



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

Project Description:

Project No. 301-0106

New Haven Rail Yard Component

Change Out Shop:

This Project will provide a new maintenance shop for the repair and maintenance of the 300 cars electric commuter rail fleet on the New Haven Rail Line.

\$30 million



Why it matters

- The New Haven Rail Line provides commuter rail service between New York City and New Haven, along the densely populated coastline of Connecticut and New York.
- This maintenance shop will provide for a complete range of servicing and maintenance functions, including lifts, cranes, and “back shops” for components removed from trains such as wheel and truck sets, HVAC units, pantographs, and electronics.
- This will be the main repair shop for the New Haven Line commuter rail fleet.
- This facility will enhance the commuter rail service on the New Haven Line by improving the reliability and on time performance of the rail car fleet.
- This Project improves public transportation in a densely populated urban corridor in which the existing highway network is over capacity.
- This Project is consistent with “green” initiatives since it improves mass transit service, and will occupy an existing rail yard site in an urban area.

Solid Investment

- This Project will create both short term construction jobs and long term jobs for the repair and maintenance of the commuter rail fleet.
- Constructing a building provides significant construction jobs in many trades (electrical, mechanical, plumbing, carpentry, metal working, masonry, finishing, etc). The three year contract for this Project means construction jobs will be in place for an extended period of time.
- This facility will require new positions in the rail car servicing and maintenance occupations, which are well paid middle class stable jobs.



- The jobs will be created in an urban environment.
- This Project will create secondary employment during both construction and in the long term, in support of the construction and maintenance activities.
- This Project enhances an existing mass transportation infrastructure, the New Haven Rail Line, encouraging “smart growth” in an existing mass transit corridor.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds allow the Project to proceed.

Notable Project Facts

- This Project is shovel ready.
- This Project is consistent with future trends toward investing in mass transit in dense urban corridors.
- This Project is part of a Federal EA/State EIE, which has been coordinated extensively with the local community.