CT's Bold Vision for its Transportation Future

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Connecticut's

Bold Vision for a Transportation Future





## Let's Go CT!

## **30-year Strategic Plan**

for guiding **\$100 billion** in transportation investments

- to restore aging CT's infrastructure
- achieve CT's vision for a better transportation future

Major change in agency goals:

- livable sustainable communities
- economic growth









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## Vision & Plan based on

## 18-month strategic planning process:

#### **Extensive Outreach**

- nearly 100 public & stakeholder meetings
- interactive internet site (MindMixer)
- survey of 1,500 residents

#### most useful:

- small stakeholder groups
  - most in-depth discussions of issues
- survey of residents: <u>least biased</u> method

#### Technical Assessment

- thorough <u>technical analysis</u> of transportation infrastructure condition & investment needs.
- developed <u>cost estimate</u> to restore & maintain roads, bridges, rail, bus over 30 years.







## **<u>Vision</u>** & **<u>Plan</u>** based on <u>18-month planning process</u>:



**Extensive Outreach** 

Technical Assessment





## Vision & Strategy

built on these 2 foundations

- o **grounded** in technical assessment
- o *guided* by broader vision.

## Vision

- Infrastructure. Transportation infrastructure is in a state of good repair.
- Safety. Travel is safe & high safety standards are sustained on all modes.
- **Economic Growth.** Economy is strengthened by an improved multimodal system allows businesses & people thrive.
  - Congestion is managed.
  - Mobility. Provide choices & mobility for people & goods
  - **Environment.** Natural environment is protected & energy is conserved.
  - **Livable Communities.** Community centers are transformed into livable communities that provide opportunities for walking & bicycling & are enhanced by accessible transportation systems.

## Vision



# Program Delivery Goals for CT DOT

- Deliver projects & services faster, & more cost-effectively.
  - Develop alternative delivery methods: Design-Build, DBOM, PPP, ...
- Improve communications & responsiveness with system users, residents & businesses.
- Develop reliable revenue sources for transportation.

## What we learned from our outreach

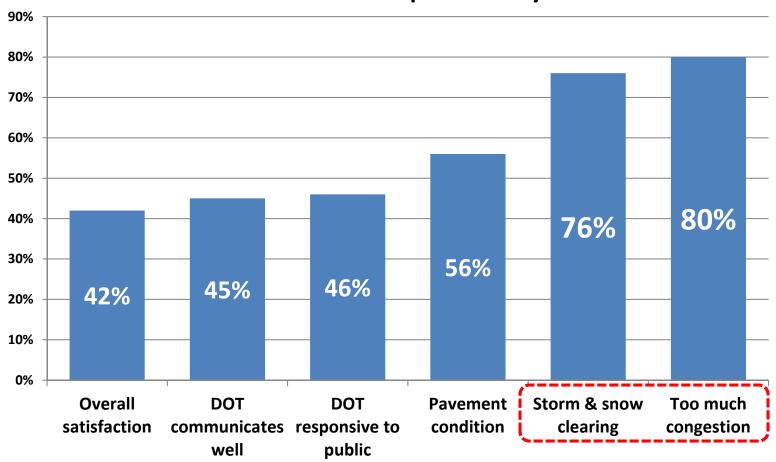






## Survey of 1,500 CT Residents

#### Level of satisfaction with transportation system & CT DOT



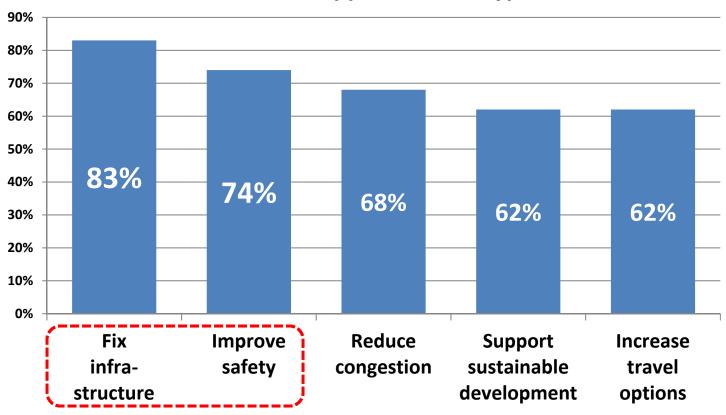






## Survey of 1,500 CT Residents

#### % of residents that would support certain types of investments









# Where We Are Today

**Existing Conditions** 







#### **Condition of our Infrastructure**

#### **Condition forecasts:**

We cannot sustain even existing conditions

## **Already showing impacts of underinvestment**

#### Bridges.

• 10% of CT's bridges are <u>rated poor.</u>

#### Roadways.

• 41% of all state & local roads are in "poor" condition.

#### Rail.

• 100-year old bridges. Four movable bridges on nation's busiest commuter rail line are over 100 years old

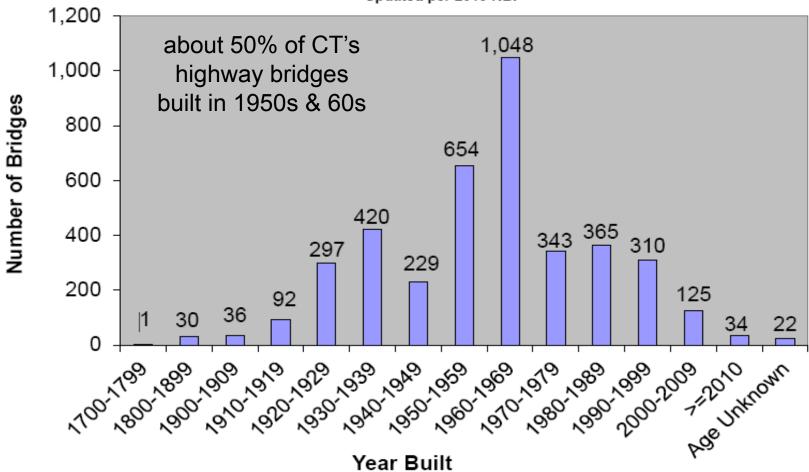






#### Connecticut's Aging Infrastructure

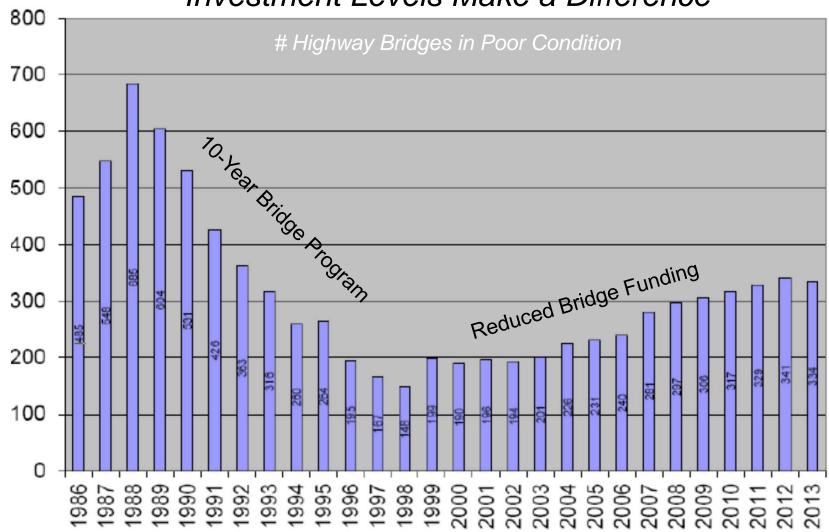
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Updated per 2013 NBI







## Investment Levels Make a Difference









# Postponed investments also place our economy & quality of life at risk

- Drivers in Connecticut spend up to <u>one work-week</u> sitting in traffic over \$1.6 B in lost time & fuel
- Deficient roads & bridges cost CT drivers \$2.6 B per year in higher operating costs, fuel, & accidents

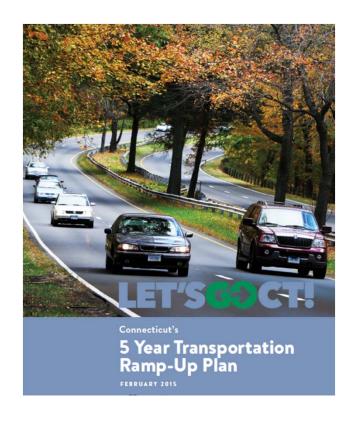




# Recommended Investments Highlights only







**30-year plan**: addresses all critical *preservation* & *enhancement* needs

**\$100 billion** investment

- 60-65% for safety & preservation
- Achieve & maintain good state of repair







## Highways & Bridges: Basic *Preservation* Programs

To achieve & maintain good state of repair

## Pavement preservation program

\$7 Billion over 30 years

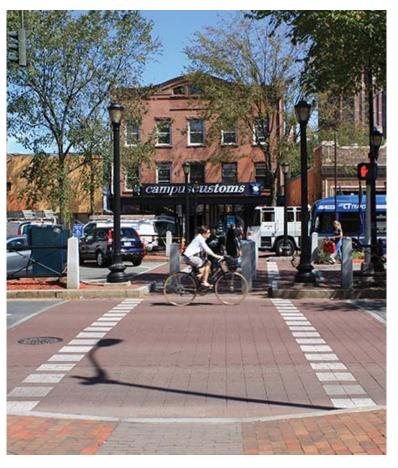
## **Bridge preservation** program

- \$25 Billion over 30 years
  - <u>not</u> including major bridge replacements





# Bike & Pedestrian



# **Design for Bikes & Pedestrians.** Support livable & walkable communities:

- o complete streets policy
- context sensitive designs that respect community values.

**Trail Program**. Fill gaps in the regional trail system & maintain existing trails.

o *New*: **\$11 million** per year

## Community Connectivity Program.

Improve accommodations for pedestrians & cyclists in community centers

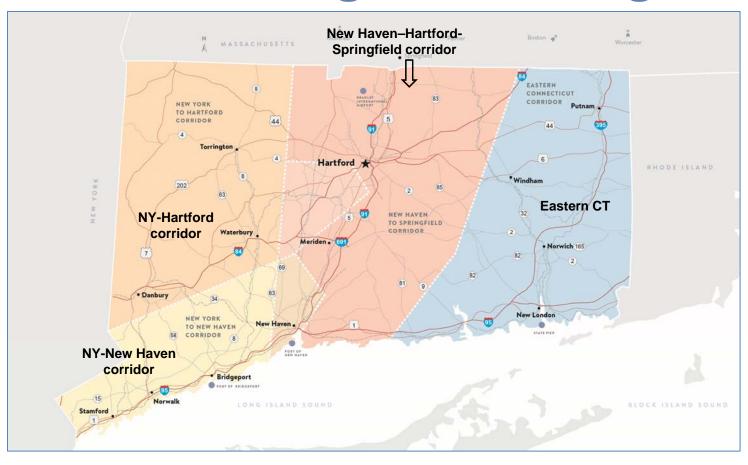
o *New*: **\$10 million** per year





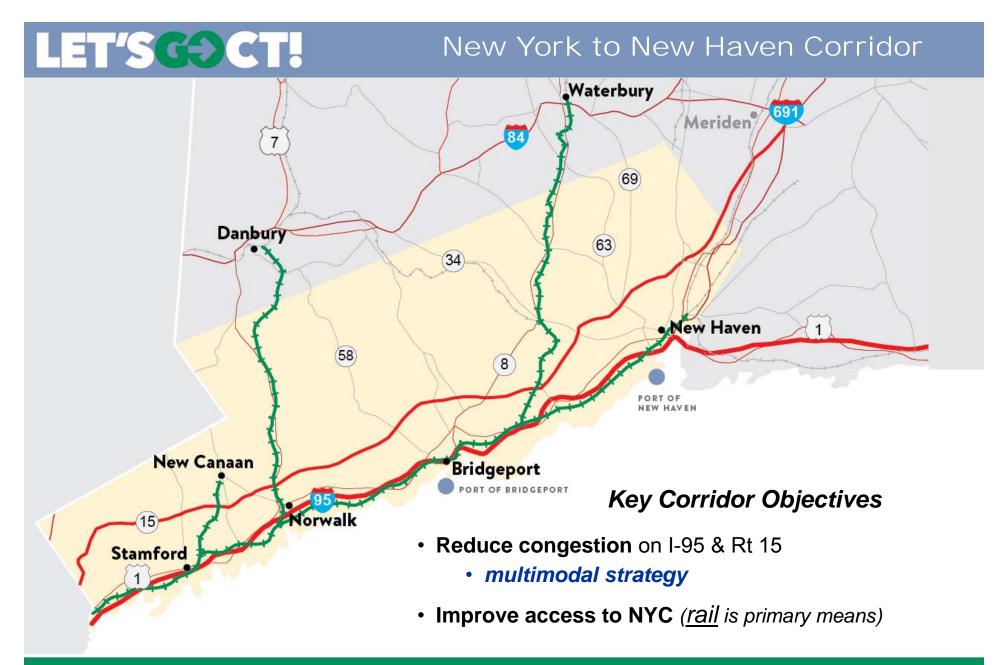


## **Corridor & Regional Strategies**













#### New York to New Haven Corridor

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Waterbury

#### **HIGHWAY highlights**

Stamford

- Major preservation projects such as:

  Danbury
  - o I-95: Complete reconstruction of West River Bridge in New Haven
  - o RT 15: Reconstruct/replace West Rock Tunnel in Woodbridge
- Widen I-95: from NY to New Haven
  - Phased widening: start with most congested segment
  - Institute congestion management practices





Maw Haven

Waterbury



#### **RAIL highlights**

#### **New Haven Line:**

- O Restore rail infrastructure (movable & fixed bridges, track, catenary, etc.)
- Improve safety and reliability of service
- Improve frequency & speed: '2+2' proposal
  - reconfigure & fully utilize all 4 tracks to support '2+2'
  - more frequent local "subway" type service on 2 local tracks
  - faster express service on 2 express tracks





## **Positive Economic Impacts**



#### **I-95 Widening Program**

Part of <u>multimodal strategy</u> to manage congestion & promote economic growth

#### **Economic Impacts:**

**\$11.4 B** added business sales & output (30 yrs)

\$13.9 B added business during const.

**3,300** permanent jobs.

1.65 = B/C ratio.



#### **NHL Capacity Improvements**

Part of multimodal strategy to manage congestion & promote economic growth

#### **Economic Impacts:**

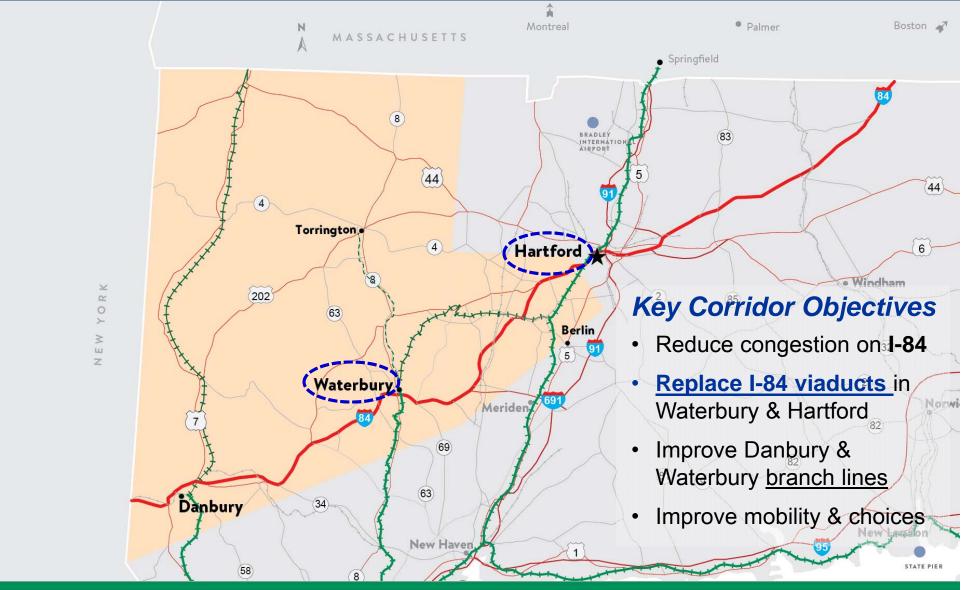
**\$6.2 B** added business sales & output (30 yrs)

**\$9.1 B** added business during const.

**2,000-3,000** permanent jobs.

**2.51** = B/C ratio

#### New York to Hartford Corridor







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# I-84 Corridor NY - Hartford

Strong focus on infrastructure replacement

#### Two aging viaducts

Built in 1960s beyond design life

#### \$12 Billion

combined replacement cost

= 12% of Let's Go CT



## I-84 Mixmaster Waterbury

Replace 50-yr old viaduct, fix Rt. 8 interchange

#### **Economic Impacts:**

**\$8.8 B** added business sales & output (30 yrs)

\$10.4 B added business during construction

**2,000-3,000** permanent jobs.

1.75 = B/C ratio



## I-84 Viaduct Hartford

Replace 50-yr old viaduct, improve safety, redevelop area

#### **Economic Impacts:**

\$10.2 B added business sales & output (30 yrs)

\$7.3 B added business during construction

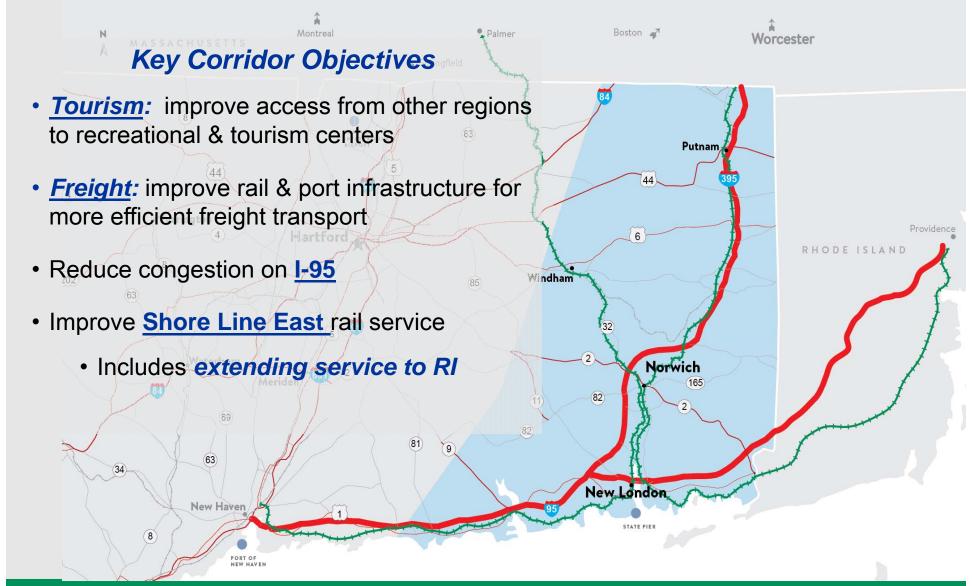
**2,500-3,500** permanent jobs

2.68 = B/C ratio

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## Eastern Connecticut Corridor









## Video







# Thank you.

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