

Connecticut Department of Transportation
PM 2.5 / Ozone Air Quality
Conformity Determination
Notice of Availability

For the Connecticut portion of the NY-NJ-CT PM2.5 and Ozone Nonattainment Area including the following MPOs:

Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Organization (CRERPA)
Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley (COGCNV)
Greater Bridgeport and Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (GBVMPO)
Housatonic Valley Council of Elected Officials (HVCEO)
Midstate Regional Planning Agency (MRPA)
South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG)
South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA)

New project under evaluation:

Branford Shoreline East Supplemental Parking project (description attached)

A non-exempt project has been added to the SCRCOG's TIP and will be added to the STIP. Any non-exempt project being added to a TIP/STIP triggers an Air Quality conformity review. After review by CTDOT, FTA and EPA, this project will not impact the existing Air Quality Conformity and the existing determination is still applicable.

This Air Quality Conformity Determination will be available for public comment from April 13, 2009 – April 28, 2009

Public comments can be sent directly to CTDOT as listed below:

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OR may be received at the MPO meetings listed below:

CRERPA – April 22, 2009
COGCNV – April 17, 2009
GBVMPO – April 28, 2009
HVCEO – April 16, 2009
MRPA – April 28, 2009
SCRCOG – April 22, 2009
SWRPA – April 27, 2009



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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009

Project Description:

Project No. 310-0047

Branford Shore Line East Supplemental Parking

This project will add a 316-space surface parking lot on a parcel of land next to the existing Branford Shore Line East Rail Station. The lot will be accessed from a new arch span bridge that will be constructed over a tidal wetland. Retaining walls and a storm-water pond will ring the lot.



Why it matters

- This Project continues to enhance improvements made to the Station in 2005.
- It advances Governor Rell's initiative for improvements and upgrades to the Shore Line East Service.
- The construction of this Project will allow DOT to maintain and attract future riders to this important mass transit alternative.
- The Project is responsive to a condition of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge Record of Decision in 1999.
- This Project advances the State's objective of providing improved opportunities for accessing public transportation.

Solid Investment

- This Project builds on DOT's previous success with increasing ridership on Shore Line East.
- It is anticipated that approximately 50 full-time equivalent jobs will be provided during the projected 18 months of construction.
- Increased ridership should spin off financial advantages to area businesses that provide services to this ridership.
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds allow the Project to proceed.

Notable Project Facts

- The Project is shovel ready.
- The construction of this Project will serve to provide commuters traveling east of New Haven with increased opportunities to park and take advantage of traveling on SLE instead of driving, including driving through construction zones and dealing with delays associated with the reconstruction of the Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge.