# The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Announces the Availability of the State's **Draft**





## What is Happening?

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has developed a draft 2018 Connecticut Statewide Long-Range Transportation Plan (Plan) for the State of Connecticut and is seeking your input. The draft Plan will be available for public review beginning Monday, December 18, 2017. CTDOT will be holding two public information meetings to present the draft Plan and receive comments on it. A final plan will be published in the spring of 2018.

# What is the Statewide Long-Range **Transportation Plan?**

The Plan is a federally mandated policy document that outlines strategies and actions for addressing transportation issues and needs in Connecticut. The foundation of the Plan is Governor Malloy's *Let's GO CT!* strategic initiative, which identified \$100B in investments to preserve and enhance the state's transportation infrastructure to meet growing demand and to spur economic growth. The Plan is prepared in accordance with the provisions of Title 23, Section 135 of the United States Code (U.S.C.), as amended by the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). It will serve as a framework for preparing future, project-specific transportation plans such as CTDOT's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Plan is generally updated every three to five years. This Plan covers the period from 2018 through 2050.

# Why Update the Statewide Long-Range **Transportation Plan?**

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 Plan is an important step toward reassessing Connecticut's policies for addressing our State's current and future mobility needs. It provides the framework for prioritizing Connecticut's transportation projects and programs.

#### When Can I Provide Comments?

You may present your comments during one of two public information meetings or you may submit written comments by mail or electronically. Comments received by Thursday, February 1, 2018, will be reviewed and considered as part of the process for preparing the final Plan.

### What Happens at a Public Meeting?

After a slide presentation on the draft Plan, the floor will be opened for public comment. The meeting provides the public with the opportunity to offer ideas and opinions on the draft Plan directly to CTDOT staff.

## **Public Information Meetings**

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Connecticut Department of Transportation, Conference Room A 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Connecticut Department of Transportation, Conference Room A 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT

The meeting place is handicapped accessible. In the event of inclement weather, please visit www.ct.gov/dot/lrp for information on rescheduled meeting dates.

# **Can Special Accommodations Be Arranged?**

The meeting facility is ADA accessible. Language assistance may be requested by contacting CTDOT's Office of Communications at (860) 594-3062 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public, and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

# Where Can I View the Draft Statewide Long-Range **Transportation Plan?**

Copies of the draft Plan may be found at CTDOT's webpage, www.ct.gov/dot/lrp, under "Publications" beginning Monday, December 18, 2017. Hard copies of the draft Plan will be available for review at CTDOT's Headquarters in Newington and at the offices for each of the Connecticut Regional Planning Organizations (RPO). To schedule an appointment to view the plan at CTDOT, call (860) 594-2047. To schedule an appointment to view the plan at your RPO, please refer to the listing of RPOs and phone numbers on the bottom of this brochure.

#### Where Can I Find Additional Information?

Additional information, including copies of the presentation and handouts from the various "Let's GO CT!" listening sessions, may be found at www.ct.gov/dot/lrp. The webpage will be updated with new information on the process, as it becomes available.

#### Where Do I Submit Written Comments?

Comments may be mailed to the attention of:

Bureau of Policy and Planning Connecticut Department of Transportation P. O. Box 317546 Newington, Connecticut 06131-7546

Comments may also be submitted electronically to DOT.LRP@ct.gov. Please include your name, address, and, if applicable, the company or organization that you represent, with your comments.

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