American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

Project Description:
Project No. 310-0047
Branford Shore Line East Supplemental Parking

This project will add a 316-space surface parking lot on a parcel of land next to the existing Branford Shore Line East Rail Station. The lot will be accessed from a new arch span bridge that will be constructed over a tidal wetland. Retaining walls and a storm-water pond will ring the lot.

Why it matters

- This Project continues to enhance improvements made to the Station in 2005.
- It advances Governor Rell’s initiative for improvements and upgrades to the Shore Line East Service.
- The construction of this Project will allow DOT to maintain and attract future riders to this important mass transit alternative.
- The Project is responsive to a condition of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge Record of Decision in 1999.
- This Project advances the State’s objective of providing improved opportunities for accessing public transportation.

Solid Investment

- This Project builds on DOT’s previous success with increasing ridership on Shore Line East.
- It is anticipated that approximately 50 full-time equivalent jobs will be provided during the projected 18 months of construction.
- Increased ridership should spin off financial advantages to area businesses that provide services to this ridership.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds allow the Project to proceed.

Notable Project Facts

- The Project is shovel ready.
- The construction of this Project will serve to provide commuters traveling east of New Haven with increased opportunities to park and take advantage of traveling on SLE instead of driving, including driving through construction zones and dealing with delays associated with the reconstruction of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge.