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

**The Connecticut Department of Transportation will be updating the State's current Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRP).** The LRP is a policy and information document that discusses Connecticut's transportation system and its future. The 2004 LRP will cover the period 2004 through 2025. ConnDOT is planning several listening sessions to receive your ideas.

**The Department invites all interested parties, including Connecticut's residents, local and regional businesses, visitors and commuters, to attend a session convenient for them.** "I want to encourage as many people as possible to share their thoughts and ideas about the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan," Commissioner Jammers F. Byrnes, Jr. said. "This plan will guide Connecticut's transportation strategy for the next two decades. The Listening Sessions provide an opportunity for all of our citizens to participate in the development of this important document."

**During each listening session, a brief presentation will be given before opening the floor for public comment.** The presentation will provide an overview of the process for developing the LRP, needs and issues identified thus far, major actions being undertaken by the Department, and factors that may influence the development of the LRP.

**To best meet the needs of our citizens, we have scheduled seven listening sessions throughout the State.** All meeting facilities will be 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.

**Written comments, received prior to October 31, 2003, will be reviewed as part of the process for preparing a draft document.** Please include the following with your comments: name, address, and, if applicable, the company or organization that you represent. 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.

**Additional information on the LRP and the proposed listening sessions is available at <http://www.dot.state.ct.us>.** Included on the Department's website is a schedule of the listening sessions, an informational brochure on the process, and a downloadable version of the current document, the *1998 LRP*. Also available on the Department's website is a downloadable version of the slide presentation developed for the listening sessions.

**Following the listening sessions and associated comment period, the Department will publish for public review, a draft document, which is anticipated to be available by spring 2004.**

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**The dates and locations for the seven LRP Listening Sessions are as follow:**

**Session I : Rural Eastern Connecticut**

Willimantic, CT – Eastern Connecticut State University  
83 Windham Street, Student Center Building  
Room 205 (on-site parking)  
Tuesday, September 9, 2003 from 4:00PM – 6:00PM

**Session II : Greater Hartford Area**

Newington, CT – Newington Senior and Disabled Center  
120 Cedar Street (Route 175)  
A & B Meeting Room (on-site parking)  
Thursday, September 11, 2003 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM

**Session III : New Haven Area**

New Haven, CT – Harry A. Conte/West Hills Magnet School  
511 Chapel Street, Library (on-site parking)  
Monday, September 15, 2003 from 5:00PM – 7:00PM

**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 7:00PM – 9:00PM

**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 7:00PM – 9:00PM

**Session VI : Bridgeport/Stamford Area**

Norwalk, CT – City Hall, Community Room  
125 East Avenue (on-site parking)  
Monday, September 22, 2003 from 7:30PM – 9:30PM

**Session VII : Rural Western Connecticut**

Torrington, CT – Sullivan Senior Center  
88 East Albert Street, Main Room (on-site parking)  
Wednesday, September 24, 2003 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM