




Draft 2009 Long-Range Transportation Plan
for the
State of Connecticut
(2009-2035)
March 19, 2009



Outline of Discussion

- PURPOSE OF THE LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRP)
- THE PLANNING PROCESS
- ISSUES, STRATEGIES & ACTIONS
- INFLUENCING FACTORS & NEW DIRECTIONS



LRP Overview Purpose of LRP

- A federally mandated policy document (23 U.S.C. Sec. 135)
- Prepared by the State of Connecticut's Department of Transportation
 - > The federally recognized transportation plan for the State of Connecticut
 - > Updated every 3 to 5 years and submitted to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
 - > Covers at least a 20-year future time horizon
 - > Must address 8 specific factors



LRP Overview Federally Mandated Factors

- Emphasize the **preservation** and the **most efficient use** of the existing transportation system
- Promote efficient **system management and operation**
- Support the **economic vitality** of the United States, the States, and metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas
- Increase the **safety of the transportation system** for motorized and nonmotorized users
- Enhance **transportation security** for motorized and nonmotorized users



LRP Overview Federally Mandated Factors

- Increase the **accessibility and mobility options**
- Enhance the **integration and connectivity** of the transportation system, across and between modes
- Protect and enhance the **environment**, promote **energy conservation**, improve **quality of life**, and promote **consistency between transportation improvements** and State and local **planned growth and economic development patterns**

LRP Overview Relationships of the LRP to Other Planning Documents



LRP Overview Documents Considered: Regional Long-Range Transportation Plans

- ❑ Mandated by Section 134 of title 23 U.S. Code & Section 8 of title 49 U.S. Code
- ❑ Prepared by designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) (There are 11 in Connecticut.)
 - Submitted to Federal Highway Administration
 - Must cover a future 20-year period
 - Must address the same 8 factors listed for statewide LRP
 - Must be updated at least every 3 years (All were updated in 2007)
 - Must be developed through a proactive public involvement process

LRP Overview Transportation Strategy Board Report

- ❑ Mandated by Public Acts 01-5 & 06-136
- ❑ Prepared by the Transportation Strategy Board
 - Proposes a transportation strategy to guide the State for the next 20 years
 - Proposes actions and tactics to achieve those strategies during the next 10 years
 - Must include a prioritized list of projects to implement strategy
 - Estimates capital and operating investments to implement those actions
 - Suggests the revenue sources to fund those investments



LRP Overview TSB Guiding Principles

- ❑ Guiding Principles:
 - A **balanced transportation system** that provides mobility for people and goods in a way which meets the needs of users, businesses and commerce is essential.
 - Transportation system **must be multi-modal** and **provide options** to the single passenger automobile.
 - Transportation system **must be maintained and preserved**.
 - Transportation policy **must also reflect the economic, social and environmental needs and policies** of the state. Planning of transportation infrastructure and improvements **must support both economic development** and a sustainable environment.



LRP Overview Transportation Strategy Board Report

Guiding Principles:

- Transportation system must be **flexible and responsive enough to meet the transportation needs of a wide variety** of customers, including those with special needs
- The provision of **accurate, timely information about transportation systems and services is essential** to the success of the state's transportation system. It must leverage innovation and advances in technology in order to improve service and control costs
- Transportation and development investments **must support responsible growth, transit-oriented development and the State Plan of Conservation and Development**
- Transportation planning, at all levels, **must be comprehensive, inclusive and visionary and must maximize the options** available to decision makers. **Cooperation** between local, state and federal organizations must be encouraged. Whenever possible, transportation investments **should be coordinated with similar planning and investments in neighboring states**

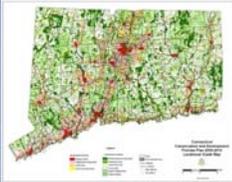


LRP Overview Documents Considered: State Plan of Conservation & Development (C & D Plan)

Required by State statute (CGS Section 16a-24)

Prepared by State Office of Policy & Management

- A statement of the State's growth, resource management and public investment policies
- Updated every 5 years
- Provides framework for administrative & programmatic actions and capital & operational investment decisions of state government which influence future growth & development of Connecticut



LRP Overview Documents Considered: Other Pertinent Plans and Documents

Environmental Reports

- Connecticut Climate Change Action Plan 2005
- Connecticut Clean Diesel Plan (January 2006)
- Governor's Energy Plan (September 2006)

Safety and Modal Reports

- Strategic Highway Safety Plan (September 2006)
- Connecticut Statewide Airport System Plan (June 2006)
- Connecticut Public Transportation Commission's Annual Report (Dec. 2007)
- Connecticut Rail Commuter Council's Annual Report (2008)
- Connecticut Maritime Commission's Annual Report (2008)
- Transit for Connecticut's "Bus Transit Analysis Needs Study"

Other Planning Reports

- Regional Plan Association's report, *Northeast Megaregion 2050: A Common Future* (Nov. 2007)
- Report of the National Surface Transportation Policy and Revenue Study Commission (Dec. 2007)

LRP Overview **Participants in the Process**

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    A{General Policy, Planning, Requirements, & Funding} --> B{Cooperatives, State & Local Planning Efforts}
    B --> C{Coordination with Other Entities}
        
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- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)
- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
- Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

- Connecticut Department of Transportation
- Other State Agencies
- Transit Districts
- Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs)
- Local Governments & Local Community Organizations

- Citizens
- Affected Public Agencies
- Reps of Users of Public Transportation
- Reps of Public Transportation Employees
- Freight Shippers
- Private Providers of Transportation
- Reps of Users of Pedestrian Walkways & Bicycle Facilities
- Reps of the Disabled
- Federally Recognized Indian Tribes
- Other Interested Parties

LRP Planning Process **Public Involvement**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Prior to Preparation of Draft LRP
 - 7 Listening Sessions in Nov. & Dec. 2007
 - Public Comment Period from Sept. 20 – Dec. 31, 2007
- Draft LRP
 - 4 Public Information Meetings
 - Newington
 - Waterbury
 - Bridgeport
 - Norwich
 - 45-Day Public Review & Comment Period from March 17, 2009 - April 30, 2009
 - Present, mail or e-mail your comments by April 30, 2009

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LRP Overview: Issues Strategies & Actions **Outline of Discussion:**

- ISSUES, STRATEGIES & ACTIONS**
 - Statutory Responsibilities
 - Mission Statement
 - Influencing Factors
 - Major Needs & Issues

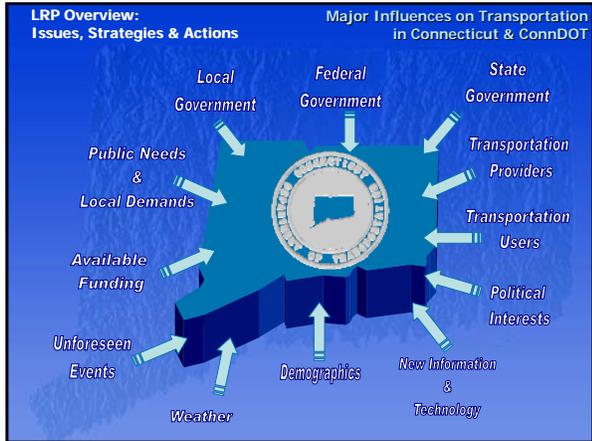
LRP Overview:
Issues Strategies & Actions Responsibilities & Mission Statement

Our Responsibilities...

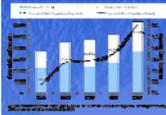
*The agency shall be responsible for all aspects of the planning, development, maintenance and improvement of transportation in the state.
 (Section 13b-3CGS)*

Our Mission...

to provide a safe and efficient intermodal transportation network that improves the quality of life and promotes economic vitality for the State and the region



LRP Overview Influencing Factors: Key Issues

- Land Use 
- Environment 
- Travel Delays 
- Safety & Security 
- Aging Population 
- Funding 
- Priorities 

LRP Overview: Issues, Strategies & Actions:
Strategic Five-Point Action Plan

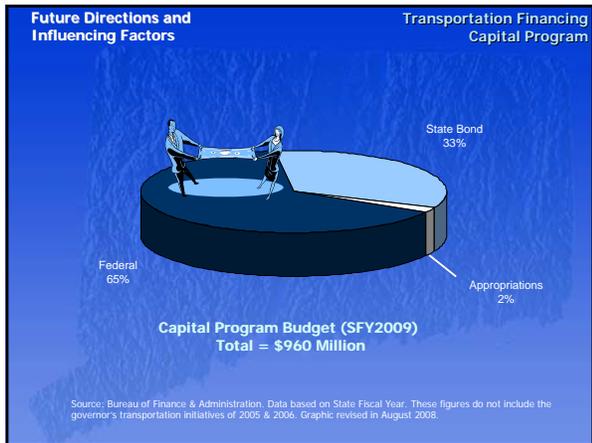
- ◆ Preservation – Maintain the Existing System in a State of Good Repair
- ◆ System Modifications – Safety & Modernization
- ◆ System Productivity – Efficiency
- ◆ Economic & Environmental Impact – Quality of Life
- ◆ Strategic Capacity Improvements

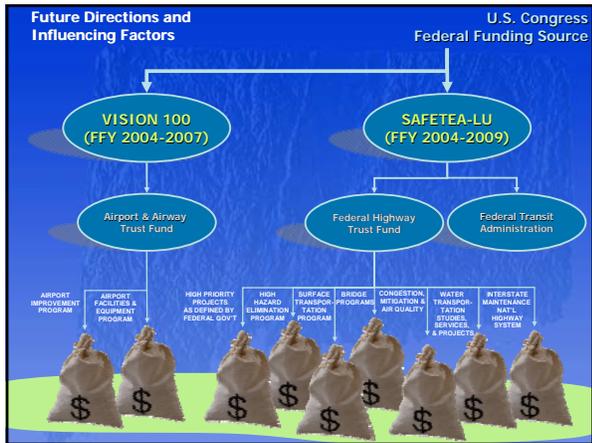
LRP Overview: Various Reports

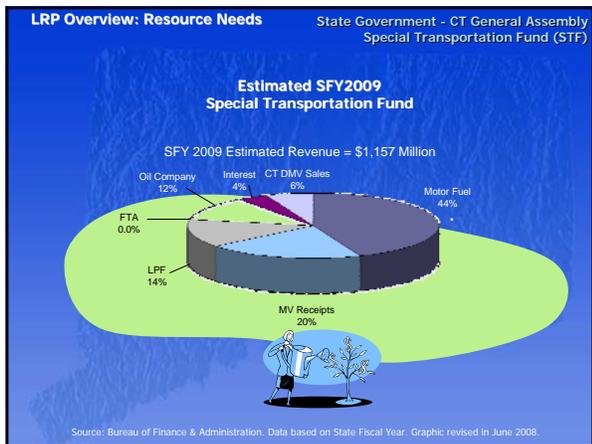
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- Transit for Connecticut's *"Responsible Growth Task Force Report 2008"*

□ Future Directions and Influencing Factors









LRP Overview: Resource Needs Federal & State Legislation

- Federal Funding "Programs"**
 In August 2005, Congress reauthorized and the President signed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)
- State Legislation**
 In 2005, 2006, & 2007, the Connecticut General Assembly passed and the Governor signed transportation legislation
 - > Public Act 06-136 An Act Concerning the Roadmap for Connecticut's Economic Future
 - > Public Act 07-239 An Act Concerning Responsible Growth

Influencing Factors & New Directions Paradigm Shift

- Paradigm Shift**
- Management of its transportation system**
 - > Condition of infrastructure
 - > Waning resources to pay for much needed repairs and improvements
 - > Altering character and preferences of the traveling public
- Broader focus on mobility needs**
 - > Importance of land use planning
 - > Integration of and connectivity among modes of transportation
 - > Greater transparency
 - > New partnerships

LRP Overview Differs from 2004 LRP

- 2009 LRP includes:**
 - > 5 point investment plan
 - > Emphasizes greater interagency and interstate coordination
 - > Greater coordination of land use planning and transportation
 - > Emphasis on addressing the needs of pedestrians and cyclists
 - > Stresses accountability and transparency and incorporates performance measures

Opportunities for Public Input Department's Web Site and Contact Information

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