

Session I: Rural Eastern Connecticut

Willimantic, CT – Eastern Connecticut State University Johnson Room, Library 83 Windham Street, on-site parking Monday, November 5, 2007 from 5:30PM – 8:00PM

Session II: Rural Western Connecticut

Torrington, CT – Sullivan Senior Center, Main Room 88 East Albert Street, on-site parking Thursday, November 8, 2007 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Session III: New Haven Area

New Haven, CT – Gateway Community College Long Wharf Campus Conference Room 60 Sargent Drive, on-site parking Thursday, November 15, 2007 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Session IV: Southeastern Connecticut

Norwich, CT – Uncas on Thames Campus Southeastern Mental Health Authority Community Conference Room 401 West Thames Street (Route 32), on-site parking Wednesday, November 28, 2007 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Session V: Greater Hartford Area

Newington, CT – Newington Senior and Disabled Center Auditorium 120 Cedar Street (Route 175), on-site parking Thursday, November 29, 2007 from 5:30PM – 8:30PM



Session VI: Housatonic/Central Naugatuck Valley

Southbury, CT – Town Hall Room 205 501 Main Street South, on-site parking Monday, December 3, 2007 from 7:00PM – 9:00PM

Session VII: Bridgeport/Stamford Area

Norwalk, CT – City Hall Community Room 125 East Avenue, on-site parking Tuesday, December 11, 2007 from 7:30PM – 9:30PM

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.

What is a Listening Session?

These listening sessions are open meetings where the public is invited to offer their ideas and opinions on Connecticut's transportation system. A brief presentation will be made at the start of each LRP Listening Session, followed by a period for public comment.

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 our State's future mobility. It provides the framework for prioritizing projects and programs relating to 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).

Where Can I Find Additional Information?

Additional information, including the <u>current</u> 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.

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
Bureau of Policy and Planning
Connecticut Department of Transportation
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.

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 residents, local and regional businesses, visitors and commuters, are encouraged to participate in this process.

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Thank you! Your assistance is most appreciated.

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