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To: Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Environmental Monitor

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Subject: Barnum Avenue Railroad Station

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) originally scoped this project in the *Environmental Monitor* on August 2, 2016 to initiate the CEPA scoping process. Comments were accepted from the public, state agencies, and other interested persons/parties on any potential environmental impacts or concerns until September 2, 2016. No requests for a public scoping meeting were received.

An Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) was conducted and noticed in the *Environmental Monitor* on January 3, 2017. A public hearing was held on February 7, 2017 and comments were accepted on the EIE from the public, state agencies, and other interested persons/parties until February 21, 2017.

CTDOT has since determined that it is not in a financial position to undertake the proposed project, and has decided to defer the project in CTDOT's Capital Plan 2019-2023. CTDOT's decision was relayed to the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments in a letter dated October 16, 2018.

After discussion with both CEQ and the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), it was determined that since the project is being cancelled, a formal Record of Decision (ROD) would not be required. This memo, and associated notice in the *Environmental Monitor*, will serve as conclusion of the CEPA process for the project as proposed in the published EIE. Any future CTDOT involvement will require, as appropriate, an updated environmental analysis and public scoping at that time.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Fleming, Transportation Planner II, of my staff at (860) 594-2924.