

THE TRANSPORTATION LOCKBOX

In response to a 30-year vision for the state's transportation infrastructure, the Legislature is looking to create a lockbox to protect transportation funds and ensure they go to transportation projects.

Our transportation vision for Connecticut includes:

- Metro-North infrastructure upgrades that will improve safety and reduce commute times.
- Roadways, bridges, and interchanges that keep motorists safe while improving traffic flow and reducing congestion.
- Commuter bus and rail services that are safe, frequent, and reliable.
- Pedestrian and bicycle systems that improve accessibility and commuting options.
- Transit support for residents with special needs, including our senior and disabled population.
- Efficient freight rail and highway networks to deliver goods and products without costly delays.

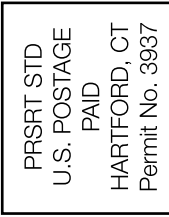
None of these important projects will happen without a lockbox in place to ensure transportation dollars are invested as intended. The lockbox is a constitutional issue and will require a super-majority, or 3/4 favorable votes, in the House and Senate in order to be on the ballot for ratification in 2016.

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BRIDGEPORT UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Bridgeport enjoys the benefits of multiple transportation systems. Flanked by I-95 and the Merritt Parkway, we are also served by Metro-North Railroad as well as the Greater Bridgeport Transit bus system. Over the past year, we also received several significant grant commitments, from the state and federal government, to further improve our transit system.

Investment in transportation, especially mass transit, is key to improving our economy. It spurs economic development, job growth and makes Bridgeport an inviting place for large, medium and start-up businesses. It will 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 urban centers more walkable, bike friendly, and accessible.

I hope you find this update informative and useful. If you should have any suggestions or concerns regarding matters of the state, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate hearing from you.

All the best,

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INVESTMENT IN OUR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Strategic investments in our transportation system will attract businesses and young people. Providing viable rail and transit options gives families an opportunity to save money and improve their quality of life. The following investments are planned locally:

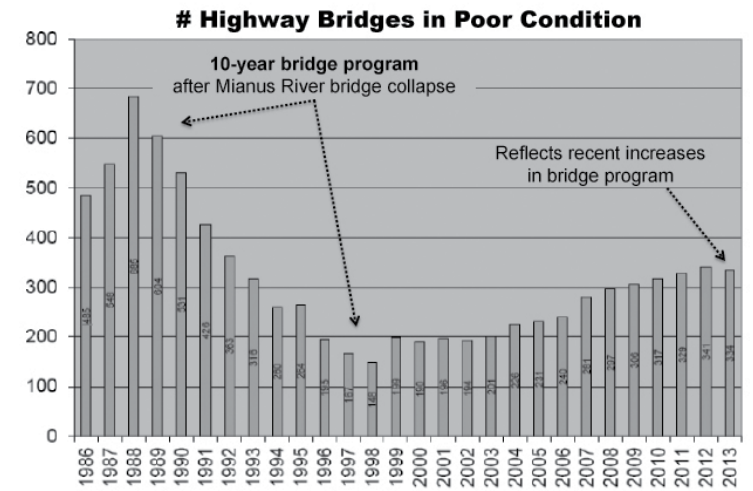
- \$3.8 Million for the Ash Creek Pedestrian and Bike Bridge which will provide a more convenient link between the Black Rock business district and the Fairfield Metro train station. We welcomed this funding commitment from the state in May 2015 and the permitting process is now underway.
- \$500,000 state investment to improve the Fairfield Avenue and Brewster Street Intersection. Construction is scheduled to begin in Spring 2017.
- \$3 Million in federal investment to upgrade traffic signals along Park Avenue.

A SAFER AND FASTER TRAIN COMMUTE IN AND OUT OF BRIDGEPORT

As one of the busiest commuter rail lines in the nation, with 39 million passengers annually, the New Haven line is critical for our economy. Reducing the length of the commute to-and-from Stamford and New York will strengthen our local businesses and help grow jobs. 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.
- 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/Stafstrom.



Investing in our bridges and railways will improve safety.



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