

**TO: CRCOG REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**FROM: MARY ELLEN KOWALEWSKI, DIRECTOR OF POLICY & PLANNING**  
**SUBJECT: CTFASTRAK BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM STATUS UPDATE**  
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At the upcoming Regional Planning Commission Meeting, we will hear a presentation from CTDOT on recent statistics, initiatives and planning activities for the *CTfastrak* bus rapid transit line. Much has taken place since the opening of CTfastrak on March 28, 2015. On August 30, 2016, Governor Malloy announced that CTfastrak had passed a milestone in having served over 4 million riders.

Given the success of the current system, CTDOT has also recently begun planning for expansion. In the last month, meetings have taken place in several locations east of Hartford to gain public input on expanding CTfastrak service to the east.

In the last several months, CRCOG has assisted CTDOT in engaging the communities along CTfastrak on the CTDOT TOD Capacity Study. This work builds upon the Market Analysis for Transit Oriented Development conducted by CRCOG as a part of the Sustainable Knowledge Corridor Project which concluded in 2013. The CTDOT study aims to do a deeper analysis of the parcels of land around each station on the CTfastrak line, to gauge each community's desire and readiness to do transit-oriented development, to determine the capacity of each community to do transit-oriented development and ultimately to outline a plan tailored to each community's needs.

CTDOT will address the RPC at its November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting and will provide an update that touches on the existing CTfastrak service, information on the current public process taking place around future expansion as well as other topics related to the bus rapid transit line. For more information on CTfastrak, visit [www.ctfastrak.com](http://www.ctfastrak.com) or <http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=1386&Q=504888>.

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