

## TRANSPORTATION LOCKBOX: ENSURING A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCE

The legislature is considering a proposed constitutional amendment to create a transportation lockbox, which will ensure that money dedicated for transportation goes only to that purpose. In order for this amendment to appear as a ballot question in November, it will require a super-majority, or  $\frac{3}{4}$  favorable votes, in the House and Senate. A lockbox will facilitate transportation projects across the state.

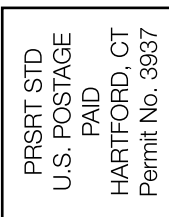
## 21ST CENTURY TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT

By investing in transportation projects (Metro North, the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail, our bus system, roads, bridges and ports) we encouraging smart growth, addressing traffic congestion, and bringing jobs home to Connecticut.

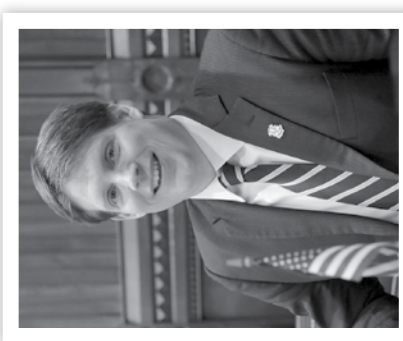
Investment in mass transit is a vital aspect of improving our economy. In order to make our region an inviting place for business, efficient transportation measures are necessary to attracting future economic development and job growth.

## INVESTING IN OUR PORTS TO GROW JOBS AND ALLEVIATE TRUCK CONGESTION

The bond act authorizes new general obligation bonds of up to \$17.5 million in FY 16 and FY 17 for port, harbor and marina improvements, with particular emphasis on our deep water ports of Bridgeport, New Haven and New London. These investments will move more cargo off our roads and capitalize on the growing demand for shipping routes along the northeast.



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Dear Friends,

Over the last few decades, Connecticut has done a poor job of investing in its infrastructure. Transportation investment, in particular, has been an area too long ignored.

Recognizing the economic, social, and quality of life enhancements that smart transit investments can make, I have focused on ensuring our state responsibly invests in our transit network across all modes. Investment in mass transit spurs economic development and job growth making New Haven and East Haven a more inviting place for large, medium and start-up businesses. Alternative transportation options attract young people building their future and allow our seniors to remain in the community, even when they can no longer drive.

Connecticut's transportation strategy must focus on all elements of our infrastructure – rail, buses, roads, bridges, and our information highway – as well as making our downtowns more walkable and accessible.

I have worked with leaders in our towns to have designated and protected bicycle routes developed and continued to find ways to improve and enhance sidewalks, bus shelters, crosswalks and traffic signals throughout the town. I will continue to work to improve our rail connections to Fairfield County and New York City along the New Haven line as well as develop the rail line connecting to Hartford and Bradley Airport. I will remain a steadfast advocate for the vast improvement of our bus service for both inter- and intra-city travel.

Please read more details about the investments I have fought for, and the improvements coming to the region.

All the best,

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## A SAFER AND FASTER TRAIN COMMUTE

As one of the busiest commuter rail lines in the nation, with 39 million passengers annually, the New Haven line is a critical element of our economy. Let's Go CT! seeks to invest \$20 billion over the next 30 years to:

- Re-align existing tracks and put all four tracks into service.
- Create a two-track local "subway" type service and two-track express service.
- Upgrade train signals, including Positive Train Controls (PTC).
- Track repair and replacement.
- Rehabilitation and/or replacement of fixed and movable bridges.

Links to both the Let's Go CT! plan and the Transportation Finance Panel's final report can be found on my website at [www.housedems.ct.gov/Lemar](http://www.housedems.ct.gov/Lemar).

## PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS

Smart transit investments include making our downtown and neighborhoods more walkable and accessible. Last session I cosponsored a bicycle safety bill, which successfully passed, and will better protect and promote alternative means of transportation. The new law eliminates the confusing, and often unsafe, rules regarding bicycle lane development and gives our towns new tools to promote and develop infrastructure to meet the growing demand. Through my continued efforts to secure funds specifically for New Haven bicycle and pedestrian enhancements, the comprehensive transportation system developed in our city is serving as a guideline for transportation policy throughout Connecticut.



## INCREASING PREDICTABILITY AND ON-TIME PERFORMANCE OF BUSES

New Haven's public buses will soon be GPS-equipped. GPS gives riders the ability to locate any public transit bus through an app on a mobile device. The addition of this technology will make travel more convenient and reliable and allow riders to more accurately predict their wait times and see when the next bus is coming. In addition, bus fare collection boxes are in a modification process that will allow for faster payment and expedited on/off times. The city is actively studying a new route system that will update the locations of pick-up/drop-off service and make the system much more convenient and accessible.

## TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT (TOD) AT UNION STATION & DOWNTOWN/WOOSTER SQUARE

TOD is developing new housing, retail, commercial and office space within walking distance of public transportation facilities including rail and rapid transit. The state has recently awarded funds to the city to study ways to ensure that our recent transit investments will play a vital role in economic growth and create welcoming gateways to communities in the hill-to-downtown area along Wooster Square and downtown neighborhoods.

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