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**LISTENING SESSIONS FOR THE STATE'S LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's final four Listening Sessions for updating the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRP) will be held this week and next in Southbury, Montville, Norwalk, and Torrington. The dates, times, and specific locations of these sessions follow:

**Session IV : Housatonic /Central Naugatuck Valley Area**  
Southbury, CT – Town Hall  
501 Main Street South, Room 205 (on-site parking)  
Wednesday, September 17, 2003 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Session VI : Bridgeport/Stamford Area**  
Norwalk, CT – City Hall, Community Room  
125 East Avenue (on-site parking)  
Monday, September 22, 2003 from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Session V : Southeastern Connecticut**  
Montville, CT – Uncas on Thames Campus  
Southeastern Mental Health Authority  
401 West Thames Street (Route 32),  
Museum Conference Room (on-site parking)  
Thursday, September 18, 2003 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Session VII : Rural Western Connecticut**  
Torrington, CT – Sullivan Senior Center  
88 East Albert Street, Main Room (on-site parking)  
Wednesday, September 24, 2003 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

At the start of each session, prior to opening the floor to public comment, a 20-minute presentation will be provided that offers background information on the LRP.

**Previously this month, the Department hosted three public Listening Sessions to gain input on issues relating to the State's transportation system.** Sessions were held in Willimantic, Newington, and New Haven with a total participation of approximately 50 people.

**"I am pleased with the turnout at the first three sessions," Commissioner James F. Byrnes, Jr. said, "and I want to encourage continued participation in the remaining sessions.** I am also impressed with the number of written comments that we have received. The LRP is a means for identifying Connecticut citizens' transportation needs and interests. These sessions and the comment period are an excellent opportunity for the public to learn about the process for developing the LRP and to provide input on the plan's development."

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**Ideas and suggestions provided by the public at these sessions will be reviewed as part of the process for updating the LRP.** Additional information on the LRP and the proposed listening sessions is available at <http://www.dot.state.ct.us>. Written comments received **prior to October 31, 2003**, will also be reviewed as part of the process for preparing a draft document. Comments may be submitted electronically to [roxane.fromson@po.state.ct.us](mailto:roxane.fromson@po.state.ct.us). Comments may also be mailed to the attention of Ms. Roxane Fromson, Transportation Supervising Planner, Bureau of Policy and Planning at the Connecticut Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546.

**All meeting facilities are handicapped accessible.** Deaf and hearing impaired persons, wishing to attend a listening session and requiring an interpreter, may make arrangements by contacting the Department's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062 (voice only) at least five working days prior to the date of the session.