or Parking. Rather, the ultimate goal of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements is to create an improved rail yard, better equipped to service the public rail transportation system.	None proposed.
Pedestrian and Bicycle Considerations	There are no adverse impacts to Pedestrians and Bicyclists.	None proposed.
Section 106 Resources	There are no adverse impacts on Section 106 resources.	None proposed.
Section 4(f) Resources	There are no adverse impacts to Section 4(f) resources.	None proposed.
Visual/Aesthetic Effects	There are no adverse impacts on Visual/Aesthetic resources.	None proposed.
Section 6(f) Resources	There are no adverse impacts on Section 6(f) resources.	None proposed.
Public Safety and Security	There are no adverse impacts on Public Safety and Security. Security will be improved, with a greater police presence.	None proposed.
Critical Environmental Areas and Threatened and Endangered Species	There are no adverse impacts to Critical Environmental Areas or Threatened and Endangered Species.	None proposed.
Water Resources and Water Quality	Due to increased treatment of site stormwater runoff, and site remediation activities, there are no adverse impacts on water quality.	Due to site constraints, mitigation measures are limited. A stormwater pollution prevention plan will be designed and implemented in accordance with the <i>2002 Connecticut Guidelines for Erosion and Sedimentation Control</i> (CT DEP) and the <i>Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual</i> (CT DEP, 2004).
Wetlands	A total of 10,130 SF (0.232 acre) of inland wetlands will be filled.	The functions of the wetland, to trap and remove sediments contained in stormwater runoff and to provide flood storage capacity, will be replaced by the NHRY stormwater management system.
Floodplains and Stream Channel Encroachment Lines	There will be impacts to the 100-year floodplain.	Some flood storage capacity will be replaced by the NHRY stormwater management system. Coordination will occur with CTDEP on Flood Management Certification and other required permits.
Farmlands	There are no adverse impacts on Farmlands.	None proposed.
Wild & Scenic Rivers, Navigable Waterways and Coastal Resources	There will be impacts to the coastal flood hazard area. There are no impacts to Wild and Scenic Rivers or Navigable Waterways.	CTDEP coastal consistency review is required. Coordination will occur with CTDEP on permit issues.
Public Utilities and Services	There are no adverse impacts to Public Utilities.	None proposed.

Resource	Impact Synopsis	Mitigation
Environmental Risk Sites and Hazardous Materials	Based on a Phase 1 Site Assessment, the existing NHRV is a potential source of contamination due to historic land use.	Potential risks will need to be further evaluated in more detailed site investigations conducted by a Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) as the design of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements advances. The findings of these investigations will dictate the need for a remedial action plan.
Construction Impacts	There are temporary construction period adverse impacts to: Community and Neighborhoods, Air Quality, Noise, Traffic, Water Quality, and Public Utilities and Services.	A construction phasing and sequencing plan will be developed to ensure that impacts are minimized. The following plans will be developed: Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Plan, Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan, noise abatement measures in accordance with ConnDOT Form 816, Health and Safety Plan. Coordination with the City of New Haven and utility providers will take place.
Secondary and Cumulative Development Impacts	There will be a secondary, beneficial impact to the state's rail transportation system. There will be a cumulative, beneficial impact to Socioeconomic Conditions. There will be adverse cumulative impacts to: Wetlands, Floodplains, and the Coastal Flood Hazard Area.	Careful future project planning, alternatives analysis, and avoiding and/or minimizing impacts will be utilized to counteract cumulative impacts.

Conclusion

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Review Period and Comments

Review agencies and other interested parties are offered an opportunity to provide comments and other pertinent information that will help define environmental impacts, interpret the significance of such impacts, and evaluate alternatives. Written comments on this document and any other pertinent information may be submitted to the agency contact listed below by delivery or postmark by July 9, 2008. A public hearing on the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements will be held on June 25, 2008 at Gateway Community College (60 Sargent Drive) in Room 160, New Haven, Connecticut.

The submitted materials and responses, along with the Executive Summary of the EA/EIE, will be forwarded to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM) for a determination of its adequacy.

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<p>Ms. Lori Mathieu Water Supply Section CT Dept of Public Health 410 Capital Ave. Hartford, CT 06134-0308</p>	<p>Hon. Raeanne V. Curtis Commissioner Connecticut Department of Public Works 165 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106</p>	<p>Mr. Karl J. Wagener Executive Director Council on Environmental Quality 79 Elm Street Hartford, CT 06106</p>

U.S. Departments/Officials

<p>Dr. Willie R. Taylor Director U.S. Department of the Interior Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance Main Interior Building 1849 C. Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20240</p>	<p>Mr. Michael Bartlett Field Supervisor U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service New England Field Offices 70 Commercial Street Suite 300 Concord, NH 03301-5087</p>
<p>Ms. Christine Godfrey Chief Regulatory Branch U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England Division 696 Virginia Road Concord, MA 01742-2751</p>	<p>Mr. Robert W. Varney Regional Administrator U.S. EPA Region 1 One Congress Street, Suite 1100 Boston, MA 02114-2023</p>

Others

<p>Ms. Judy Gott, Director South Central Regional Council of Governments 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West North Haven, CT 06473</p>	<p>Mr. Tom Chaplik South Central Regional Water Authority 90 Sargent Drive New Haven, CT 06511-5966</p>
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APPENDIX B

Environmental Monitor Public Scoping Notice, Comments Received, and
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Scoping Notices

1. **NEW!** Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance Facilities (New Haven)

Environmental Impact Evaluations available for review and comment

1. 950-Car Parking Garage at Eastern Connecticut State University (Willimantic)

The next issue will be published on August 22, 2006.

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Scoping Notices

Scoping Notices have been issued for the following state projects. These projects are in the earliest stages of planning. At the scoping stage, detailed information on a project's design, alternatives, and environmental impacts does not yet exist. Sponsoring agencies are asking for comments from other agencies and from the public as to the scope of alternatives and environmental impacts that should be considered for further study. Send your comments to the contact person listed for the project by the date indicated.

1. Notice of Scoping for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance Facilities

Municipality where proposed project might be located: New Haven

Project Description: Reconstruction, additions to, and overall improvements and upgrades to the New Haven rail yard maintenance facilities.

Project Map: [Click here to view a map of the project](#)

Written comments from the public are welcomed and will be accepted until the close of business on: **August 31, 2006**

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Scoping Meeting by sending such a request to the address below. If a meeting is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, the sponsoring agency shall schedule a Public Scoping Meeting.

Additional information about the project can be viewed in person at or online at: www.newhavenrailyard.org.

Written comments and/or requests for a Public Scoping Meeting should be sent to:

Name: Mr. Edgar T. Hurle - Transportation Planning Director
Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131
Fax: 860-594-3028
E-Mail: Edgar.Hurle@po.state.ct.us

If you have questions about the public meeting, or other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Mr. Keith T. Hall - Transportation Supervising Planner
Agency: Connecticut Department of Transportation
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131
Phone: 860-594-2926
Fax: 860-594-3028
E-Mail: Keith.Hall@po.state.ct.us

The agency expects to release an Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in July 2007

EIE Notices

The following Environmental Impact Evaluations (EIEs) have been completed by state agencies and are available for review and comment.

1. EIE Notice for New 950-Car Parking Garage at Eastern Connecticut State University

Municipality where project is proposed: Willimantic

Address of Possible Project Location: 83 Windham Street, Willimantic, Connecticut

Project Description: The purpose of the proposed action is to develop a 950-car parking garage on the site of the existing softball field on the northern end of the main campus of Eastern Connecticut State University.

Project Map: [Click here to view a map of the project area.](#)

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on [August 21, 2006](#).

The public can view a copy of this EIE at the J. Eugene Smith Library on the campus of Eastern Connecticut State University or online at: <http://w3.sysoff.ctstateu.edu>

Any person can ask the sponsoring agency to hold a Public Hearing on this EIE by sending such a request to that address below by [July 30, 2006](#). If a hearing is requested by 25 or more individuals, or by an association that represents 25 or more members, Connecticut State University must schedule a Public Hearing.

Send your comments about this EIE to:

Name: Alexandria Roe
Agency: Connecticut State University
Address: 39 Woodland Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06105
E-Mail: roea@so.ct.edu

If you have questions about the public hearing, or where you can review this EIE, or similar matters, please contact: same as above.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

RECEIVED

August 24, 2006

AUG 29 2006

Mr. Edgar T. Hurlle
Transportation Planning Director
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING
DIVISION

RE: Notice of Scoping for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance Facilities,
New Haven, CT

Dear Mr. Hurlle:

The following comments are offered in response to your request concerning the Notice of Scoping for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance Facilities, New Haven, CT

A review of this document revealed limited information at this stage of the project. Should the project include any demolition or renovation of buildings, excavation of soils, or disturbance of existing infrastructure, then a plan must be in place to address lead contaminated soils, lead-based paint, and asbestos since these materials may be encountered and/or disturbed during demolition or excavating activities. Should the project include renovation or construction of occupied buildings, and then a plan should be in place to use radon resistant features.

The following summarizes the Department's position with regard to lead, asbestos, and radon issues:

A. Lead-Based Paint

It does not appear that excavation or construction activities associated with this project are subject to the Department of Public Health (DPH) Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control (LPPC) Regulations (§§19a-111-1 through 19a-111-11).

Additionally, there are other issues that must be addressed related to lead-based paint. Among these issues are the following:

- Lead-based paint testing of paint on existing structures marked for demolition, or sampling for lead-in-soils should be performed by a lead inspector or lead inspector/risk assessor certified by the DPH.
- Planned demolition or soil removal activities should be performed using lead-safe work practices. If lead-based paint or lead contaminated soil is identified, the classification and disposal of generated waste must comply with the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) and Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection standards (i.e. Toxicity Characteristics Leaching Procedure [TCLP] testing, reporting, and record keeping requirements).

Phone:



Telephone Device for the Deaf: (860) 509-7191

410 Capitol Avenue - MS # _____

P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134

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Notice of Scoping for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance Facilities,
New Haven, CT

- Additionally, if lead-based paint, lead containing paint, or lead contaminated soil is identified, workers must be trained (as a minimum) according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) lead standard (29 CFR 1926.62). Because other contaminants may also be present on the site, additional health and safety training may be required (e.g. hazardous waste and/or asbestos).

Additional inquiries on the subject of lead-based paint can be directed to Alan Buzzetti, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program at (860) 509-7299.

B. Asbestos

Any renovation or demolition of existing facilities that are associated with this proposed project would be subject to the provisions of the asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (40 CFR Part 61). As such, the facilities would be required to be thoroughly inspected to determine the presence of asbestos prior to the commencement of the renovation/demolition activity. An Inspector must conduct the asbestos inspection or a Management Planner licensed by the DPH. Asbestos abatement that involves more than three (3) linear feet or more than three (3) square feet of asbestos containing material must be performed by an asbestos abatement contractor licensed by the DPH. Asbestos abatement must be performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

Please contact Ronald Skomro, Supervising Environmental Sanitarian, Asbestos Program at (860) 509-7367 regarding any issues related to asbestos.

C. Radon

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) developed a radon potential map using data from studies and surveys conducted in Connecticut. The map assigns each of the counties in Connecticut to one of three zones based on radon potential. The radon zone designation of the highest potential is Zone 1, the moderate potential is Zone 2, and the low potential is Zone 3. The proposed site is located in a high potential, Zone 1 area. Therefore, measures should be taken to help control radon and its harmful effects. The Connecticut Department of Public Health Radon Program recommends that during the construction of the building, radon resistant features should be built into the infrastructure of the building.

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Notice of Scoping for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance Facilities,
New Haven, CT

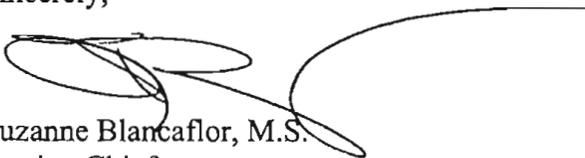
The list below describes the basic components of radon resistant new construction:

- a gas permeable layer, such as 4-inch gravel, placed beneath the slab to allow soil gases to move freely underneath the building
- plastic sheeting over the gas permeable layer and under the slab to help prevent soil gases from entering the home
- sealing and caulking all openings in the foundation floor to reduce soil gas entry
- a vent pipe, such as 6 inch PVC pipe, to run from the gas permeable layer through the building to the roof to safely vent soil gases above the building
- an electrical junction box installed in case an electric venting fan is needed later.

The facility should be tested for radon after construction is completed. If radon results are at or above 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L), the existing system should be activated by installing an in-line fan. For a list of qualified radon mitigation contractors to assist with the system activation, please refer to the following website: www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Radon/radon_program.htm

Please contact Francesca Provenzano, Health Program Supervisor, Radon Program at (860) 509-7367 regarding any issues related to radon.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Blancaflor, M.S.
Section Chief
Environmental Health Section



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

79 ELM STREET, HARTFORD, CT 06106-5127

To: Edgar T. Hurlle - Director of Environmental Planning
DOT - Bureau of Policy & Planning, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington

From: David J. Fox - Senior Environmental Analyst **Telephone:** (860) 424-4111

Date: September 7, 2006 **E-Mail:** david.fox@po.state.ct.us

Subject: New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance Facilities

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the Notice of Scoping announcing preparation of an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for proposed reconstruction, additions and upgrades to maintenance facilities at the New Haven Rail Yard. The following commentary is submitted for your consideration.

ConnDOT recently conducted CEPA review for the interim rail car service and inspection facility at the New Haven Rail Yard. Our scoping comments for that document, my memo dated January 21, 2005, as well as our comments on the EIE dated March 24, 2005 outlined the Department's potential concerns to be addressed during CEPA review at this location. These issues should be considered during preparation of the new EIE.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. If there are any questions regarding these comments, please contact me.

cc: Robert Kaliszewski, DEP/OPPD
Carol Szymanski, DEP/OLISP



October 26, 2006

Mr. Michael J. Bartlett
New England Field Offices Supervisor
United States Fish & Wildlife Service
70 Commercial Street, Suite 300
Concord, NH 03301-5087

Subject: New Haven Rail Maintenance Facility
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bartlett,

Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. is presently under contract to prepare an Environmental Impact Evaluation for the above referenced project. A review of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) State and Federal Listed Species and Significant Natural Communities GIS database dated June 2006 for the project study area indicates that there are locations where potential conflicts with an endangered species and/or significant natural community may exist. A letter has been forwarded to the CTDEP requesting additional information relative to the study area.

To further support FHI's investigation into potential threatened and endangered species concerns, FHI requests that your office kindly forward us any federal threatened and endangered species information related to this project study area. A map depicting the project study area and CTDEP State and Federal Listed Species and Significant Natural Communities data is enclosed. We look forward to receiving any information you can provide us, and to future coordination with your office.

Very truly yours,

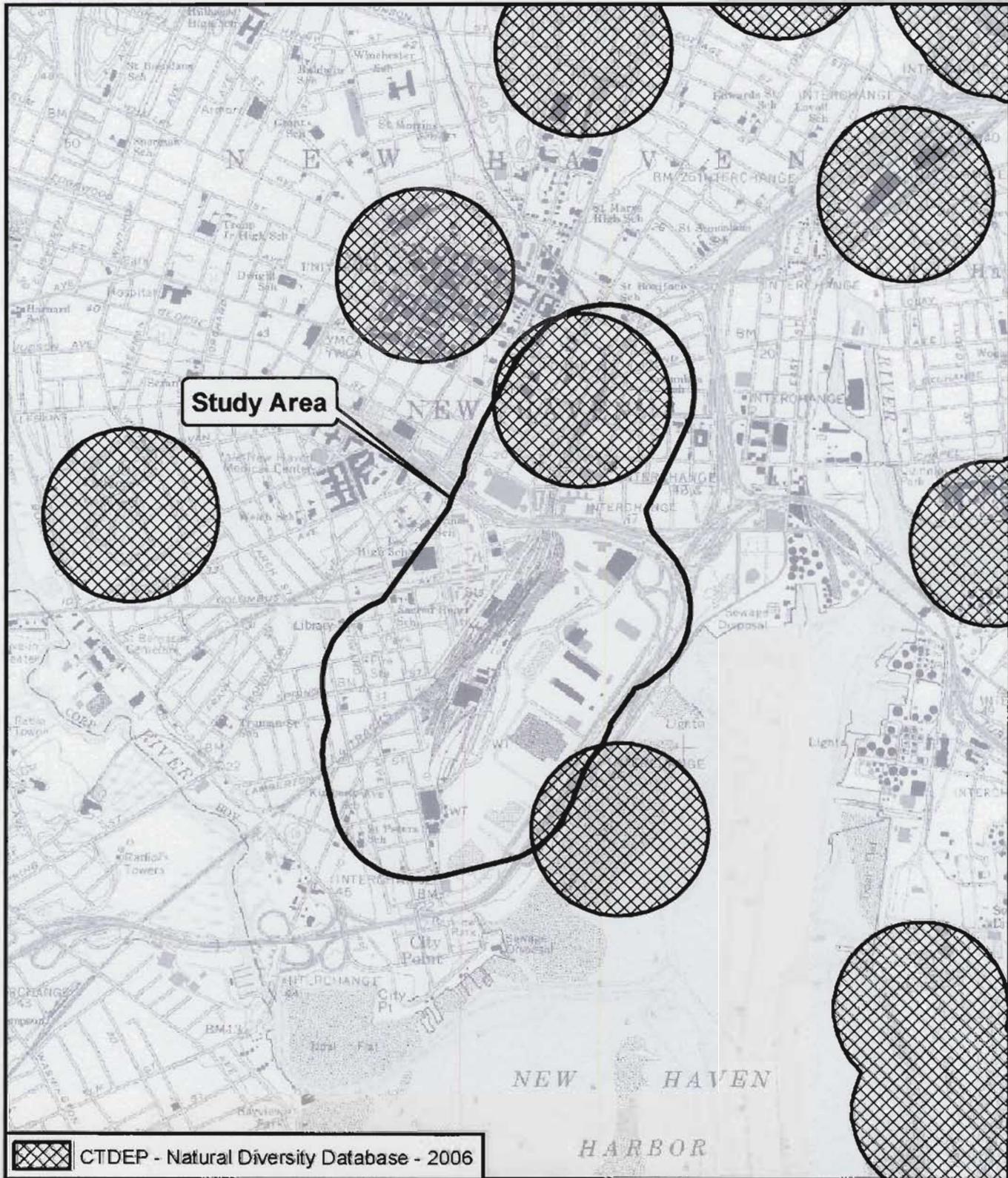
FITZGERALD & HALLIDAY, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurel J. Stegina'.

Laurel J. Stegina
Senior Planner

Enclosure

cc: M. Latimer (FHI), K.T. Hall (ConnDOT), File P658.02



New Haven Rail Yard EA/EIE

New Haven, CT

1:24,000

U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: New Haven, CT





United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE
New England Field Office
70 Commercial Street, Suite 300
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-5087

November 27, 2006

Reference:	<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>
	Parking structure	Wilton, CT
	Rail maintenance facility	New Haven, CT

Paul Stanton
Laurel Stegina
Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.
72 Cedar St.
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Mr. Stanton and Ms. Stegina:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting information on the presence of federally-listed and/or proposed endangered or threatened species in relation to the proposed activity(ies) referenced above.

Based on information currently available to us, no federally-listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are known to occur in the project area(s). Preparation of a Biological Assessment or further consultation with us under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required.

This concludes our review of listed species and critical habitat in the project location(s) and environs referenced above. No further Endangered Species Act coordination of this type is necessary for a period of one year from the date of this letter, unless additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available.

Thank you for your coordination. Please contact us at 603-223-2541 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony P. Tur
Endangered Species Specialist
New England Field Office



Connecticut Natural Diversity Data Base Review Request Form

Please complete this form *only* if you have conducted a review which determined that your activity is located in an area of concern.

Name: **Laurel Stegina**

Affiliation: **Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.**

Mailing Address: **72 Cedar Street**

City/Town: **Hartford**

State: **CT**

Zip Code: **06106**

Business Phone: **860-256-4914**

ext.

Fax: **860-760-6213**

Contact Person: **Laurel Stegina**

Title: **Senior Planner**

Project or Site Name: **New Haven Rail Maintenance Facility**

Project Location

Town: **New Haven**

USGS Quad: **New Haven**

Brief Description of Proposed Activities:

Environmental Impact Evaluation for proposed improvements to the Connecticut Department of Transportation New Haven Rail Yard.

Have you conducted a "State and Federal Listed Species and Natural Communities Map" review?

Yes No Date of Map:

Has a field survey been previously conducted to determine the presence of any endangered, threatened or special concern species? Yes No

If yes, provide the following information and submit a copy of the field survey with this form.

Biologists Name:

Address:

If the project will require a permit, list type of permit, agency and date or proposed date of application:

The Connecticut Natural Diversity Data Base (CT NDDDB) information will be used for:

- permit application
- environmental assessment (give reasons for assessment):

State-funded project.

- other (specify):

"I certify that the information supplied on this form is complete and accurate, and that any material supplied by the CT NDDDB will not be published without prior permission."

Laura J. Stegma

Signature

10/26/06

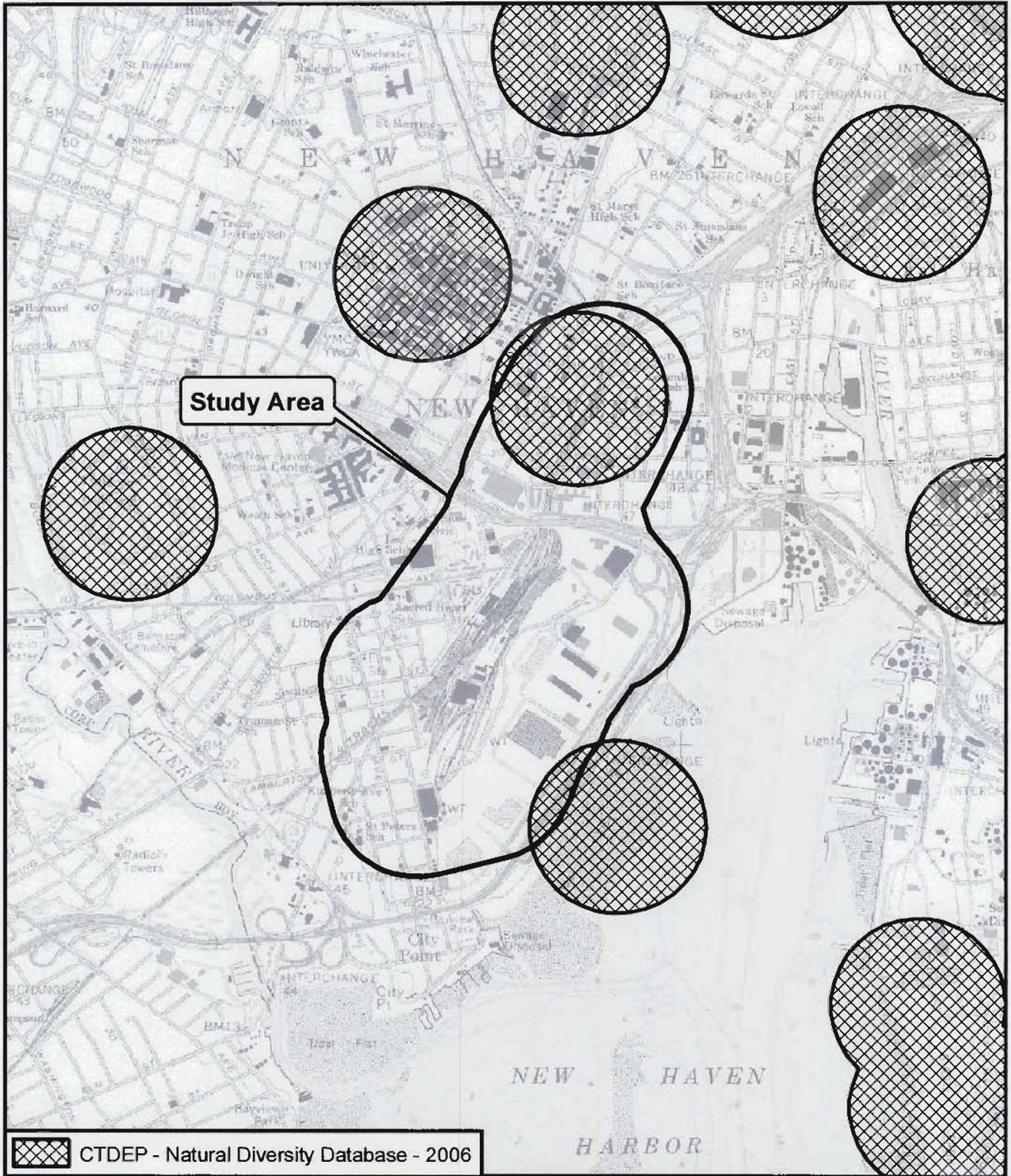
Date

All requests must include a USGS topographic map with the project boundary clearly delineated.

Return completed form to:

WILDLIFE DIVISION
BUREAU OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
79 ELM ST, 6TH FLOOR
HARTFORD, CT 06106-5127

* You must submit a copy of this completed form with your registration or permit application.



Study Area

 CTDEP - Natural Diversity Database - 2006

New Haven Rail Yard EA/EIE

New Haven, CT

1:24,000



U.S.G.S. Quadrangle: New Haven, CT



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Bureau of Natural Resources
Division of Wildlife
79 Elm Street, 6th Floor
Hartford, CT 06106
Natural Diversity Data Base

November 27, 2006

Ms. Laurel Stegina
Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.
72 Cedar Street
Hartford, CT 06106

re: Improvements to the New Haven Rail
Maintenance Facility in New Haven,
Connecticut

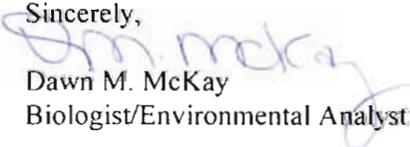
Dear Ms. Stegina:

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map you provided for the proposed improvements to the New Haven rail maintenance facility in New Haven, Connecticut. According to our information, there may be state-listed wildlife species that occur in the vicinity of this project site. I have sent your letter to Julie Victoria (DEP-Wildlife; 860-642-7239) for further review. Ms. Victoria will write to you directly with her comments.

Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Natural Resources Center's Geological and Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions at 424-3592. Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base. Also be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to DEP for the proposed site.

Sincerely,


Dawn M. McKay
Biologist/Environmental Analyst 3

Cc: Julie Victoria
NDDB # 14916



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
FRANKLIN WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
391 ROUTE 32
NORTH FRANKLIN, CT 06254
TELEPHONE: (860) 642-7239



December 1, 2006

Ms. Laurel Stegina
Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.
72 Cedar Street
Hartford, Ct 06106

re: Improvements to the New Haven Rail Maintenance Facility in New Haven, CT

Dear Ms. Stegina:

Your request was forwarded to me on 11/30/06 by Dawn McKay of the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Natural Diversity Data Base. Their records indicate that a threatened species, American kestrel, (*Falco sparverius*) occurs in the vicinity of this project site.

American kestrels nest in late March - April in open areas like woodland edges, parks, and open field habitat. They are cavity nesters and seek out abandoned woodpecker or flicker holes to nest. They catch and eat mice, voles, shrews and insects. They winter over much of the nesting range. Kestrels are cavity nesters and will nest in artificial nesting boxes that are placed in the area. Artificial nesting box plans will be provided at your request. Nesting boxes and silvicultural practices that maintain high densities of nesting and roosting cavities in trees with a minimum diameter of 30.5 cm will benefit this species.

If this work will be conducted in any American kestrel habitat, the Wildlife Division recommends that a ornithologist familiar with the habitat requirements of these species conduct surveys. A report summarizing the results of such surveys should include habitat descriptions, avian species list and a statement/resume giving the ornithologist' qualifications. The DEP doesn't maintain a list of qualified ornithologists. A DEP Wildlife Division permit may be required by the ornithologist to conduct survey work, you should ask if your ornithologist has one. The results of this investigation can be forwarded to the Wildlife Division and, after evaluation, recommendations for additional surveys, if any, will be made.

The Wildlife Division has not been provided with details or a timetable of the work to be done. Consultation with the Wildlife Division should not be substituted for site-specific surveys that may be required for environmental assessments. Please be advised that should state permits be required or should state involvement occur in some other fashion, specific restrictions or conditions relating to the species discussed above may apply. In this situation, additional evaluation of the proposal by the DEP Wildlife Division should be requested. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me (860-642-7239). Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Victoria".

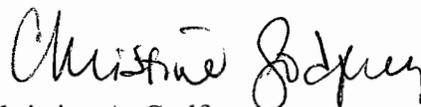
Julie Victoria
Wildlife Biologist
Franklin Swamp Wildlife Management Area
391 Route 32
N. Franklin, CT 06254

cc: NDDB - 14916

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Jurisdictional Determination: CT DOT – New Haven Rail Yard – Facilities Improvements; New Haven, Connecticut; File No. NAE-2007-1580

1. CT DOT applied to fill 0.23 acres of wetland to construct a rail yard test track facility at the existing New Haven Rail Yard facility in New Haven, Connecticut. A review of wetlands delineation and wetlands functions and values assessment information by Susan Lee, Project Manager, CENAE-R-PEB, in coordination with Michael Sheehan, Sr. Wetlands Scientist, CENAE-R-PT on March 21, 2007 and May 24, 2007 verified that the PEM (marsh) wetland is isolated with no defined inlet or outlet. It is not hydrologically connected to any other wetland areas. There are no adjacent, bordering, contiguous or neighboring waters or wetlands at the site.
2. The determination of isolation was based on the following information: WETLANDS REPORT (attached) dated MARCH 2007 prepared by PB Americas, Inc., Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., supplemental information provided by e-mail (attached) dated May 24, 2007 from Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc., aerial photos, and historic and current development information.
3. The Court ruling concerning Clean Water Act jurisdiction over isolated waters was Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, No. 99-1178 (January 9, 2001) (“SWANCC”). The court concluded, “the ‘Migratory Bird Rule’ is not fairly supported by the CWA.” The Corps should not rely on the use of waters or wetlands as habitat by migratory birds as the only basis for jurisdiction.
4. The New Haven Rail Yard - Facilities Improvements wetlands site is clearly non-navigable, isolated and intrastate. In this particular case, there does not appear to be a reasonable nexus with interstate commerce. Also, the use, degradation or loss of this wetland will not affect other waters of the United States or affect interstate or foreign commerce.
5. This wetland should not be considered a water of the United States and there are no other jurisdictional waters or wetlands on the site. The file should be closed because there is no Federal jurisdiction.



Christine A. Godfrey
Chief, Regulatory Division

INFORMATION SHEET
DETERMINATIONS OF NO JURISDICTION FOR ISOLATED, NON-NAVIGABLE, INTRA-STATE WATERS
RESULTING FROM U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISION IN SOLID WASTE AGENCY OF NORTHERN COOK
COUNTY V. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

DISTRICT OFFICE: NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT
 FILE NUMBER & APPLICANT: NAE-2007-1580

REGULATORY PROJECT MANAGER: Susan Lee Date: 05/31/2007

PROJECT REVIEW/DETERMINATION COMPLETED: In the office Y Date: 05/31/2007
 At the project site N Date: _____

PROJECT LOCATION INFORMATION:

State: CT
 County: New Haven
 Center coordinates of site by latitude & longitudinal coordinates: 41.2954598, -72.9251003
 Approximate size of site/property (including uplands & in acres): 100 acres +/-
 Name of waterway or watershed: Quinnipiac

SITE CONDITIONS:

Type of aquatic resource ¹	0-1 ac	1-3 ac	3-5 ac	5-10 ac	10-25 ac	25-50 ac	> 50 ac	Linear feet	Unknown
Lake									
River									
Stream									
Dry Wash									
Mudflat									
Sandflat									
Wetlands	X								
Slough									
Prairie pothole									
Wet meadow									
Playa lake									
Vernal pool									
Natural pond									
Other water (identify type)									

¹Check appropriate boxes that best describe type of isolated, non-navigable, intra-state water present and best estimate for size of non-jurisdictional aquatic resource area.

Migratory Bird Rule Factors ¹ :	If Known		If Unknown Use Best Professional Judgment		
	Yes	No	Predicted to Occur	Not Expected to Occur	Not Able To Make Determination
Is or would be used as habitat for birds protected by Migratory Bird Treaties?	✓			X <i>WPS</i>	
Is or would be used as habitat by other migratory birds that cross state lines?	✓			X <i>WPS</i>	
Is or would be used as habitat for endangered species?				X	
Is used to irrigate crops sold in interstate commerce?		X			

¹Check appropriate boxes that best describe potential for applicability of the Migratory Bird Rule to apply to onsite, non-jurisdictional, isolated, non-navigable, intra-state aquatic resource area.

TYPE OF DETERMINATION: Preliminary Or Approved X
 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUPPORTING NJD (e.g., paragraph 1 – site conditions; paragraphs 2-3 – rationale used to determine NJD, including information reviewed to assess potential navigation or interstate commerce connections; and paragraph 4 – site information on waters of the U.S. occurring onsite):



Datum: NAD-83

UTM Zone: 18

UTM Northing: 4573633

UTM Easting: 673726

Latitude: 41.295459792

Longitude: -72.9251003344

State: Connecticut

County: New Haven COUNTY

Township:

Range:

Section: -99999999

Congressional District: 903

Watershed: 1100004

Waterway:

Baseline:

Meridian:

Action ID:NAE-2007-1580--2

Description:

Comments:New Haven Rail Yard - JD

5/24/07 - ERS reviewed initial info; confirming isolated status; need additional wetlands assessment info.

5/24/2007 - ERS concurs isolated.

Begin Date:5/18/2007

State Historic Preservation Office Coordination



Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

November 28, 2006

Mr. James H. Norman
State Design
ConnDOT
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT

Historic Preservation
& Museum Division

59 South Prospect Street
Hartford, Connecticut
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Subject: Stores Facility – Building 10
New Haven Rail Yard
New Haven, CT
ConnDOT #301-0088

Dear Mr. Norman:

The State Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the above-named project. This office notes that the Stores Facility (Building 10) possesses historic importance as a contributing resource to the New Haven Rail Yard, which is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, the proposed modification and subsequent demolition will effect the historic integrity of the Stores Facility (Building 10). However, this office believes that the proposed actions will constitute no adverse effect on Connecticut's cultural heritage. This comment is conditional upon the professional implementation of the following mitigative measure:

- o Prior to project-related activities, ConnDOT shall document the Stores Facility (Building 10) to the professional standards of the State Historic Preservation Office. Documentation shall consist of narrative text, photographs and/or high-quality digital images (exterior and interior perspectives and pertinent details), an index of photographs, and a photographic site plan. Final documentation shall be provided to the State Historic Preservation Office for permanent archiving and public accessibility.

For further assistance please contact Dr. David A. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

J. Paul Loether
Division Director and Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Ms. Cynthia Holden/ConnDOT

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August 10, 2006

Mr. Keith T. Hall
Environmental Planning
ConnDOT
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT

Subject: New Haven Rail Yard
New Haven, CT

Dear Mr. Hall:

The State Historic Preservation Office acknowledges receipt of the HAER-quality narrative text and photographic images provided by the Public Archaeology Survey Team Inc. concerning the above-named project. This office believes that the submitted materials are consistent with our documentation standards and succinctly document the historic, architectural and engineering aspects of the New Haven Rail Yard. We further understand that the National Park Service has reviewed and accepted the documentation materials.

The State Historic Preservation Office has transferred the documentation materials to the Thomas J. Dodd Research Center at the University of Connecticut (Storrs) for permanent archiving and public accessibility.

In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, ConnDOT has professionally satisfied all of the mitigative measures noted in the Memorandum of Agreement ratified for the New Haven Rail Yard. This office appreciates ConnDOT's efforts to professionally manage and document Connecticut's cultural heritage.

This comment updates and supersedes all previous correspondence for the proposed undertaking. For further information please contact Dr. David A. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

J. Paul Loether
Division Director and Deputy
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Ms. Mary Harper/PAST



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December 23, 1999

Mr. Mark D. Neri
Assistant Rail Administrator
Bureau of Public Transportation
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike, P.O. Box 317546
Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546

Re: Memorandum of Agreement for The
New Haven Rail Yard and Reconstruction of
The New Haven Interlocking Projects

Dear Mr. Neri:

Enclosed is a copy of the fully executed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the above-referenced project. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's acceptance of the MOA completes the requirement of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Council's regulations.

Sincerely,

Irwin B. Kessman, Director
Office of Planning and Program Development

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

AMONG

THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORPORATION
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONNECTICUT STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE
AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION

FOR

THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE RAIL MAINTENANCE
AND STORAGE FACILITIES
IN THE NEW HAVEN RAIL YARD

AND

THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HAVEN INTERLOCKING
IN NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

WHEREAS, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) proposes reconstruction of the rail car storage and maintenance facilities in the New Haven Rail Yard in the City of New Haven, Connecticut, which includes demolition of eleven existing buildings, excavation and removal, where necessary, of existing buried foundations of removed buildings, and construction of new rail car storage and maintenance facilities within the rail yard.

WHEREAS, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK) proposes reconstruction of the New Haven Interlocking trackwork east and west of New Haven Station, with federal funds provided through the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The reconstruction includes removal of the existing Interlocking control building and corresponding apparatus contained within, and existing trackwork and site features.

WHEREAS, FTA, FRA, AMTRAK, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT), and the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) have determined that the proposed demolition and reconstruction activities associated with these rail yard and interlocking improvements will have an adverse effect upon the historical and archaeological resources located within the yard and main line properties affected.

WHEREAS, SHPO, FTA, and FRA concur that the New Haven Rail Yard is a significant example of Connecticut's late 19th and early 20th century railroad related technology, which meets the eligibility criteria for the National Register of Historic Places. SHPO, FTA, and FRA have requested comments from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f) and its implementing regulations, "Protection of Historic and Cultural Properties (36 CFR Part 800)."

NOW, THEREFORE, FTA, FRA, AMTRAK, SHPO and ACHP agree that the undertakings proposed by FTA and AMTRAK shall be implemented in accordance with the following stipulations, in order to take into account the effect of the proposed project on the historic rail yard:

Stipulations

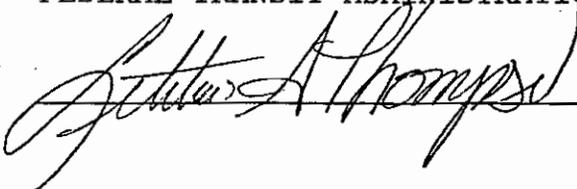
FTA and FRA will insure that the following measures are carried out:

1. Prior to any demolition or construction activities in the New Haven Rail Yard, ConnDOT shall record the existing buildings and facilities in the rail yard, including the interlocking relay switches and control panel located in the existing control building, to the "Narrative Format" standards of the Historic American Engineering Record (HAER). Unless otherwise agreed to by the National Park Service (NPS), ConnDOT shall ensure that all documentation is completed and accepted by HAER prior to demolition. Archival copies of the documentation shall be provided to HAER and SHPO.
2. ConnDOT shall contact the Smithsonian Institution regarding their potential acquisition and curation of the existing Interlocking relay switching and control panels, which are located in the existing control building.
3. ConnDOT shall contact all of Connecticut's trolley and railroad museums regarding the potential for salvage and adaptive use of any railroad-related structures and/or material from the New Haven Rail Yard, and offer them a reasonable time frame to investigate and acquire.
4. ConnDOT shall prepare a brief history of the New Haven Rail Yard and the proposed reconstruction program, including pertinent plans and photographs, and submit it to the Society For Industrial Archeology, New England Chapters Newsletter.

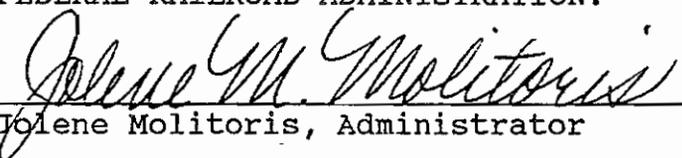
5. ConnDOT shall develop a public-oriented information program which focuses on the history and technology of the New Haven Rail Yard. This shall include, as a minimum, a public-oriented report, brochure, slide presentation, and/or interpretative exhibit.
6. ConnDOT shall, in coordination with the SHPO, develop an archaeological monitoring program for the New Haven Rail Yard. The monitoring program shall be put in place for the former roundhouse and turntable locations. The monitoring program shall be implemented for any underground exploration programs, such as boring programs for geotechnical or environmental investigations. Requirements for implementing the monitoring program, and conducting archaeological investigations where feasible, shall be included in the contract specifications for any demolition and/or construction contracts affecting the roundhouse/turntable areas. The monitoring program shall consist of an evaluation of the pertinent soil and groundwater contamination data, in consideration of health and safety concerns related to on-site archaeologic investigations. The monitoring program shall consider and evaluate the application of alternate approaches for data collection, on a site-specific basis. Where feasible, the archaeological monitoring program shall be carried out in accordance with SHPO's Environmental Review Primer for Connecticut's Archaeological Resources.

Execution of this Memorandum of Agreement evidences that FTA and FRA have afforded ACHP a reasonable opportunity to comment on this project and its effects on the historic resource, and that FTA and FRA have taken into account the effects of their undertakings on the historic structures and facilities.

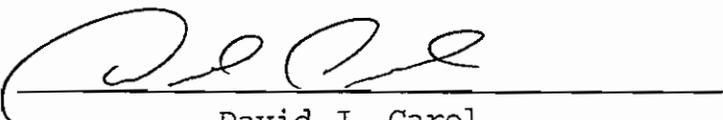
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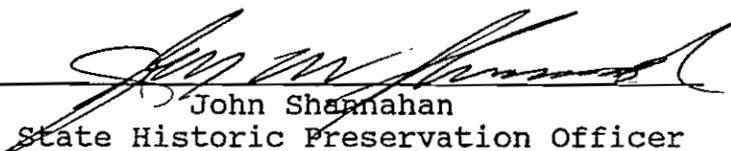
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Jolene Molitoris, Administrator

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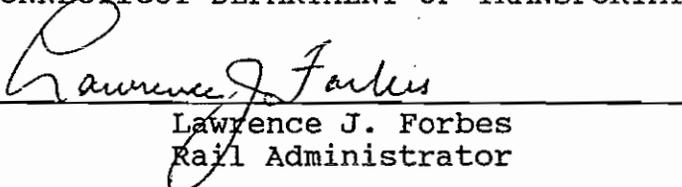
By:  Date: 9/8/96
David J. Carol
Vice President, High Speed Rail

CONNECTICUT STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE:

By:  Date: 8/6/96
John Shanahan
State Historic Preservation Officer

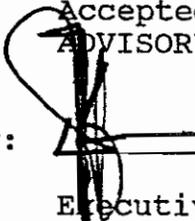
Concurred:

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION:

By:  Date: 7-22-96
Lawrence J. Forbes
Rail Administrator

Accepted:

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

By:  Date: 12/2/99
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Mr. Donald Burns
Federal Transit Administration
One Bowling Green
Room 429
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Subject: New Haven Rail Yard
New Haven, CT
ConnDOT #301-0088

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Dear Mr. Burns:

The State Historic Preservation Office has undertaken extensive coordination with the Connecticut Department of Transportation regarding the above-named project. In particular, a Memorandum of Agreement was ratified by the Federal Highway Administration, ConnDOT, and our office with respect to historic and archaeological resource-related impacts. We further note that all of the mitigative measures stipulated within the Memorandum of Agreement have been professionally completed.

In the opinion of the State Historic Preservation Office, no further historic preservation coordination concerning the New Haven Rail Yard is required vis-à-vis the National Historic Preservation Act.

For further assistance, please contact Dr. David a. Poirier, Staff Archaeologist.

Sincerely,

Karen Senich
State Historic Preservation Officer

cc: Mr. Edgar Hurle/ConnDOT

APPENDIX C

Environmental Monitor Availability Notice, Legal Notices of Availability, and Affidavits



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June 3, 2008

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2. **NEW!** Parking Garage at Union Station, New Haven
3. Housatonic River Basin Natural Resources Restoration Project, North Canaan, Salisbury, Cornwall, Sharon, Kent, Litchfield, Sherman, New Milford, Roxbury, Brookfield, New Fairfield, Southbury, Newtown, Beacon Falls, Seymour, Derby, Shelton, and Stratford.
4. Improvements to the Merritt Parkway/Route 7/Main Interchange, Norwalk
5. Construction of Two Classroom Buildings, Storrs
6. Danbury Branch Rail Line Alternatives Analysis, Fairfield and Litchfield Counties

Environmental Impact Evaluations

1. Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance Facility
2. Town of Oxford Road Infrastructure Project

State Land Transfers

There are no state land transfers posted for public notice or comment in this edition.

The next issue will be published on June 17 , 2008.

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Scoping Notices

follows:

- June 17, 2008: New Milford Town Hall (Paul Martin Conference. Room), 10 Main Street New Milford, CT.
- June 18, 2008: Wilton Town Hall (Annex Building Meeting Room A), 238 Danbury Road , Wilton, CT
- June 19, 2008: Ridgefield Town Hall (Large Conference Room), 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT.

The study team will be available at 6:00 p.m., at each of these public meetings, with a brief presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Written comments may be addressed to:

Name: Mr. Carmine P. Trotta
Agency: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131
Tel: 860-594-2157

If you have questions about the public meeting, wish to review additional information, or have other questions about the scoping for this project, contact:

Name: Mr. Andrew Davis
Agency: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131
Phone: 860-594-2157
Fax: 860-594-3028
E-Mail: Andrew.H.Davis@po.state.ct.us

The agency expects to release a Draft Environmental Impact Evaluation for this project, for public review and comment, in July, 2011.

EIE Notices

The following Environmental Impact Evaluations (EIEs) have been completed by state agencies and are available for review and comment.

1. Notice of EIE for Improvements to the New

Haven Rail Maintenance Facility

Municipality where project is proposed: New Haven

Address of Possible Project Location: The site of the current rail maintenance facility south of Union Avenue and north of Cedar and Hallock Streets.

Project Description: The project consists of the construction of new facilities at the New Haven Yard Maintenance Facility to serve the existing and future fleet of rail cars for the Metro-North Commuter Railroad. Individual projects are: Construction of new storage yard tracks, component change-out shop with support facilities, service and inspection shop, wheel true shop, maintenance-of-way building, material distribution warehouse, rail car wash facility, heavy repair/paint shop and parking structure. Rehabilitation to: existing storage yards, electrical multiple unit shop, car shop/critical systems repair and diesel shop. The overall project also includes the removal of the existing stores building, diesel tanks and water treatment/dewatering facility as well as the replacement of the propane tank and wheel true mill.

Project Maps: [Click here to view a site location map of the project area.](#)

[Click Here to view a map of the project.](#)

Comments on this EIE will be accepted until the close of business on : July 9, 2008

The public can view a copy of this EIE at: The New Haven City Clerks Office - 200 Orange Street, New Haven CT 06510, The New Haven Free Public Library - 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT 06510, The South Central Regional Council of Governments - 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor, North Haven, CT 06473, The Connecticut Department of Transportation - 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Room 2155, Newington, CT 06131

There is a public hearing scheduled for this EIE on:

DATE: Wednesday June 25, 2008

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Gateway Community College - 60 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT (Room 160)

Additional information about this project can be found online at:

Send your comments about this EIE to:

Name: Mr. Edgar T. Hurle - Transportation Planning Director

Agency: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation

Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington , CT 06051

E-Mail: Edgar.Hurle@po.state.ct.us

If you have questions about the public hearing, or where you can review this EIE, or similar matters, please contact :

Name: Mr. Keith T. Hall - Transportation
Supervising Planner
Agency: State of Connecticut Department of
Transportation
Address: 2800 Berlin Turnpike Newington , CT
06051
E-Mail: Keith.Hall@po.state.ct.us
Phone: 860-594-2926

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May 12, 2008

The Honorable John DeStefano, Jr.
Mayor
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Dear Mayor DeStefano:

Subject: State Project No. 301-0088
Public Hearing for
Environmental Documentation for Improvements to the
New Haven Rail Yard
City of New Haven

This is to confirm arrangements made between Mr. Frank Pannenberg of the City Plan office, Mr. Arthur Corda of Gateway Community College, and Mr. Robert Messina of this office regarding the scheduling of a public hearing for the referenced project.

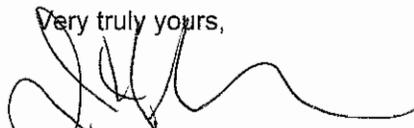
The hearing is to be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the Gateway Community College, Room 160, 60 Sargent Drive, New Haven, Connecticut.

It would be appreciated if the custodian in charge of the building could be notified to permit admittance of Department personnel by 6:00 p.m. on that evening so that presentation plans can be set up prior to the start of the meeting.

The Department is proceeding to arrange for publication of legal notices and display ads in the New Haven Register on May 20, 2008, June 10, 2008, and June 20, 2008 and in La Voz on May 29, 2008, and June 19, 2008. A copy of this notice is enclosed for your convenience. You may wish to distribute this notice to members of your staff for their information.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Robert C. Messina, Project Manager, at (860) 594-3305.

Very truly yours,



James H. Norman, P.E.
Manager of State Design
Bureau of Engineering and
Highway Operations

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Arthur Corda, Gateway Community College

Robert C. Messina/rcm/bac

bcc: James H. Norman, Acting Engineering Administrator
Eugene Colonese – Please attend or be represented
Edgar T. Hurler – Please attend or be represented
Mark D. Neri – Jayantha Mather – John D. Hanifin
Peter A. Richter, Jr.
Manager of State Design – Scott A. Hill – Robert C. Messina
Cynthia S. Holden – Keith T. Hall

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STATE PROJECT NO. 301-0088

City of New Haven

Environmental Documentation for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION LIST

cc: The Honorable Joseph I. Lieberman, U.S. Senator
The Honorable Christopher J. Dodd, U.S. Senator
The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, U.S. Representative
The Honorable Toni N. Harp, State Senator, 10th District
The Honorable Martin M. Looney, State Senator, 11th District
The Honorable Patricia A. Dillon, State Representative, 92nd District
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The Honorable William R. Dyson, State Representative, 94th District
The Honorable Juan R. Candelaria, State Representative, 95th District
The Honorable Cameron C. Staples, State Representative, 96th District
The Honorable Robert W. Megna, State Representative, 97th District
The Honorable John DeStefano, Mayor, City of New Haven
Ms. Judy E. Gott, Executive Director, South Central Regional Council of Governments

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Connecticut Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing on the design plans and environmental document for the improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard in New Haven, State Project No. 301-0088. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 160 at the Gateway Community College, 60 Sargent Drive in New Haven, Connecticut.

The purpose of this project is to create a maintenance and storage complex for the new electric commuter rail car fleet being purchased for the New Haven Line. These improvements will take place within the New Haven Rail Yard, directly adjacent to Union Station in New Haven. The major features of this complex include a Component Changeout Shop, a Service and Inspection Facility, a Car Storage Yard, a Wheel Truing Shop, a Car Wash facility, track connections to the main line, conversion of the Overhaul Shop to a Paint and Heavy Repair Shop, and associated track, catenary, site, and utility work. These new facilities will also accommodate maintenance and storage for the existing New Haven Line electric and diesel fleet.

A Draft Federal Environmental Assessment/Draft Connecticut Environmental Impact Evaluation has been prepared for this project in accordance with 23 CFR 771.119 and pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Sections 22a-1a-1 through 12, inclusive.

Display plans and the environmental document are available for public inspection at the New Haven City Clerk's Office, 200 Orange Street, New Haven; the New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, the South Central Regional Council of Governments, 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West, North Haven, and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Bureau of Policy and Planning, Room 2155, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington Connecticut.

Personnel from the Connecticut Department of Transportation will be available at the hearing to answer any questions the public may have. The environmental document and display plans for the project will also be available for public inspection.

All persons interested in this matter are welcome to attend the public hearing. Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this meeting and requiring an interpreter may make arrangements by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062 (**voice only**) at least five working days prior to the meeting.

You Are Invited To A

PUBLIC HEARING

for

**DESIGN PLANS AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

for

**IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
NEW HAVEN RAIL YARD
IN NEW HAVEN**

Project No. 301-0088

TO BE HELD

Wednesday, June 25, 2008

at 7:00 p.m.

Gateway Community College, Room 160

60 Sargent Drive

New Haven, Connecticut

Residents, commuters, business owners,
and other interested individuals are
encouraged to take advantage of this
opportunity to discuss the
proposed project.

Written questions or comments can
be directed to

Mr. Edgar T. Hurle
Transportation Planning Director
P.O. Box 317546
Newington, CT 06131-7546
or at e-mail address
edgar.hurle@po.state.ct.us

PLEASE JOIN US ON
Wednesday, June 25, 2008

The environmental document and display plans
are available for review at the
City Clerk's Office and the
New Haven Free Public Library

THE CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

LEGAL NOTICE

The Connecticut Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard, State Project Number 301-0088

The hearing will be concerned with the Department's recommended Design Plans and The Federal Environmental Assessment/Draft Connecticut Environmental Impact Evaluation Document for the referenced project

Prepared pursuant to 23 CFR 771.119
and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies,
Sections 22a-1a-1 to 12, inclusive.

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New Haven CT 06510

New Haven Free Public Library
133 Elm Street
New Haven, CT 06510

The South Central Regional Council of Governments
127 Washington Avenue
4th Floor
North Haven, CT 06473

The Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike, Room 2155
Newington, CT 06131

Written comments on the document may be submitted on or before July 9, 2008 to the attention of:

Mr. Edgar T. Hurle, Transportation Planning Director
Office of Intermodal and Environmental Planning
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131

Written comments must be reproducible in black and white and on paper not to exceed 8 1/2" X 11" in size.

Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this hearing and requiring an interpreter must make arrangements by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications (Voice only) at (860) 594-3062 at least five working days prior to the hearing.

Affidavit of Publication

State of Connecticut
County of Fairfield

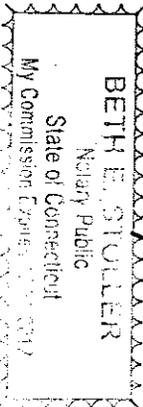
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Notary Public

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LEGAL NOTICE NEW HAVEN SELF STORAGE
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Self Storage Facility Operator's Sale for non payment of Storage Charges. To resolve this claim, property manager is conducting an auction. The following property will be sold by **PUBLIC AUCTION at 10:00AM on WEDNESDAY JUNE 25, 2008.** Contents of the following storage units to be sold in their entirety.
#1143 McLaurin, Latonya
#1172 Sallers, James
#1232 Pouncey, Dayshan
#2107, # 2298 Wiggins-Holmes, Danna
#2130 Dominick, Ronald
#2184 Moses, Terrence
#2263 McGourty, Matthew
#2350 Hayward, Robert
#4140 Richardson, Darlene
#4153 Khan, Heather
#4158, #4208 Jacobs, Belinda
#4197 Oliver-Paige, Ilea
#4203 Andaluz, Felix
#4286 Toure, Mohamed
#4415 Antonelli, Joseph

Auction per order of New Haven Self Storage. Terms are cash. Owner reserves the right to bid @ auction or reject any/all bids. Auction is subject to postponement and/or cancellation by auctioneer, Storage Auction Solutions.

LEGAL NOTICE

South Central Regional Council of Governments is conducting a Public Open House to discuss New Haven Area Bus Services. Attendees can share thoughts and react to proposed ideas concerning less complicated bus routes, new Transit "Hubs," New flexible "R-Line" type services, and a new downtown shuttle route.
Date: Tuesday, June 24
Time: 12-2 and 4-6 PM
Location: New Haven Hall of Records, 200 Orange Street, New Haven.

LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice of Application
This is to give notice that I, LEANDRO BARRANCO, 124 CREST ST, NEW HAVEN, CT 06511. Have filed an application, placarded 06/08/2008 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a RESTAURANT LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 222-230 GRAND AVE, NEW HAVEN, CT 06513. The business will be owned by: EL TAPATIO LLC. Entertainm will consist of: Live Bands. Objections must be filed by: 07/19/2008.
LEANDRO BARRANCO

LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice of Application
This is to give notice that I, SURINDER P. NARAIN, 203 FOREST HILL RD, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473-4302. Have filed an application placarded 06/08/2008 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a PACKAGE STORE LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 1055 BOSTON POST RD UNIT F-9, WEST HAVEN. The business will be owned by: A-1 LIQUOR STORE LLC. Entertainm will consist of: None. Objections must be filed by: 07/19/2008.
SURINDER P NARAIN

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The University of Connecticut is currently seeking proposals for the following:

- Steinway Grand Piano Bid No: B982741-4 Opening Date: July 8, 2008 @ 2:00 PM
- RFP for Prime Vendor for Grocery Items for Convenience Stores. Mandatory Pre-Proposal Conference on Wednesday July 2, 2008 @ 10:00 AM in Purchasing Department Bid Room Bid No: KA081808 Opening Date: July 16, 2008 @ 2:00 PM

Interested parties should visit our website at <http://www.purchasing.uconn.edu/currentbid/currentbid.html> or call 860-486-2619. Inquiries must be made by Bid Number.

LIQUOR PERMIT

Notice of Applications
This is to give notice that I, MATTHEW J. MURPHY, 101 E. WHARF RD, MADISON, CT 06443-3132. Have filed an application placarded 06/15/2008 with the Department of Consumer Protection for a WHOLESALE LIQUOR PERMIT for the sale of alcoholic liquor on the premises at 11 SYCAMORE WAY UNIT 402, BRANFORD, CT. The business will be owned by: DO VALLE LLC. Entertainm will consist of: None. Objections must be filed by: 07/26/2008.
MATTHEW J. MURPHY

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Prepared pursuant to 23 CFR 771.119 and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Sections 22a-1a-1 to 12, inclusive.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Gateway Community College - Room 160 60 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT 06511

Residents, commuters, business owners and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to discuss the proposed project.

The document and display plans are available for public inspection at
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127 Washington Avenue
4th Floor
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Deaf and hearing impaired persons wishing to attend this hearing and requiring an interpreter must make arrangements by contacting the Department of Transportation's Office of Communications (Voice only) at (860) 594-3062 at least five working days prior to the hearing. 01888

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL

A lien for towing and storage charges under section 14-150 of CT General Statutes. The following vehicles will be sold Jun 30, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. We reserve the right to bid.
95 Mercedes E-320 ID#WDBEA32E6SC179559
03 Toyota Corolla ID#2T1BR32E43C150731
05 Hyundai Accent ID#KMHCG45C25U600683
Columbus Auto Body Works Inc dba Columbus Towing Service 499 Columbus Ave New Haven

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF: ANN BRENNAN, Late of Ansonia in said district deceased, AKA ANNI M. BRENNAN, AKA ANNA BRENNAN, AKA ANNA M. BRENNAN

The Hon. Clifford D. Hoyls, Judge of the Court of Probate, District of Derby at Ansonia, by decree dated June 18, 2008, ordered that all claims must be presented to the fiduciary at the address below. Failure to promptly present any such claim may result in the loss of rights to recover on such claim.
Norine Nedavaska, Clerk

The fiduciary is:
Brian Oliver c/o Jeffrey W. Tuccio, Esq., 235 Wakelee Avenue, Ansonia, CT 06401

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**WALLINGFORD, CT
STATE PROJECT #148-0147 VAN
PHASE 3a BID PACKAGES**

ion Corporation, as Construction Manager on behalf of The Town of Wallingford sealed bid proposals in Duplicate for the individual trade packages related to the Vernon E. Cleaves Regional Vocational Agricultural School Construction Project. Bids will be received at the Town of Wallingford at 45 South Main Street, Room 206, Wallingford, CT on June 10, 2008, 10:00 a.m. Immediately following, all bids will be publicly opened and read after the specified closing time will not be accepted and will be returned.

CATION	Due Date	Time
	6/16/08	3:00 pm

ications will be available on 5/2/08 and may be reviewed at the following:

- 1. Construction Corporation
Rd 3034
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- 2. McGraw Hill Construction/Dodge Plan Room
650 Franklin Ave.
Hartford, CT 06114
Ph: (860) 584-2375
- 3. New England Construction News
www.1.cdcnews.com

3 prepared by Tai Soo Kim Partners, including drawings and specifications at the above locations and may be purchased at Cop-eez, 356 Research Ct 06450 (203) 630-2671 for a non-refundable fee of \$225.00 per bid. All bids will be made payable to Konover Construction Corporation. Bidders must send documents prior to pick-up.

pre-bid meeting was held on Friday May 23rd, 10:00 am at the project site Hill Road in Wallingford, CT.

e performed under the Construction Management project delivery method. Contract shall be with the Construction Manager. The Town of Wallingford has awarded Construction Corporation to serve as the Construction Manager with the authority to contract. Submission of a bid by a bidder signifies that bidder agrees to the Construction Manager's Subcontract Agreement (if awarded) WITHOUT ALTERATION or exceptions taken to the Agreement during or after bidding will give no effect, and/or The Town of Wallingford the right to reject the bid.

to Bidders and Special Instructions to Bidders' must be followed in all re-

Connecticut Department of Labor and all associated statutes and regulations applicable to this project. The successful bidder shall comply with applicable laws and all Town of Wallingford requirements.

held open by bidders for a period of thirty (30) days. No bidder may withdraw a bid during this period.

all bid proposals will be considered.

Manager, Program Manager and The Town of Wallingford reserve the right to accept or waive any informalities, irregularities, omissions, or technical defects.

bidder shall participate and comply with all applicable affirmative action, non-discrimination and local hiring preferences established by The Town of Wallingford on this project.

mind that Public Schools are exempt from Federal Excise Taxes as well as Sales and Use Taxes which should not be included in Subcontractor's bid.

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AND TAXATION
DATE: Monday, June 16, 2008
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Ansonia City Hall 253 Main Street

PURPOSE:
1. To consider requests for transfers of monies of all departments and/or new appropriations where funds are available to various departments.
2. Any other business to come before said Board.

Sealed quotations must be received by June 27, 2008 no later than 11:30 a.m. Immediately thereafter all quotations will be publicly opened and prices read aloud.

ONLY VENDORS CURRENTLY REGISTERED UNDER THE STATE'S SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE PROGRAM ARE ELIGIBLE TO BID.

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Denise Chandler c/o Christopher B. Carveth, Esq., Stevens, Carroll & Carveth, 26 Cherry Street, P.O. Box 432, Milford CT 06460

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- Regular Meeting:**
- Applications:
 - a. C2- 981 21 & 25 Laura Road - Renew existing permit for a re-subdivision into two residential with a new single-family house Virginia S. Henry, Owner/Applicant
Renewed from 7/2/08 to 7/2/2013
 - b. de minimis review - Hogan Road stream crossing for installation of a water main - St. Central CT Regional Water Authority
Tabled for site inspection
 - N.O.V., Cease & Desists, N.T.A.
 - a. N.T.A. 186 Denslow Hill Road - dumping and deposition of fill in or near wetland
Tabled until July 2, 2008
 - b. N.T.A. 196 Denslow Hill Road - dumping and deposition of fill in or near wetlands
Tabled until July 2, 2008
 - c. N.O.V. 64 Rocky Top Road - clearing of trees a removal of vegetation
Tabled until August 6, 2008
 - d. N.O.V. 425 Main Street - dumping and deposit of fill in or near wetlands
Tabled for site inspection
 - e. C.&D. 415 Putnam Avenue - unpermitted activity a regulated area
Tabled until September 3, 2008
 - f. C.&D. 2895 State Street, Parcel C Order to Cease and Desist
Tabled until September 3, 2008

Submitted by: Stacy Shellard, Commission Clerk 2116284

LEGAL NOTICE

HOUSING AUTHORITY CITY OF NEW HAVEN

ROCKVIEW HOPE VI REVITALIZATION PLAN MEETING

The Housing Authority of the City of New Haven (HA) hold five (5) meetings as follows:

- Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 295 Wilmot Road, New Haven - Community Room
- Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 358 Orange Street, 10th Floor, New Haven Community Room
- Tuesday, June 10, 2008, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at Katherine Brennan School, 200 Wilmot Road, New Haven - All Purpose Room
- Wednesday, June 11, 2008, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 295 Wilmot Road, New Haven - Community Room
- Monday, June 16, 2008, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at 358 Orange Street, 10th Floor, New Haven Community Room

Residents and community members are invited to attend and participate in the proposed HOPE VI revitalization plan. Anyone may submit written comments on the HOPE VI to HANH, Attn: Brigitta He P.O. Box 1912, New Haven, CT 06509-9987. For information on the Authority's HOPE VI Plan should call 498-8800 or HANH's TTY/TDD 203-497-8434. Any other reasonable accommodations to participate in the meeting may call Laura Woodie at 203-498-8800 x1507.

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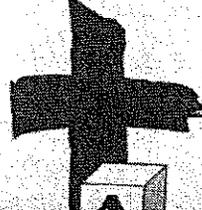
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Notice is hereby given that the
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#852 Money Bags
#848 Gold Rush

Instant Lottery games. These
procedures became effec-
tive as of May 21, 2008 and
are available at the Corpora-
tion Office, 777 Brook Street,
Rocky Hill, CT 06067 to any-
party requesting a copy.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the
Easter Seals Goodwill Indus-
tries Rehabilitation Center will
be held at Anthony's Ocean
View in New Haven, CT from
11:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on
Thursday, May 29, 2008.

Nominees for the Executive
Committee of the Board of
Directors are: Benedict
Cuzzi, First Vice Chairman;
Alfred Della Valle, Second
Vice Chairman; Jennifer Del-
Monico, Secretary; Dennis
Reilly, Treasurer and Debra
Testa, Assistant Secretary.
All Executive Committee
members are elected for a
one year term except for the
Chairman who was elected for
a two year term in 2007.
Nominees for the Board of
Directors to be elected at the
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- Unit 0174 Sarah Jean Izzo
Misc. Household goods
- Unit 0176 Billy Crouch
Misc. Household goods
- Unit 0188 Rachel Bowen
Misc. Household goods
- Unit 0214 Frederick Chappell,
Jr.
Misc. Household goods

NOTICE OF
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APPLICATION

TOWN: CITY OF
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Notice is hereby given that the
City of West Haven (The "ap-
plicant") of 355 Main Street,
West Haven has submitted to
the Department of Environ-
mental Protection an applica-
tion under Section 22a-361 to
conduct work in tidal coastal
or navigable waters of the
State.

Specifically, the applicant pro-
poses to construct two sec-
ondary clarifiers. The pro-
posed activity will take place
at 2 Beach Street in West
Haven. The proposed activ-
ity will affect coastal or
aquatic resources of Long Is-
land Sound.

Interested persons may obtain
copies of the application
from Abdul Quadir, P.E., City
of West Haven, 355 Main
Street, West Haven, tel. 203-
937-3577.

The application is available for
inspection at the Office of the
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Prepared pursuant to 23 CFR 771.119
and the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies,
Sections 22a-1a-1 to 12, inclusive.

The public hearing will be held on
Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
Gateway Community College - Room 160
60 Sargent Drive, New Haven, CT 06511

Residents, commuters, business owners and
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Connecticut Department of Transportation
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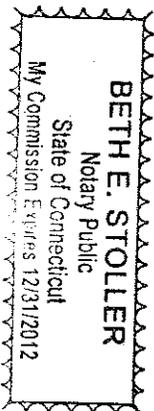
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**DEPARTMENT OF
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**PUBLIC HEARING
STATE PROJECT NO. 301-0088**

**Federal Environmental Assessment
State Environmental Impact Evaluation
for
Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard**

June 25, 2008

NEW HAVEN, CT

**Connecticut Department of Transportation
Public Hearing
State Project No. 301-0088
Federal Environmental Assessment
State Environmental Impact Evaluation
For
Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard**

ROBERT W. IKE: [Joining in progress – experiencing difficulties with the microphone]...Department of Transportation. I will serve as the moderator for tonight's Public Hearing.

I'd like to introduce the individuals to my left and right who are here this evening to make presentations and listen to your comments and concerns. Mr. Glen Hayden, Project Manager, Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas, Inc., Ms. Marianne M. Latimer, Associate, Fitzgerald and Halliday, Inc., [microphone difficulties conclude] and Mr. Steven Degan from the Connecticut Department of Transportation's Office of Rights of Way. We also have Transportation Principal Engineer, Mr. Scott Hill, and our Rails Administrator, Mr. Eugene Colonese. We also have in the audience our Acting Engineering Administrator, Mr. James Norman, our Supervising Planner, Mr. Keith Hall, our Rails Project Engineer, John Hanifin, our Facilities Design Engineer, Mr. Edward [believe it should be

Everett] Maynard, Mr. Paul Breen [phonetic], Assistant District Engineer, Office of Construction, Mr. Bruce Fisher for the City of New Haven, Transportation, Traffic, and Parking Authority, and our two technicians, Mr. George Hudson, and Mr. George Carbonell.

We're meeting with you this evening in order to discuss the Federal Environmental Assessment State Environmental Impact Evaluation for improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard here in the City of New Haven. This public hearing is being conducted in accordance with the Connecticut Department of Transportation's policy entitled "Public Involvement/Public Hearings for Highway Layouts and Designs", revised October 1995.

The draft EA/EIE document and display plans have been available for public inspection at the New Haven City Hall Clerk's Office, 200 Orange Street, the New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, the South Central Regional Council of Governments, 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor, North Haven, as well as at the Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Room 2155, Newington, CT.

Before we begin, I'd also like to recognize our Deputy Commissioner for the Bureau of Public Transportation, Albert Martin. Mr. Martin...

I will now discuss the format for tonight's public hearing, then I will turn the podium over to presenters who will give Design, Environmental and

Rights of Way presentations of the draft EA/EIE document. I will then moderate the hearing as we listen to your comments.

For your information, our presentation should take approximately 15 to 20 minutes to complete.

My intent is to conduct a fair and orderly hearing tonight by following a particular format. We would appreciate your patience during my remarks as well as the presentations to follow by holding your remarks and comments until this portion of the hearing has been completed. We will be happy to remain here this evening until everyone has had a reasonable opportunity to speak.

Experience has shown that audible recordings can only be made if the person making a statement uses the microphone connected to the recording equipment. A microphone has been set up and if you wish to make a statement, please come to the microphone after I read your name from the sign-up sheet. Please introduce yourself and if you're representing an organization, please give its name as well. If you didn't sign up to speak but a question comes to mind, feel free to raise your hand and I will be happy to recognize you after I go through the speaker sign-up sheet.

For those individuals who have a prepared statement, you may read it into the record if you so desire. However, if the statement is lengthy you are

asked to offer a written copy of the statement for the record and give a brief summary of its contents. Such attachments to the record carry as much weight as the transcribed verbal testimony received here tonight when the transcript is reviewed.

If you wish to speak this evening, we have a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the room. There's a three minute time limit on all first time speakers. There will be no yielding of your time to other speakers -- your time is for your own comments. If, after all first time speakers have finished, anyone who would like the opportunity to speak again, a reasonable amount of additional time will be allotted for this purpose. Anyone who wishes to present written comments for the public hearing record should give them to me before the end of tonight's hearing.

As a result of the information that you might learn at tonight's hearing, you may wish to make additional comments on the draft EA/EIE document. Written statements or exhibits concerning it may be mailed or delivered to the attention of

Mr. Edgar T. Hurle

Transportation Planning Director

Connecticut Department of Transportation

2800 Berlin Turnpike

Newington, CT 06131-7546

OR at e-mail address: edgar.hurle@po.state.ct.us

This information is also available in the handout which you should have received when you entered the room tonight. The deadline for receipt of comments on the draft EA/EIE document is July 9th, 2008. Written statements or exhibits must be postmarked by this date and must be reproducible in black and white on not larger than 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. This information will be made part of the public hearing record and will be considered in the same regard as oral statements.

At this point, I will turn the podium over to Mr. Glen Hayden who will give some design information on this proposed project. Mr. Hayden will be followed by Ms. Marianne Latimer who will give the environmental presentation for the project. Ms. Latimer will be followed by Mr. Steven Degen who will give the rights of way presentation. Glen...

GLENN HAYDEN: Good evening. You can turn that on...oh, okay. I'll start anyhow. Good evening. I'm Glen Hayden, Project Manager with PB Americas, the design consulting firm retained by the Connecticut Department of Transportation to design this facility. My presentation will be regarding the design aspects of the project. There we go...

The proposed project consists of conducting a series of improvements in the New Haven Rail Yard. The New Haven Rail Yard is an approximately 70 acre site owned by the State of Connecticut located adjacent to Union Station in New Haven. It has served as a rail maintenance and storage facility for over 100 years. It is currently the major maintenance and storage facility for the New Haven Rail Line. The major existing facilities and the age of each facility are depicted on this slide.

The goal of this program of improvements is to provide for the maintenance and storage of the existing and future commuter rail fleet for the New Haven Line. The existing yard facilities are inadequate to serve the functional requirements of the new fleet of M-8 rail vehicles scheduled to start arriving in the summer of 2009. The improvements are proposed to be constructed under a series of individual construction contracts over a multi-year timeframe.

In early 2006, a preliminary engineering study was performed which defined the criteria and critical functions...critical facilities required. Then a schematic design was prepared which identified the required facilities. This is known as the "full build". In order to construct facilities while maintaining existing yard operations, a phasing concept was developed. The highest priority improvements were identified to be constructed first. This is

known as Program 1A. The balance of the facilities will be constructed in subsequent Programs 1B and 2 over a multi-year time period. Program 1A consists of the M-8 acceptance facility, improvements to the existing car shops, a new component change-out shop, a new wheel truing shop, and a new west-end storage yard.

Program 1B consists of the east-end yard, car washer foundations, and the new warehouse.

Program 2 includes the balance of the proposed facilities which include completion of the storage yard, a new service and inspection shop with a second wheel truer, a pedestrian overpass, an employee parking garage, a maintenance away facility, a car washer, and conversion of the car shop to a paint and heavy repair shop. This will complete the full build of the proposed improvements.

These improvements are all proposed within the boundaries of the existing New Haven Rail Yards. No rights of way acquisitions are required. Minor utility easement revisions are required to move existing utilities out of the way of proposed improvements and to provide service connections.

The proposed schedule calls for Program 1A to be constructed between 2008 and 2012. Program 1B is to be constructed between 2012 and 2014, and Program 2 is to be constructed starting in 2015.

Program 1A costs approximately \$432 Million. Program 1B costs approximately \$112 Million, and Program 2 costs approximately \$645 Million. These costs are all in the year of construction dollars.

These facilities will improve commuter rail service by improving car maintenance programs, providing adequate car storage for fleet expansion, and providing improved train movements between the yard and the main line. With these facilities, car maintenance can be scheduled on a preventive program basis rather than reacting to breakdowns as they occur. This will improve on-time performance; reduce automobile congestion and pollution by encouraging commuters to take the train and increase ridership and revenue. These projects require DEP inland wetland, flood plain management and DEP coastal area consistency permits. All facilities will be designed to the latest version of the State of Connecticut building code and all other state and federal regulations. These projects are being funded with special state transportation funds and federal transit administration grants. I will now turn the presentation over to Ms. Latimer for the highlights of the environmental document.

MARIANNE LATIMER: I'm going to stand up so that...

GLEN HAYDEN: Okay.

MARIANNE LATIMER: Good evening. My name's Marianne Latimer. I'm with Fitzgerald and Halliday. I'm a planner with the...Fitzgerald and Halliday is based in Hartford. For about two years our firm has worked with Parsons Brinckerhoff and with the Connecticut Department of Transportation to prepare the environmental document that's the subject of tonight's hearing. The project is being funded with both federal and state money and therefore must conform to the requirements of both the National Environmental Policy Act – NEPA, and the State Environmental Policy Act – SEPA. Tonight's public hearing is part of the environmental process. You can turn to the next one... that's documented in these regulations. The process will address all of the relevant regulations in one combined environmental document. All comments made during this hearing, as well as during the public comment period, will be considered when finalizing the document.

The next slide highlights some of the milestones of this particular project; the full build alternative for the New Haven Rail Yard improvements.

What I'd like to do tonight is briefly discuss some of the findings of the environmental document. Included in the back of the room is an impact summary table; there's also an environmental...like there's an executive

summary for the document, but this table has basically a summary of the resources that were looked at for this study in the left hand column, and then it talks about the...middle column has a summary of the anticipated project impacts, and the right hand column has some of the suggested mitigation measures. When the environmental document is finalized and approved, the mitigation listed in it will constitute a commitment by the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration to offset the project impacts to those resources with those measures.

My intent is not to go through this table line by line but rather to highlight some of the more important findings and issues of public interest. We encourage you to review the document in its entirety in order to gain a more complete understanding of the project and its findings.

The topic resource areas I'll be discussing tonight include storm water, wetlands, flood plains, coastal resources, hazardous materials and construction. Earlier Glen mentioned the location of the project. I'd just like to point out that the study area that was investigated for the environmental document included the rail yard property, however, the analysis of some of the resources, namely traffic, air, and noise, required that we look beyond the immediate study area in order to gain a better understanding of potential project impacts to the surrounding area.

The project area is primarily urban and as such, natural resources are limited. There are two wetland patches located in the green there. These are where additional railroad tracks are being constructed for the storage of rail cars. These wetlands are approximately a quarter of an acre in size and have had very limited function for sediment and toxicant retention. Some of the wetland functions will be replaced by the improved storm water management system. Permits have been secured for the project and ConnDOT has fully coordinated with the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The project is located also within Connecticut's Coastal Zone and includes flood plains. The purple area includes the 500-year flood plain and the orange, the hundred-year flood plain so you can see a lot of the rail yard is within that area. Construction will result in some filling of the hundred-year flood plain which is essentially the coastal flood plain associated with Long Island Sound. This impact does not anticipate it to result in a measureable decrease of flood storage capacity or a measurable increase in flood heights or velocities because the coastal flood plain in this area is expansive and the area of fill is expected to be relatively small and localized. Thus there isn't expected to be any increased risk of flooding. A coastal

consistency review was necessary during project permitting to demonstrate that the project meets the requirements of Connecticut's Coastal Management Act and coordination again with the Connecticut DEP and the Federal Emergency Management Agency has been carried out.

Based on site investigations for hazardous materials and historical land use at the rail yard, there is a potential for encountering contamination during construction. Detailed investigations are being carried out right now by ConnDOT and a licensed environmental professional as the project continues and remediation will be carried out in accordance with Connecticut DEP's remediation standard regulations.

Lastly, as with all construction projects, there could be temporary short-term impacts related to construction activities such as dust and noise associated with construction equipment. Construction best management practices will be adhered to throughout the construction period to minimize these impacts to the greatest extent possible.

Other topics of concern like...were carefully evaluated during the environmental documentation process. With respect to air quality, the analysis involved modeling future carbon monoxide levels at nearby intersections that were selected for analysis based on future traffic volumes, levels of service and surrounding land use. In other words, intersections

representing worse-case situations were evaluated. The results indicate that there will be no violation of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for carbon monoxide or other pollutants of concern...thus the project will have no impact on air quality.

For the noise analysis, the first step was to conduct field reconnaissance to identify nearby noise sensitive receptors. That effort identified residential receptors west of Union Station and in the immediate vicinity of the project. To determine future project noise levels, the Federal Transit Administration's general noise spreadsheet – it's called FTA Noise - was used which assesses future noise impacts from various elements of transit projects. Results from modeling procedures determined that the project would not result in adverse noise impacts at the identified receptors.

A traffic study was also constructed that analyzed intersections in the general vicinity of the rail yard and evaluated existing traffic conditions, as well as future build and no-build traffic conditions. The analysis concluded that there will be no adverse impacts on traffic, transit or parking due to this project. Rather, the ultimate goal is to create an improved rail yard better equipped to service the public rail transportation system.

I have cultural resources listed here as no impacts but that explains a little...that needs a little explanation. The potential historic, architectural

and cultural resources within the vicinity of the project were comprehensively investigated by ConnDOT and the rail yard was identified as a significant example of late nineteenth and early twentieth century railroad-related technology. The entire yard was determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. ConnDOT has coordinated extensively with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office and has satisfied requirements for mitigation including Historic American Engineering Record or HAER, and state and local documentation of significant buildings and other elements that will be demolished. Because this mitigation has been completed, the New Haven Rail Yard improvements project will have no adverse effects on historic, architectural or archeological resources listed on or eligible for the National Register. And with that, I will turn it over to Rights of Way...

STEVEN DEGAN: Thank-you. Good evening. My name's Steve Degan. I'm a project coordinator with the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation's Office of Rights of Way. The function of the Office of Rights of Way is to acquire all property rights necessary for transportation projects. Property rights will be acquired in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13a-73, 13a-98c, 48-50 through 48-57. Sections 48-50 through 48-57 establish your ability to request mediation through the

Office of Ombudsman for Property Rights who can provide information, assistance, and mediation concerning disputes or relation assistance and eminent domain to property owners or anyone who may be displaced. The Ombudsman is Robert S. Poliner; 450 Capitol Avenue, Hartford; phone number is 860-418-6356.

[If] Federal funds are used in any portion of a project the provisions of the Federal "Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Properties Acquisition Policies Act of 1970", as amended, apply and are adhered to.

Plans for this project as presented indicate the requisition of one easement which will require the relocation of a portion of United Illuminating's facilities. Basically I won't go through the individual specifications but basically prior to any commencement of any eminent domain actions, property owners will be advised of their rights under the Connecticut General Statutes 48-50 through 48-52. [If] Property owners choose not to exercise their rights under Connecticut General Statutes Sections 48-50 through 48-57, condemnations will be filed and the money offered to you will be deposited with the Courts. This money is available to the owner and may be withdrawn without prejudice to that person's case. The owner may appeal the condemnation aware and a hearing will then be scheduled before a state referee to decide final compensation paid.

Chapter 135 of the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut as revised provides for relocation assistance and other benefits to individuals, families and businesses displaced by construction projects. Displacees at the initiation of the Relocation Benefits Program will be advised of their rights under the Connecticut General Statutes 48-52. Basically, again, this is an acquisition of an easement from United Illuminating in the relocation of their facilities. At this point I'll turn it back over to Mr. Ike.

ROBERT W. IKE: Thank-you Mr. Degan. Do we have any elected or appointed officials who would like to make a comment...from the City of New Haven? Or State Representatives? State Senators? Just come to the microphone, give your name and...give your name and your address please.

MICHAEL PISCITELLI: Mr. Ike – my name is Michael Piscitelli. I represent Mayor DeStefano and the City of New Haven on this project. Thank you for taking appointed official early as well. I appreciate that.

ROBERT W. IKE: Yes sir.

MICHAEL PISCITELLI: We have very few comments on this project as you know; as we've commented privately to you as well. This is one of the signature and most exciting projects happening in the City right now. It represents the true commitment to transit and rail use here in the City, and our comments are fully supportive of what you're doing and any help the

City can provide to affect a positive and swift completion of the project, you have our assistance. I have written comments and prepared testimony from the Mayor which I'll hand in for your record. The only comment of significance that pertains to the rights of way side is the Long Wharf Alternative B...2B I should say. This is the Long Wharf Project and the Ring Road. And the letter memorializes the City's long-standing comments that the Rail Yard Project should help better and help effect the completion of the Ring Road and not in any way adversely impact completion of that project as well. So I'll leave that for your record and I wish you well in completion.

ROBERT W. IKE: On our speaker sign-up sheet we have no speakers. Is there anyone from the audience who'd like to speak? Do we have any comments from the audience? [Pause] Do we have any comments from the audience? [Would] Anyone like to make any comments for the record? Remember you have until July 9th, 2008 for any written comments to be submitted to Mr. Hurle. Seeing no comments...does anyone else on staff have any comments they'd like to make for the record? On behalf of Commissioner Joseph F. Marie, I would like to thank you for coming this evening and expressing your views. Thank-you. Have a good evening.

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May 23, 2008

Mr. Edgar T. Hurlle, Transportation Planning Director
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT. 06051

RE: Notice of Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Maintenance Facility

Dear Mr. Hurlle:

The following comments are offered in response to the Notice of EIE for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Maintenance Facility.

1. A review of the notice revealed limited information at this stage of the project. Should the project include any renovation or demolition of buildings, excavation of soils, or disturbance of existing utility infrastructure, then a plan must be in place to address lead contaminated soils, lead-based paint, and asbestos since these materials may be encountered and/or disturbed during renovation, demolition, or excavating activities. The following summarizes the Department's position with regard to lead and asbestos issues:

A. Lead-Based Paint

2. It does not appear that renovation, demolition, excavation or construction activities associated with this project are subject to the Department of Public Health (DPH) Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control (LPPPC) Regulations (§§19a-111-1 through 19a-111-11).

There are, however, other issues that must be addressed related to lead-based paint. Among these issues are the following:

- Lead-based paint testing of paint on existing structures marked for demolition, or sampling for lead-in-soils should be performed by a lead inspector or lead inspector/risk assessor certified by the DPH.
- Planned renovation, demolition or soil removal activities should be performed using lead-safe work practices.
- If lead-based paint or lead contaminated soil is identified, the classification and disposal of generated waste must comply with the Resource Conservation Recovery Act (RCRA) and Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection standards (i.e. Toxicity Characteristics Leaching Procedure [TCLP] testing, reporting, and record keeping requirements).

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Notice of Environmental Impact Evaluations for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Maintenance Facility

- Additionally, if lead-based paint, lead containing paint, or lead contaminated soil is identified, workers must be trained (as a minimum) according to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) lead standard (29 CFR 1926.62). Because other contaminants may also be present on the site, additional health and safety training may be required (e.g. hazardous waste and/or asbestos).

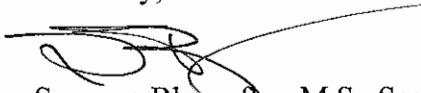
Additional inquiries on the subject of lead-based paint should be directed to Alan Buzzetti, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control Program at (860) 509-7299.

B. Asbestos

3. Any demolition of existing facilities that are associated with this proposed project would be subject to the provisions of the asbestos National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (40 CFR Part 61). As such, the facilities would be required to be thoroughly inspected to determine the presence of asbestos prior to the commencement of the demolition activity. The asbestos inspection must be conducted by an Inspector or a Management Planner licensed by the DPH. Asbestos abatement that involves more than three (3) linear feet or more than three (3) square feet of asbestos containing material must be performed by an asbestos abatement contractor licensed by the DPH. Asbestos abatement must be performed in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local regulations.

Additional inquiries regarding any issues related to asbestos should be directed to Ronald Skomro, Supervising Environmental Analyst, Asbestos Program at (860) 509-7367.

Sincerely,



Suzanne Blane, M.S., Section Chief
Environmental Health Section



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May 22, 2008

Mr. Edgar T. Hurle - Transportation Planning Director
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, CT 06131

RE: Notice of EIE for Improvements to the New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance
Facilities

Dear Mr. Hurle:

The Drinking Water Section of the Department of Public Health has reviewed the above-mentioned project for potential impacts to any sources of public drinking water supply. This project does not appear to be in a public water supply source water area, therefore the Drinking Water Section has no comments at this time. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Lori Mathieu
Public Health Services Manager
Drinking Water Section

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



July 9, 2008

Mr. Edgar T. Hurle,
Transportation Planning Director
Connecticut Department of Transportation
Bureau of Policy and Planning
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, Connecticut 06131

Re: Federal Environmental Assessment/ Connecticut Environmental Impact Evaluation
New Haven Rail Maintenance Facility Improvements
New Haven, Connecticut
State Project No. 301-0088

Dear Mr. Hurle:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-referenced document which outlines the various improvements, new facilities and new tracks to be constructed at New Haven Yard over the timeframe of 2008-2020. The outlined facilities and improvements are needed to inspect, maintain, and repair the new M-8 commuter rail cars as well as the existing rolling stock of the New Haven Line service and of Shore Line East, and the equipment for the proposed Springfield Line Commuter Rail Service.

The improvements at New Haven Yard will occur within the existing ConnDOT ownership at the 74-acre parcel and will basically consist of reconfiguring the tracks, removal of two existing structures and the construction of various new maintenance facilities within the yard. Overall use of the property will not change. A number of issues are identified in the EA/EIE which merit comment by DEP.

Remediation of Soil and Groundwater Contamination

1. Chapter 28 of the document states (p. 136) that the proposed work “will undoubtedly encounter contaminated areas that will need to be remediated.” Given the historic and current use of this property, this is certainly a reasonable assumption. As the proposed work consists of a number of individual projects over a twelve year period, the characterization and remediation of site contamination will likely be undertaken on an individual project basis as opposed to a facility-wide approach. The EA/EIE proposes the use of licensed environmental professionals (LEPs) to investigate and characterize the contamination and recommend remediation strategies.

2. Remediation work at the site will likely be undertaken pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes section 22a-133y Voluntary Remediation Program. Consultation and coordination with DEP regarding the development of a remediation plan pursuant to Section 22a-133y can be undertaken using Tom Riscassi, supervising environmental engineer with the Remediation Division of the Water Protection and Land Reuse Bureau as a point of contact. Mr. Riscassi can be reached at (860) 424-3781 or at Thomas.riscassi@ct.gov. Such consultation would include any requests for approval of alternate

remediation standards or alternative methods. ConnDOT should note that remediation efforts under this program involve a significant public notice component as set forth in C.G.S. section 22a-133y(b).

3. Also on the subject of remediation, as the maintenance facility improvements proceed, ConnDOT needs to evaluate the premises for PCB contamination in accordance with 40 CFR 761. You are likely aware of the need to coordinate with EPA Region I for review and approval of a PCB remediation work plan, but we recommend contacting EPA Region I early in the process rather than later. Kimberly Tisa of Region I can be contacted at (617) 918-1527 regarding PCB issues.

RCRA Generator Status

4. The improvements at New Haven Yard will allow the facility to service more cars and perform more functions than it is currently capable of handling. The Yard is currently classified as a small quantity generator of hazardous waste under RCRA, meaning the facility generates between 100 and 1000 kilograms of hazardous waste per month. If the expansion of operations at New Haven Yard will increase the rate of hazardous waste generation above 1000 kilograms per month, it would then fall under the classification of being a large quantity generator. If this is anticipated to happen, ConnDOT should contact DEP's Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division to amend its registration. Peter Ploch of that division can be used as a contact in this regard and can be reached at (860) 424-3280.

Coastal Management Issues

5. New Haven Yard lies entirely within the Connecticut Coastal Boundary as established by Connecticut General Statutes section 22a-94 and includes coastal flood hazard areas. Therefore, the project will require the submission of a Coastal Consistency Review to the DEP Office of Long Island Sound Programs. Among other issues, the review will need to document that no practical alternatives exist for the filling of floodplain areas to construct the new facilities. It is, however, recognized that the use of extra fill will be required to raise critical activity structures, including facilities engaged in the treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous materials, above the 500-year flood elevation.

Inland Wetlands

6. Pages 113 and 115 discuss the filling of 0.232 acres of degraded inland wetlands in the center of the rail yard. The primary function served by the two small wetlands is the trapping of sediments and pollutants. Though the document is dated as May 2008, it makes no mention of the DEP Inlands Wetlands and Watercourses Permit No. IW-200701700 issued January 14, 2008 which authorizes the filling of the 0.232 acres of combined inland wetland area discussed in the EA/EIE. This permit was issued in connection with the temporary M-8 rail car acceptance facility.

Wastewater Management

7. Chapters 21 and 26 (pp. 111 and 129, resp.) describe the EMU shop wastewater system which will discharge to a holding tank that will be pumped out with the contents to be disposed of at an off-site facility. The discussion then continues noting that "in general, each new building will have its own system to collect and store wastewater streams. The effluent will be pumped to separate storage tanks. Tank contents will be tested for contaminants and properly disposed of off-site." While this strategy is certainly an acceptable procedure, it seems more practical to install oil separators for oily wastewaters and apply for general permits for the discharges to the sanitary sewer system. Other potential discharges from yard facilities may also qualify for coverage under general permits. Installation of holding tanks

requires high level alarms, spill containment, proper design capacities, acceptable licensed waste haulers, and other factors that can become quite costly over time.

Flood Management Certification

Virtually the entire project area lies within the 100-year flood plain as shown in figure 12.

8. Therefore, the various project elements included in the New Haven Rail Yard Maintenance Improvements project will require Flood Management Certification pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes sections 25-68b through h. We note that Flood Management Certification specific to the temporary M-8 acceptance facility was issued by DEP on November 14, 2007.

Stormwater Permits

9. New buildings, increased impervious surface areas and other improvements are being proposed as part of this project. Therefore, there will be a net increase in impervious surface as a result of the New Haven Rail Yard improvements. The need for a stormwater management plan is noted on page 110 of the EA/EIE. The plan, more formally known as a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, is required as an element of the Registration for the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities, the need for which is acknowledged on page 149. As the rail yard is already covered by a general permit, the current Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan will simply need to be amended to reflect the new facilities and to address any new sources of pollutants. The amended plan should include best management practices and/or treatment mechanisms to promote proper stormwater quality. Registration will also be required under the General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters Associated with Construction Activities. A Stormwater Pollution Control Plan is required as an element of this registration.

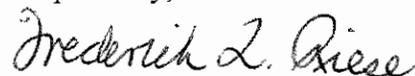
Miscellaneous Comments

10. The proposed improvements will result in an increase in security and better control of access to New Haven Yard, as cited on page 103. This is an important public safety benefit of the improvements, and, to the extent that it may also prevent acts of vandalism, it will also decrease the chances for spills or discharges that could be associated with such acts.

11. Without having looked into who was responsible for the inaccurate nomenclature atop page 134, it is noted that the listing of "Conrail Consolidated Corporation, a.k.a. Amtrak National Railroad Passenger Corporation" is erroneous on at least two counts. Conrail, or the Consolidated Rail Corporation was, as you are well aware, not the same as the National Passenger Railroad Corporation or Amtrak. Obviously, both entities have had extensive historic use of New Haven Yard and either one, or likely both, could have been responsible for the cited historic releases of solvents and oil to the ground at that site.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments. Our best wishes to ConnDOT as you pursue this ambitious project of improvements. If you have any question concerning any aspect of these comments, feel free to call me at (860)-424-4110.

Respectfully,



Frederick L. Riese
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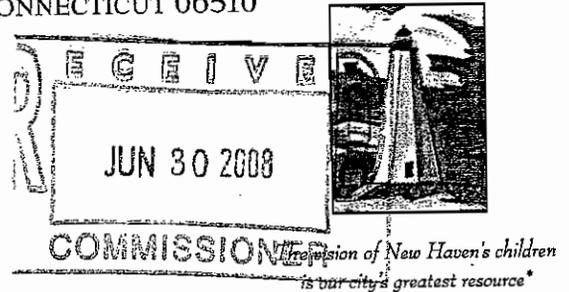
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JOHN DESTEFANO, JR.

Mayor

June 25, 2008



Joseph F. Marie, Commissioner
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RE: New Haven Rail Yard, State Project 301-0088, Environmental Assessment

Dear Commissioner Marie:

Tonight's meeting on the New Haven rail yard is an important opportunity for citizens, businesses and elected officials to see and comment on what will happen here in New Haven concerning rail transportation. The rail yard is a significant state and federal investment of those very citizens' tax dollars in rail service, and it is important to our economic growth, at any scale from city to region to state, and as part of the Washington, D.C. to Boston metropolitan corridor.

1. The City of New Haven supports this focus on transit as the state tries to shift the emphasis in transportation funding away from the ever escalating highway tab, and into less environmentally damaging modes of transport.

2. I would note that CDOT is also currently reviewing and preparing for public release the EA (Environmental Assessment) for the Long Wharf stretch of I-95 CDOT #92-0572. The City has long advocated that the "build" alternative for this area include a ring road linking Brewery Street to Long Wharf Drive extension – following the eastern perimeter of the New Haven rail yard.

This proposed ring road would provide valuable additional and alternative access for the many existing and new employees working there, who could access shops and offices without crossing rail tracks, and without driving through exclusively residential areas.

3. We expect that the state will look holistically at this important facility; supporting the city's approach to the passenger side amenities at Union Station as part of a Transit Oriented Development, not just another single purpose parking garage. Union Station should be the vital center of a district which includes shops, offices and residences.



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4. We also expect that the state will develop or expand transportation demand management programs for the employees of the rail yard, encouraging them not only to ride the rails but to walk, bike or bus to their jobs.

5. We also look forward to the new jobs that the enhanced rail yard will create. We expect to partner with Metro-North and the state to prepare New Haven residents for these jobs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. You will receive additional and more detailed comments from my staff.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John DeStefano, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

John DeStefano, Jr.
Mayor

JDS/kmg

June 30, 2007

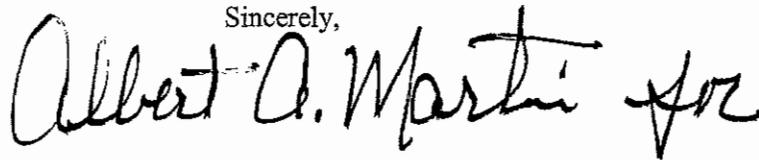
The Honorable John DeStefano, Jr.
Mayor
City of New Haven
165 Church Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

Dear Mayor DeStefano:

This is in response to your letter dated June 25, 2008, concerning the New Haven Rail Yard State Project 301-0088, Environmental Assessment.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your letter of support for this essential project. I assure you that we, at the Connecticut Department of Transportation, will work closely with you and the other stake holders to complete this project successfully, thereby, providing enormous economic benefits to the residents of, and visitors to, our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert A. Martin" followed by a stylized flourish.

Joseph F. Marie
Commissioner

Subject:

FW: New Haven Rail Yard Improvements - Comment on EA Document

-----Original Message-----

From: Matthew Thomas Sawyer [mailto:sawyer3@southernct.edu]

Sent: Wednesday, June 25, 2008 9:53 PM

To: edgar.hurle@po.state.ct.us

Subject: New Haven Rail Yard Improvements

Dear Mr. Hurle,

I am an economics student from SCSU and have a few comments on the State Project in New Haven (Railway):

1. -cheaper rates for students (1/3 off)

- there are many adverse impacts contrary to Table ES-2: Summary of Anticipated Impacts...
2. a. such as pollution (CO2) from construction equipment
3. b. pouring concrete omits pollution (using slag helps)
4. c. air particulates?
5. -residential concerns for safety and also student priced value -more bus routes from Downtown -will the facilities be Leed certified or "Green?"

Matthew Sawyer

State of Connecticut Department of Public Health comments submitted by Suzanne Blancaflor, M.S., Section Chief, Environmental Health Section, dated May 23, 2008

1. Comment noted. The project will include demolition, excavation of soils, and disturbance of existing utility infrastructure. Based on site investigations for hazardous materials and historic land use at the rail yard, there is a potential for encountering contamination during construction, including PCBs, lead and asbestos. Detailed investigations are being carried out by ConnDOT under the supervision of Licensed Environmental Professionals and certified Asbestos and Lead Consultants. Plans will be prepared to properly manage all regulated materials and wastes in accordance with federal and state regulations.
2. Comment noted. Issues related to lead-based paint and lead contaminated soil will be addressed in accordance with federal and state regulations.
3. Comment noted. Asbestos testing and abatement will be addressed in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations.

State of Connecticut Department of Public Health comments submitted by Lori Mathieu, Public Health Services Manager, Drinking Water Section, dated May 22, 2008

Comment noted, thank you.

State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection comments submitted by Frederick L. Riese, Senior Environmental Analyst, dated July 9, 2008

1. Comment noted. Based on previous site investigations for hazardous substances and historic land use at the rail yard, there is a potential for encountering contamination during construction. Detailed investigations are being carried out by ConnDOT under the supervision of a Licensed Environmental Professional as the project continues. Where contaminated media are encountered as a part of the planned project construction projects, they will be managed, treated and/or disposed in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations.
2. Comment noted. As indicated above, in the event site contamination is encountered, ConnDOT will manage, treat and/or dispose of material in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations.
3. Comment noted. ConnDOT will continue to evaluate, manage and mitigate PCB-related issues at the site throughout the project. Regulated PCB impacts encountered at the site will continue to be managed in accordance with applicable state and federal regulations.
4. Comment noted. ConnDOT will comply with RCRA requirements and will coordinate with CT DEP's Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division on RCRA related issues.
5. A Coastal Consistency review was conducted by the CT DEP Office of Long Island Sound Programs for the M-8 Acceptance Facility Project, the first project in Program 1 of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements and a letter of concurrence was issued on January 28, 2008. Subsequent Coastal Consistency reviews will be conducted for the remaining projects in Program 1 of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements.
6. Wetlands will be completely filled by the construction of new storage tracks. Some of the wetland functions will be replaced by the improved stormwater management system. Permitting has been fully coordinated with the CT DEP Inland Water Resources Division and the US Army Corps of Engineers. DEP Permit No. IW-200701700 was issued on January 14, 2008.
7. Comment noted. The strategy adopted for handling shop wastewater - a collection system, pumps and separate storage tanks - has been developed to account for site and environmental factors that work against the installation of oil water separators. Pumping of effluent to an oil water separator tends to emulsify the product and decrease the efficiency of the separation process. For a variety of reasons, pumping is required in most cases in the new shops. Floor cleaning solvents have exacerbated this problem. Historical data also indicates trace amounts of heavy metals in the effluent that have not been able to be removed and therefore exceed municipal threshold levels allowable in

discharges to the sanitary sewer system. ConnDOT will consider applying for general permits for wastewater discharges in the future and will coordinate with CT DEP and the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority.

8. A Flood Management Certification was issued for the M-8 Acceptance Facility Project from the CT DEP Inland Water Resources Division. The CT DEP Permit FM-200701699 was issued November 14, 2007. Additional applications for Flood Management Certification will be submitted to CT DEP for each project that will involve fill.

9. Comment noted. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan for the New Haven Rail Yard facility will be amended as improvements are constructed. The General Permit for Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters Associated with Construction Activities was issued for the M-8 Project on April 4, 2008 (Permit No. GSN 001792). Additional applications will be submitted to the CT DEP for each project, as required.

10. Comment noted.

11. Comment noted. Conrail and Amtrak are two distinct railroad companies.

City of New Haven, Office of the Mayor, dated June 25, 2008

1. Comments noted, thank you. We appreciate your support for this important transit project.
2. ConnDOT is aware of the City's concerns regarding the potential impact of the rail yard on future plans for the "Ring Road." The Rail Yard project does not impact the existing Brewery Street right-of-way and will accommodate relocated public utilities within the Rail Yard property alongside Brewery Street. Therefore, the Rail Yard project does not impact the potential to complete the "Ring Road" concept in the future.
3. The Rail Yard project will accommodate ConnDOT and Metro-North rail-related employees on the Rail Yard side of the main line. ConnDOT employees currently housed in Union Station will be moved to new facilities within the Component Shop. They will also park on the Rail Yard side of the main line. This will free space in the station for Transit Oriented Development and in the existing and future garages for passenger parking. The Rail Yard project will thus assist in furthering a Transit Oriented Development on the station side of the main line.
4. One of the design features of the project is to construct an employee pedestrian overpass that connects the three major shop facilities with each other and with the Union Station passenger platforms. This will provide direct access to the station platforms and Union Station for employees, which will facilitate employee commuting by rail, bus, bike, or walking, in addition to enhancing safety and efficiency.
5. Regarding the new jobs the Rail Yard project will create, we also look forward to partnering with the City and Metro-North to enhance employment opportunities for City residents.

Matthew Sawyer, dated June 25, 2008

1. Comment noted. Although rate structure is not part of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements project, ConnDOT supports and seeks public input to improve Connecticut's transportation system. This comment will be forwarded to ConnDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation for consideration.

2. Air quality analysis was conducted for the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements project in accordance with approved methodologies. The project will not create violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Construction best management practices as outlined in Chapter 13 of the document will be followed to minimize impacts to air quality.

3. Comment noted. Construction best management practices as outlined in Chapter 13 of the document will not be limited to these practices, and new methods of minimizing impacts to air quality will be encouraged.

4. Air particulates are a concern in the New Haven region, and contractors will be required to follow construction best management practices. The project will support improved rail transit service, providing a viable alternate means of transportation other than highways

5. Comment noted. Safety issues have been addressed in the document in Chapter 19. The New Haven Rail Yard Improvements project involves construction of new modern rail yard technologies and systems, better equipped to address public health and safety needs. The project calls for an increased security presence. In addition to an MTA police office, an area for the MNR Fire Brigade will be provided. Additionally, the improved facility will be better secured, with gated access. The entrance off of Long Wharf Street will be removed, and a new guard booth installed off of Brewery Street. Perimeter fencing will be upgraded, and all new outdoor storage areas will have eight foot fencing with lockable access gates. Security cameras will be installed at various locations for monitoring the rail yard. A pedestrian overpass, between Union Station platform D and the rail yard buildings and new employee parking garage, is proposed to increase safety for workers who need to get across the railroad tracks to get to the various structures on the site. The overpass will be equipped with security control devices at the station end to prevent unauthorized entrance.

Although rate structure and bus routing is not part of the New Haven Rail Yard Improvements project, ConnDOT supports and seeks public input to improve Connecticut's transportation system. This comment will be forwarded to ConnDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation for consideration.

The new facilities will not be required to meet LEED certification or "green" building standards, but will be designed to current ConnDOT standards and the new Connecticut

Green Building Statutes (Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, Section 16a-38k-1 through 16a-38k-7; Public Act 06-187, Section 70 (a) and (b); and "*The Establishment of High Performance Building Construction Standards for State-Funded Buildings*") to the greatest extent practicable. The new facilities will meet the 2003 International Energy Conservation Code.