The State of Connecticut’s Department of Transportation
Announces the Listening Session Schedule for Updating the State’s Long-Range Transportation Plan

What is Happening?
The Connecticut Department of Transportation is updating the State’s Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRP) and is seeking your input. The Department is very excited about initiating this process.

What is the LRP?
The LRP will outline Connecticut’s transportation policy for the next 20 years. The State’s LRP is updated every three to five years. The current plan, published in 2004, is entitled Long-Range Transportation Plan for the State of Connecticut 2004-2030. Once updated, the State’s LRP will cover the period 2008 through 2035.

What is the Process?
In fall of 2007, seven LRP Listening Sessions are being held throughout the State. (Refer to schedule in upper portion of this brochure; note that meeting facilities will be handicapped accessible and all have on-site parking.) Your ideas, as well as various other sources of information, will be used by the Department to prepare a draft LRP. The draft LRP is expected to be available for public review in the spring of 2008. A final plan will likely be published by the early summer of 2008.

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Why Update the LRP?
Over time, changes occur in transportation needs, travel behavior, methods used to manage traffic, and the ability to pay for transportation system maintenance and improvements. The LRP is an important step towards reassessing Connecticut’s policies for addressing Connecticut’s transportation system. The State’s LRP is prepared in accordance with the provision of Title 23, Section 135 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), as amended by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU).

Why Should I Get Involved?
Because your views are important! Transportation affects your quality of life. Become a part of this process and get involved in determining the State’s future direction. All interested parties, including Connecticut’s local and regional businesses, residents, visitors and commuters, are encouraged to participate in this process.

What is the Comment Period?
Comments received prior to December 31, 2007, will be reviewed as part of the process for preparing the draft LRP. In addition to commenting during the LRP Listening Sessions, comments may be submitted by mail to the attention of:

Ms. Roxane Fromson
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P. O. Box 317546, Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546

Comments may also be submitted electronically to Roxane.Fromson@po.state.ct.us. Please include your name, address, and, if applicable, the company or organization that you represent, with your comments.

Where Can I Find Additional Information?
Additional information, including the current LRP, may be found at http://www.ct.gov/dot, the Department’s web site. The web site will be updated with new information on the process, as it becomes available.
Please post the other side of this page on your community board and distribute copies accordingly.

Thank you!
Your assistance is most appreciated.