Connecticut Department of Transportation:
the “Complete Streets, Bicycle and Pedestrian Friendly DOT”

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Today’s DOT

• Who are we and what do we do?
  • Future activities in each transport mode
  • Bicycle, Pedestrian, Complete Streets
Department of Transportation

Our Core Values...

- Communication
- Customer Service
- Transparency
- Partnerships
- Project Delivery
- Performance & Budget Management
- Efficiency
- Innovation
Mission Statement

Mission of the CT Dept. of Transportation is:

- to provide a safe & efficient intermodal transportation network
- that improves the quality of life, and
- promotes economic vitality for the state and the region.
What we do...

• Roads and Bridges
• Public Transportation – Bus, Rail & Ridesharing
• Bicycle and Pedestrian
• Ports & Ferries
• Airports - transition to CAA
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Future of our Highway System

Safety continues to be a priority
State of Good Repair/Preservation
Statewide Bridge Program
Major Structure Replacements
Capacity expansion
Expanded financing options: PPP, Design-Build, Construction at Risk
Capacity Expansion
Future of our Transit System

State-of-Good Repair

Parking Expansion
  Bridgeport
  Fairfield Metro
  Stamford
  New Haven
  West Haven

Transit-Oriented Development

New Vehicles

Unified branding, information & marketing

Real time information

System Capacity

Service Expansion
Future of our Bicycle and Pedestrian System

- Partnership with DEEP/DOT
- Partnerships with municipalities
- Partnerships with advocates
- Complete East Coast Greenway
- Complete trail missing links
- State-of-Good Repair
- Bicycle facilities and racks on rail and bus
Future of Ports and Freight

Port Strategy – setting priority investments that maximize intermodal connections, provide economic growth through regional port, shipping, & rail freight partnerships; cruise ships & tourism.

A dynamic multi-agency partnership:

DOT, OPM, DECD and DEEP
Transition to CT Airport Authority, soon to be divorced from DOT

Implemented new budget model with carriers, new interim lease with operators

Developed concept plans for new Terminal B

Instituted automation of parking management & payment system

New concessions – wine bar, martini bar, Panini sandwiches
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New Initiatives

- Bicycle Racks on M8 Cars
Merritt Parkway Trail Study

- Possible link in East Coast Greenway
- 300 ft ROW offers opportunity
- Constraints: historic, terrain, abutters

$1 million National Scenic Byways grant
Efforts to “Close the Gaps”

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**Charter Oak Greenway:** East Hartford, Manchester, Bolton
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- **Farmington Canal Trail**: Cheshire +
  - Southington
  - Plainville
  - Farmington gap

- **Charter Oak Greenway**: East
  - Hartford, Manchester, Bolton

- Cheshire gap
- New Haven
Putnam Bridge

RT 3 over CT River
Wethersfield-Glastonbury

Bridge Rehabilitation Project: sidewalk will be added to structure

Approaches: planning study of routing & environmental constraints (nearly 1-mile approach on Glastonbury side)
Tomlinson Bridge – Rail Crossing

- dedicated bike lane
- flange filler

U.S. ROUTE 1 (FORBES AVE.)
Collaborating with DEEP on several efforts

- priorities for state trails
- creative approaches to close gaps – Airline Trail
- streamline permitting for trail projects
New Sidewalk Policy
Influencing Project Design

Design of road projects:

○ full evaluation of need for sidewalks

○ full funding of sidewalks where needed

○ every project in design is now subject to this.
Manchester
4,200 Feet of new sidewalks

New Bus Turn-outs
5’ wide shoulders provided throughout project length for bicyclists
Current View on Silver Lane
Proposed View on Silver Lane
East Granby

Metacomet Trail

Multi-Use Trail added

Allgrove School

Route 20 widened to four lanes with planted median

Town Hall, Library, shopping plaza
What Next?

Concerted effort to complete major state trails

More collaboration & flexibility in funding projects

- DOT funds to fill critical gaps in trails
- DOT funds to ‘supplement’ critical regional projects
- Mixing & matching ‘Urban’ funds & ‘Enhancement’ funds
- Negotiating creative financing that combines regional & DOT funds
What Next?

Beyond just trails – continue to see institutional change

Transit – accommodations at stations, trains
**Institutional change – in all areas**

**Highway maintenance**
- Restriping shoulders for cyclists
- Option to reduce lane width and widen shoulder evaluated as part of every repaving project

**Design & construction**
- Policy requires full consideration & equal treatment
- More importantly - designers now more sensitive to bike & ped needs, & need for context sensitive designs
Thank You