



NEW BRITAIN-HARTFORD BUSWAY OPEN HOUSES

Connecticut Department of Transportation

The Connecticut Department of Transportation held two Public Open Houses for the New Britain-Hartford Busway project on **Tuesday May 19 2009** at CCSU, Founders Hall in New Britain CT, and on **Wednesday May 20 2009** at the Elmwood Community Center, West Hartford CT. Total number of Open House attendees was **128**, with **42** in the New Britain location and **86** in West Hartford.

The Open House hours were from **4:00-8:00 PM** in both locations, with two identical short formal presentations twice per each evening at **4:30 PM** and **6:30 PM** followed by a brief question and answer session in which all comments were recorded in writing by the project public involvement specialist. At each location, attendees could sign in throughout the evening, viewed various information tables and were able to ask specific questions or offer comments to Project Team Representatives. Information tables consisted of the following:

- Bus Routes and Schedules
- Stations (Information available on all 11 stations)
- Rights of Way
- Visual and Aesthetic Guidelines
- Bus Roadway and Multi Use Trail design

Each short formal presentation included an update on the overall project mission/philosophy, schedule, budget/financing, design progress, remaining work, and an explanation of the format of the meeting and an orientation to the information tables. The presentation also highlighted important busway features including the updated Bus Service Plan (Routes and Schedules) and Visual Design Guidelines for the appearance of the busway. Presentation speakers were as follows:

- Introduction and Project Overview (Michael A. Sanders, Transit Administrator CDOT)
- Rights-of-Way Acquisition Process (Michael Marzi, Office of Rights-of-Way, CDOT)
- Busway Stations and Architecture (Karen E. Arpino, SEA Consultants Inc)
- Status of Design and Engineering (Brian T. Cunningham, P.E., Project Manager CDOT)
- Public Comments and Questions

Handouts included the meeting agenda, project time-line, location map and comment sheet. 25 comment sheets were returned, and some are arriving via mail at a later date.