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FACT SHEET

Rep. Courtney's Years of Work to Make the Enfield Train Station a Reality

For over fifteen years, Congressman Courtney and his office has worked side-by-side with the Town of Enfield to secure federal support for the new Enfield Train Station project.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

- **2010:** Courtney secured $974,000 for the Enfield Train Station (identified as "Enfield Intermodal" or "Thompsonville Intermodal Center") in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010. That funding—along with other funding previously authorized by Congress for an Enfield Intermodal Center—is still available today, and now $2.8 million of it will help support this project.
- **2015:** Rep. Courtney helped the State of Connecticut secure $700,000 in federal funding through the Federal Transit Administration to conduct a necessary study on transit-oriented development opportunities along the Hartford Line. That funding was matched by $200,000 in State of Connecticut funds and helped to advance the development of an intermodal transit station in Enfield.
- **October 2019:** The Enfield Town Council voted unanimously to transfer $670,000 from its General Fund into a separate fund for the development of a train platform in the Thompsonville section of town, specifically citing the need to attract businesses and keep residents in the state by connecting Enfield to the CTrail Hartford Line. Rep. Courtney strongly supported this move.
- **December 2020:** Rep. Courtney's office met with CTDOT to discuss a potential new design concept for the Enfield Train Station that would not require the added expense of double tracking while still accommodating the added demand the Enfield Train Station was expected to bring. CTDOT's plan now included a one-sided platform, with added bus services and additional parking, and the replacement of a nearby overpass to increase track clearance. This plan meant that the project no longer depended on double-tracking being funded and brought it within much greater reach—especially considering the exhaustion of state transportation funds caused by COVID-19.
- **January 2021:** Rep. Courtney attended the Enfield Town Council meeting to continue discussions on the latest design proposals for the Enfield Train Station. Here, the CT Department of Transportation shared the new conceptual design for a single-platform

station in Enfield, allowing for a significant expansion of the Hartford Line without having to double-track north of Windsor Locks. This design was met with strong support, but construction funds were still not secured.

- **April 2021:** Rep. Courtney solicited the Enfield Train Station project request from CTDOT as part of the Community Project Request process for the 2022 budget. CTDOT provided the project request, and Courtney set to work in securing additional funding for the project in the 2022 federal budget.
- **June 2021:** Courtney submitted his Community Project Request for the Enfield Train Station to the House Appropriations Committee—a request of $2.5 million in 2022 specifically to upgrade the Train Station with new sidewalks to improve pedestrian access, a roundabout to improve station access, and dedicated commuter parking areas.
- **July 2021:** the House Appropriations Committee approved Rep. Courtney's $2.5 million Community Project Request for the Enfield Train Station, making it an official part of the FY2022 appropriations package as it progressed towards a final vote in the House.
- **November 2021:** Courtney's office meets with the Federal Railroad Administration to discuss the Enfield Train Station proposal to ensure it met the criteria for a federal Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) grant. Courtney's team received positive feedback from FRA that the Enfield Train Station project could qualify for a CRISI grant, which they relayed to stakeholders in eastern Connecticut. After this meeting, CTDOT officially submitted their application for a CRISI grant.
- **November 26, 2021:** Rep. Courtney and the Connecticut Congressional Delegation write to the U.S. Department of Transportation in support of CTDOT's CRISI grant.
- **November 29, 2021:** Rep. Courtney wrote a stand-alone letter to U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg in support of a CRISI grant for the Enfield Train Station, noting the economic importance of the project for the region and the availability of previously authorized funding for the project.
- **March 10, 2022:** The final 2022 appropriations bill is signed into law, including Rep. Courtney's $2.5 million Community Project Request for the Enfield Train Station.
- **April-May, 2022:** Courtney's office sends the U.S. Department of Transportation a packet containing 24 letters of support that Rep. Courtney solicited from local stakeholders in support of the project. Stakeholders range from public health to housing, economic development, and education groups.
- **May 24, 2022:** Rep. Courtney convened a conference call with Governor Lamont, CTDOT Commissioner Giulietti, and Federal Railroad Administrator Amit Bose to impress upon the U.S. Department of Transportation the importance of funding Enfield's CRISI grant application.
- **May 27, 2022:** Rep. Courtney's office received preliminary notification that Enfield's CRISI grant application was successful.
- **June 2, 2022:** Rep. Courtney, Enfield officials, and leaders on the Congressional, state, and local level announce the $13,860,000 CRISI grant award.

- **2023-2026:** Rep. Courtney and his office remain regularly engaged with CTDOT and the town to see the project through to completion, including securing the obligation of the FY21 CRISI grant and leading a letter of support for CTDOT's pending request for $53,300,000 for the project from the Federal Railroad Administration.
- **October 28, 2026:** Rep. Courtney, CTDOT, Enfield officials, and leaders on the Congressional, state, and local level mark the official groundbreaking of the Enfield Train Station.