



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## GOVERNOR NED LAMONT

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### **Governor Lamont Provides Update on Connecticut's Coronavirus Response Efforts**

*The following is an excerpt from the identified press release. The full release can be found here: <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/06-2020/Governor-Lamont-Coronavirus-Update-June-3>*

(HARTFORD, CT) – As the State of Connecticut continues taking actions in response to the global spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Governor Ned Lamont provided the following updates as of 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2020:

#### **Connecticut receives \$224 Million in federal COVID-19 funding for rail and bus operations**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation today announced that it has been awarded \$224.3 million in federal COVID-19 funding from the Federal Transit Administration to help cover expenses (operations, maintenance, and personal protective equipment) for rail and bus operations in the state.

Under the recently passed “Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act” (the CARES Act), funding is provided to urban and rural public transit systems for operating expenses that occurred on or after January 20. In general, operating expenses are those costs necessary to operate, maintain, and manage a public transportation system. Examples of these expenses include driver salaries, fuel, and items having a useful life of less than one year, such as personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies.

Of the \$224.3 million, \$150 million will be earmarked for New Haven Line, New Canaan Line, Danbury Line, and Waterbury Line; \$6 million for Shore Line East; \$50 million for CTtransit, CTtransit Express, and CTfastrak services statewide; and \$10.1 million for rural transit services within the state. Additionally, \$8.2 million has been awarded for bus transit districts statewide with an additional \$19.2 million in pending awards for the transit districts.

The state will be applying for additional funding totaling about \$244 million later this year.

“This is very welcome news, and I thank Connecticut’s Congressional delegation for their support in securing this funding, and our partners at the Federal Transit Administration for their rapid review and award of these funds,” **Transportation Commissioner Joe Giulietti said**. “Our trains and buses continue to operate around Connecticut, and this funding will help ensure we can continue this essential service during this critical and challenging time.”