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

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Subject: Cancellation of Orange Railroad Station Project

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) originally scoped this project in the *Environmental Monitor* on August 16, 2016 to initiate the CEPA scoping process. A public scoping meeting was held on September 8, 2016; and comments were accepted from the public, state agencies, and other interested persons/parties on any potential environmental impacts or concerns until September 23, 2016.

An Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) was conducted and noticed in the *Environmental Monitor* on May 16, 2017. A public hearing was held on June 20, 2017 and comments were accepted on the EIE from the public, state agencies, and other interested persons/parties until July 7, 2017.

CTDOT has since determined that it is not in a financial position to participate in the proposed project. Since the proposed project was part of a public private partnership, the developer was notified of CTDOT's intent to withdraw from the proposed project in November 2017.

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.