



2010 Surface Transportation Project Requests

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The current surface transportation authorization measure, the **Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU, PL 109-59)** will expire on September 20, 2009. This law allocates resources to state departments of transportation and national transportation priorities, such as highway and transit investment. Congress is expected to begin crafting a new law to replace it this year; however, debates on transportation financing and the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF) could delay this process.

Below, you will find Congressman Courtney's **High Priority Project (HPP)** submissions for consideration during the reauthorization process. The projects submitted focus on improving mass and rail transportation options for the region, addressing critical highway and road investment priorities, and other needs identified for the second Congressional district. Projects were solicited primarily from the Connecticut Department of Transportation, as well as eastern Connecticut's regional planning organizations and councils of government.

Due to the uncertainty of the funding available to finance highway and transit programs, it is possible that many of these projects will not be funded, or funded at a level lower than requested below.

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- \$40 million for the design and construction of Phase I of double tracking on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail System (NHHS).
 - \$35 million for safety/modernization improvements on I-95 from the Gold Star Memorial Bridge in Groton to the Mystic River at the Groton/Stonington town line - a length of approximately 3.2 miles.
 - \$7 million to acquire and the acquisition of, and improvements to, the New London Rail Station to support expanded Shore Line East (SLE) service and use as an intermodal transportation center.
 - \$20 million for planning and engineering for the I-95/I-395/Route 11 interchange in Waterford. According to the CT Dept of Transportation, construction of the interchange would be designed in a manner that supports the future Route 11 expressway connection to the north.
 - \$28 million for the construction of a new 66,000 square foot Repair and Electrical Facility in Colchester, which will replace three antiquated and outdated facilities located in Higganum, Lisbon and Montville that no longer meet the needs of the CT Dept of Transportation.
 - \$27.5 million for the rehabilitation of the Gold Star Bridge in Groton/New London, Connecticut, which is currently in need of repair and rated as being in "poor condition."
 - \$3.6 million to plan, design, acquire right-of-way and construct improvements at the Route 82/85 intersection in Salem.

- \$5.2 million for the design, engineering, environmental assessment, right of acquisition and construction of the Thompsonville Intermodal Transportation Center in Enfield, which will serve as a transportation hub and a future stop on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail System (NHHS).
- \$1 million to support the final design and construction of streetscape and pedestrian safety improvements on Main Street in Willimantic.
- \$629,000 for the reconstruction of Higganum Road in Durham, including drainage, culvert installation, guardrail safety improvements and signage.
- \$654,000 for the reconstruction of Old Marlborough Road in East Hampton, which will increase the mobility and safety of motorists.
- \$278,000 for the design and construction of an extension of the Air Line State Park Multi-Use Trail from its present terminus at Watrous Street to the East Hampton Village.
- \$13.75 million to design, engineer and construct an intermodal center for Storrs Center in Mansfield.
- \$6.56 million for the design and the construction of various pedestrian and roadway improvements to the Tolland Green to address existing and future capacity and safety concerns.
- \$550,000 to construct a walkway along Main Street (Route 31) which would connect the center of the town to the village area in Coventry.
- \$7.2 million for design, engineering and construction of the Shoreline Greenway Trail, a 25-mile multi-use trail from Lighthouse Point on New Haven Harbor to Hammonasset Beach state park in Madison. The trail will connect with the East Coast Greenway between Maine and Florida, as well as the Metacomet-Monadnock-Mattabesett Trail from New Hampshire to Connecticut.
- \$10.8 million for the construction of a downtown parking center to support the New London Intermodal center, as well as the city's economic development.
- \$352,000 to rehabilitate two bridges in Vernon – the Kelly Road Bridge over the Hockanum River and the Dobson Road Bridge over the Tankerhoosen River – which are badly deteriorated from infiltration of water and roadway salt.
- \$7.9 million to design, engineer, conduct environmental review, acquire right-of-way, and construct an extension of the Charter Oak Greenway in the Towns of Bolton, East Hartford, and Manchester.
- \$318,000 to design and construct traffic signalization improvements, including roadway widening, lane restriping, acquisition of easements and other improvements at the intersection of CT RT 66 and the Village Green Roadway in Hebron.
- \$5.2 million to plan, engineer and construction access improvements to the Old Saybrook Train Station, which serves as a stop on the Shore Line East commuter rail line.
- \$3.5 million to design and construct the Estuary North-South Bikeway , which would run from from Route 154 in Centerbrook to the Old Saybrook Train Station and ultimately connect the towns of Chester, Deep River, Essex, and areas north of I-95 in Old Saybrook to intermodal transportation options.
- \$2.1 million to reconstruction of a 1.3 mile stretch of Post Office/Town Farm Road in Enfield.