The New Haven-Hartford-Springfield (NHHS) Rail Program provides a dramatic increase in passenger rail service and facilitates service expansion to New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, and, eventually, Montreal. Launched in June 2018, the CT rail Hartford Line rail service connects communities, generates sustainable economic growth, helps build energy independence, and provides links to travel corridors and markets beyond the region.

The Hartford Line operates at speeds up to 110 mph, cutting travel time between Springfield and New Haven to as short as 81 minutes. Travelers in New Haven, Wallingford, Meriden, Berlin, Hartford, Windsor, Windsor Locks, and Springfield can board trains every 45 minutes during the morning and evening peak hours and approximately 90 minutes during off-peak periods. When all the planned improvements are completed, trains will operate every 30 minutes during peak periods and 60 minutes off-peak. The Hartford Line provides direct or connecting service to New York City, Boston, and Vermont.

The long-term vision of the Program, also known as the “Full Vision” includes 25 round-trip trains, additional connections to Boston and Montreal and 30 minute, bi-directional, peak-hour service. New stations are planned for North Haven, Newington, West Hartford, Enfield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks.

The Program is funded for a total of $769 million in state and federal funds for work from New Haven to Windsor. The remaining $396 million is yet to be funded, which would include track work from Windsor to Springfield, as well as stations in North Haven, Newington, West Hartford, Enfield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks. Connecticut intends to seek additional funding from the Federal Railroad Administration and the Federal Transit Administration to support this work.

The Full Vision also includes new train equipment and long-term improvements to the Connecticut River bridge at Windsor Locks.