

NEW HAVEN – HARTFORD – SPRINGFIELD RAIL PROGRAM

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Vision

The New Haven-Hartford-Springfield (NHHS) Rail Program will provide a dramatic increase in passenger rail service and facilitate service expansion to New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, and, eventually, Montreal. The NHHS rail service will connect communities, generate sustainable economic growth, help build energy independence, and provide links to travel corridors and markets beyond the region.

The new NHHS rail service, which will be launched in late 2016, will operate at speeds up to 110 mph, cutting travel time between Springfield and New Haven to as short as 79 minutes. Travelers in New Haven, Wallingford, Meriden, Berlin, Hartford, Windsor, Windsor Locks, and Springfield will board trains every 45 minutes during the morning and evening peak hours and every 90 minutes during off-peak periods. When all the planned improvements are completed, trains will operate every 30 minutes during peak periods. The new NHHS service will provide direct or connecting service to New York City, Boston, and Vermont.

The long-term vision of the Program, also known as the “Full Program” includes 25 round trip trains, additional connections to Boston and Montreal and 30 minute, bi-directional, peak hour service. New train stations would also be constructed in North Haven, Newington, West Hartford, and Enfield.



The Full Program also includes the addition of a second track between Windsor and Springfield, new train equipment, long-term improvements to the Hartford Viaduct and the Connecticut River bridge at Windsor Locks and additional parking at most stations.

Currently the Program is funded for a total of \$366 million in state and federal funds for work from New Haven to Windsor. The remaining \$384 million is yet to be funded, which would include work from Windsor to

Springfield as well as new stations in North Haven, West Hartford, and Enfield.

Connecticut intends to seek additional funding from the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.



Program Summary

PROGRAM SCOPE

Capital improvements include:

- ▶ Improve track and signals along the 62-mile rail corridor
- ▶ Upgrade bridges and culverts to accommodate double tracking
- ▶ Upgrade at-grade crossings to enhance safety
- ▶ Enhance existing stations and build new stations
- ▶ Provide new train equipment

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- ▶ **Complete Design:** Fall 2014
- ▶ **Launch New Service:** Fall 2016
- ▶ **Full Program:** 2030

PROGRAM VALUE

- ▶ \$750 million

CURRENT FUNDING STATUS

- ▶ **State Share:** \$175 million
- ▶ **Federal Share:** \$191 million
- ▶ **Unfunded:** \$384 million