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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ROADMAP FOR CONNECTICUT'S  
ECONOMIC FUTURE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) Sections 1 to 10, inclusive, of  
2 this act may be cited as the Roadmap for Connecticut's Economic  
3 Future Act of 2006.

4 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) As used in sections 1 to 10,  
5 inclusive, and section 23 of this act:

6 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Transportation;

7 (2) "Department" means the Department of Transportation;

8 (3) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
9 Management;

10 (4) "Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the state of Connecticut;

11 (5) "Transportation Strategy Board" means the board created by

12 section 13b-57e of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

13 (6) "New Haven Line" means the rail passenger service operated  
14 between New Haven and intermediate points and Grand Central  
15 station, including the Danbury, Waterbury and New Canaan branch  
16 lines;

17 (7) "Branch Lines" means the Danbury, Waterbury and New Canaan  
18 branches of the New Haven Line;

19 (8) "Shore Line East" means the rail service operating between New  
20 Haven and New London;

21 (9) "Transit-oriented development" means the development of  
22 residential, commercial and employment centers in close proximity to  
23 public transportation facilities and services in order to facilitate and  
24 encourage the use of those services; and

25 (10) "Transportation improvement project" means improvements to  
26 the state's transportation system, including, but not limited to, (A)  
27 projects included in the state-wide transportation improvement  
28 program, (B) projects included in regional transportation improvement  
29 plans, and (C) projects identified in section 13b-57h of the general  
30 statutes.

31 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of  
32 Transportation shall implement the following strategic transportation  
33 projects and initiatives:

34 (1) Restoring commuter rail service on the New Haven-Hartford-  
35 Springfield line, including providing shuttle bus service between the  
36 rail line and Bradley International Airport;

37 (2) Implementing the New Britain-Hartford busway, subject to the  
38 availability of federal funds;

39 (3) Rehabilitating rail passenger coaches for use on Shore Line East,

- 40 the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield line and the Branch Lines;
- 41 (4) Developing a new commuter rail station between New Haven  
42 and Milford;
- 43 (5) Meeting the costs of capital improvements on the Branch Lines;
- 44 (6) Meeting the capital costs of parking and rail station  
45 improvements on the New Haven Line, Shore Line East and the  
46 Branch Lines;
- 47 (7) Funding the local share of the Southeast Area Transit federal  
48 pilot project;
- 49 (8) Completing the Norwich Intermodal Transit Hub Roadway  
50 improvements;
- 51 (9) Conducting environmental planning and assessment for the  
52 expansion of Interstate 95 between Branford and the Rhode Island  
53 border; and
- 54 (10) Funding the capital costs of the greater Hartford highway  
55 infrastructure improvements in support of economic development.
- 56 (b) The commissioner shall evaluate and plan the implementation of  
57 the following projects:
- 58 (1) Improving Routes 2, 2A and 32 in the towns of Ledyard and  
59 Norwich;
- 60 (2) Upgrading the Pequot Bridge;
- 61 (3) Completing a rail link to the port of New Haven and evaluating  
62 rail links to other ports;
- 63 (4) Supporting and encouraging the dredging of the state's  
64 commercial ports; and
- 65 (5) Developing a second rail passenger line between New Haven

66 and Milford.

67 (c) The commissioner shall, in consultation with the board,  
68 recommend the implementation of additional transportation  
69 improvement projects. Upon the approval of the Governor and  
70 allocation by the State Bond Commission, the proceeds of bonds issued  
71 pursuant to sections 5 to 10, inclusive, of this act, may be used to  
72 support such projects.

73 (d) The commissioner shall identify obstacles to improved rail  
74 service on Shore Line East, including, but not limited to, increased  
75 frequency of service, reverse commute service and weekend service.  
76 The commissioner shall report his findings and recommendations to  
77 the General Assembly not later than January 1, 2007.

78 (e) The commissioner shall ensure that the state's transportation  
79 plans, including, but not limited to, the master transportation plan and  
80 the long-range transportation plan, are consistent with the strategy  
81 adopted pursuant to section 13b-57g, of the general statutes, as  
82 amended by this act.

83 (f) The rail station and parking initiative identified in subsection (a)  
84 of this section shall include at least four Shore Line East stations east of  
85 New Haven.

86 (g) The commissioner is authorized to enter into grant and cost  
87 sharing agreements with local governments, transit districts, regional  
88 planning agencies and councils of governments in connection with the  
89 implementation of projects funded pursuant to subsections (a) and (c)  
90 of this section.

91 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Secretary of the Office of  
92 Policy and Management shall (1) in consultation with the  
93 Commissioners of Transportation, Economic and Community  
94 Development and Environmental Protection, ensure the coordination  
95 of state and regional transportation planning with other state planning

96 efforts, including, but not limited to, economic development and  
97 housing plans; (2) coordinate interagency policy and initiatives  
98 concerning transportation; (3) in consultation with the Commissioner  
99 of Transportation, evaluate transportation initiatives and proposed  
100 expenditures; and (4) coordinate staff and consultant services for the  
101 Transportation Strategy Board.

102       Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The State Bond Commission  
103 shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of sections 5 to 10,  
104 inclusive, of this act, to authorize the issuance of special tax obligation  
105 bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal amounts in the  
106 aggregate, not exceeding one billion dollars. Each such authorization  
107 shall include the amount authorized and the project or projects for  
108 which the proceeds of the bonds will be used.

109       Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The proceeds of the sale of the  
110 bonds to the extent hereinafter stated shall be used for the purpose of  
111 payment of the transportation costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of  
112 section 13b-75 of the general statutes, with respect to (1) strategic  
113 transportation projects identified in subsection (a) of section 3 of this  
114 act; (2) transportation improvement projects approved pursuant to  
115 subsection (c) of section 3 of this act; and (3) project planning pursuant  
116 to sections 24, 29 and 30, of this act, which projects and uses are hereby  
117 found and determined to be in furtherance of one or more of the  
118 authorized purposes for the issuance of special tax obligation bonds set  
119 forth in section 13b-74 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes.

120       Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) None of the bonds issued  
121 pursuant to sections 5 to 10, inclusive, of this act, shall be authorized  
122 except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has  
123 been filed with it (1) a request for such authorization, which is signed  
124 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on  
125 behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such  
126 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
127 require, and (2) any capital development impact statement and any

128 human services facility colocation statement required to be filed with  
129 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to  
130 section 4b-23 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, any  
131 advisory report regarding the state conservation and development  
132 policies plan required pursuant to section 16a-31 of the general  
133 statutes, and any statement regarding farmland required pursuant to  
134 subsection (g) of section 3-20 of the 2006 supplement to the general  
135 statutes and section 22-6 of the general statutes, provided the State  
136 Bond Commission may authorize the bonds without a finding that the  
137 reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this section have  
138 been filed with it if the commission authorizes the secretary of the  
139 commission to accept the reports and statements on its behalf. No  
140 funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized by the commission  
141 without a finding that the reports and statements required by  
142 subdivision (2) of this section have been filed with it shall be allotted  
143 by the Governor for any project until the reports and statements  
144 required by subdivision (2) of this section, with respect to the project,  
145 have been filed with the secretary of the commission.

146       Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) For the purposes of sections 5 to  
147 10, inclusive, of this act, each request filed as provided in section 7 of  
148 this act for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for  
149 which the proceeds of the sale of the bonds are to be used and  
150 expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required  
151 pursuant to section 7 of this act, include the recommendation of the  
152 person signing the request as to the extent to which federal, private or  
153 other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for  
154 costs in connection with any such project should be added to the state  
155 moneys available or becoming available from the proceeds of bonds  
156 and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the receipt of the  
157 proceeds of bonds. If the request includes a recommendation that some  
158 amount of the federal, private or other moneys should be added to the  
159 state moneys, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond  
160 Commission at the time of authorization of the bonds, the amount of  
161 the federal, private or other moneys then available or thereafter to be

162 made available for costs in connection with the project shall be added  
163 to the state moneys.

164 Sec. 9. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) Any balance of proceeds of the  
165 sale of the bonds authorized for the projects or purposes of section 6 of  
166 this act in excess of the aggregate costs of all the projects so authorized  
167 shall be used in the manner set forth in sections 13b-74 to 13b-77,  
168 inclusive, of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, and in the  
169 proceedings of the State Bond Commission respecting the issuance and  
170 sale of the bonds.

171 Sec. 10. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The bonds issued pursuant to  
172 sections 5 to 10, inclusive, of this act, shall be special obligations of the  
173 state and shall neither be payable from nor charged upon any funds  
174 other than revenues of the state pledged therefor in subsection (b) of  
175 section 13b-61 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes, as  
176 amended by this act, and section 13b-69 of the general statutes, as  
177 amended by this act, or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may  
178 be pledged therefor. The bonds shall neither be payable from nor  
179 charged upon any funds other than the pledged revenues or such  
180 other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. The state  
181 or any political subdivision of the state shall not be subject to any  
182 liability thereon, except to the extent of the pledged revenues or such  
183 other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. The bonds  
184 shall be issued under and in accordance with the provisions of sections  
185 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the 2006 supplement to the general  
186 statutes.

187 Sec. 11. Subsection (c) of section 4-66c of the 2006 supplement to the  
188 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
189 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

190 (c) Any proceeds from the sale of bonds authorized pursuant to  
191 subsections (a) and (b) of this section or of temporary notes issued in  
192 anticipation of the moneys to be derived from the sale of such bonds  
193 may be used to fund grants-in-aid to municipalities or the grant-in-aid

194 programs of said departments, including, but not limited to, financial  
195 assistance and expenses authorized under chapters 128, 129, 130, 133,  
196 136 and 298, and section 16a-40a, provided any such program shall be  
197 implemented in an eligible municipality or is for projects in other  
198 municipalities which the State Bond Commission determines will help  
199 to meet the goals set forth in section 4-66b. For the purposes of this  
200 section, "eligible municipality" means a municipality which is  
201 economically distressed within the meaning of subsection (b) of section  
202 32-9p, which is classified as an urban center in any plan adopted by the  
203 General Assembly pursuant to section 16a-30, as amended, which is  
204 classified as a public investment community within the meaning of  
205 subdivision (9) of subsection (a) of section 7-545, or in which the State  
206 Bond Commission determines that the project in question will help  
207 meet the goals set forth in section 4-66b. Notwithstanding the  
208 provisions of this subsection, proceeds from the sale of bonds pursuant  
209 to this section may, with the approval of the State Bond Commission,  
210 be used for transit-oriented development projects, as defined in section  
211 2 of this act, in any municipality.

212 Sec. 12. Section 13b-57e of the general statutes is repealed and the  
213 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

214 (a) There is established, within the Office of Policy and  
215 Management, the Connecticut Transportation Strategy Board, the  
216 members of which shall be appointed as follows:

217 (1) Five members from the private sector who have expertise in  
218 transportation, business, finance or law as follows: (A) The Governor  
219 shall appoint one member, who shall be the chairperson, and whose  
220 first term shall expire on June 30, 2005, (B) the president pro tempore  
221 of the Senate shall appoint one member whose first term shall expire  
222 on June 30, 2004, (C) the speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
223 appoint one member whose first term shall expire on June 30, 2003, (D)  
224 the minority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member whose first  
225 term shall expire on June 30, 2003, and (E) the minority leader of the

226 House of Representatives shall appoint one member whose first term  
227 shall expire on June 30, 2002;

228 (2) One member from each TIA, for which position the chairpersons  
229 of the board of the local planning agencies in such TIA, after  
230 consulting with the participants in such TIA, shall nominate, for  
231 consideration by the appointing authority, three individuals who live  
232 in such TIA and who have significant experience in and knowledge of  
233 local, regional and state governmental processes, including at least one  
234 chief elected official in a town in such TIA. [, and who shall be  
235 appointed] If the chairpersons of the board of the local planning  
236 agencies in such TIA fail to nominate three qualifying individuals  
237 within one hundred eighty days of the expiration of the previous  
238 appointment term, the appointing authority may appoint an  
239 individual meeting the qualifications of this subdivision.  
240 Appointments shall be made as follows: (A) The chairpersons of the  
241 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
242 of matters relating to transportation shall appoint one member from  
243 the southeast corridor TIA, whose first term shall expire on June 30,  
244 2002, (B) the president pro tempore of the Senate shall appoint one  
245 member from the I-91 corridor TIA, whose first term shall expire on  
246 June 30, 2003, provided, on and after the effective date of this section,  
247 subsequent appointment shall be from the I-84 corridor TIA, (C) the  
248 speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member  
249 from the coastal corridor TIA, whose first term shall expire on June 30,  
250 2004, (D) the majority leader of the Senate shall appoint one member  
251 from the I-395 corridor TIA, whose first term shall expire on June 30,  
252 2005, and (E) the majority leader of the House of Representatives shall  
253 appoint one member from the I-84 corridor TIA, whose first term shall  
254 expire on June 30, 2005, provided, on and after the effective date of this  
255 section, subsequent appointments shall be from the I-91 corridor TIA;  
256 and

257 (3) The Commissioners of Transportation, Environmental  
258 Protection, Economic and Community Development and Public Safety,

259 and the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or their  
260 respective designees.

261 (b) Upon the expiration of the term of a member of the board who is  
262 appointed as provided in subdivision (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of this  
263 section, each subsequent appointee to the board shall serve for a term  
264 of four years. No person shall serve as a member of the board for more  
265 than two consecutive terms. A vacancy in the position of an appointed  
266 board member shall be filled by the appointing authority for the  
267 remainder of the term.

268 (c) The board may establish such subcommittees as it deems  
269 appropriate and appoint the members of such subcommittees from  
270 among its members. Ten members of the board shall be present to  
271 constitute a quorum.

272 (d) The members of the board shall not be compensated for their  
273 service as members of the board.

274 (e) The board may issue guidelines for coordination and  
275 organization to the TIAs. These guidelines shall not constitute  
276 regulations, as defined in subdivision (13) of section 4-166.

277 (f) [The Department of Transportation, the Office of Policy and  
278 Management and the Department of Economic and Community  
279 Development shall provide staff assistance to the board. Within  
280 available appropriations, the board may hire consultants with  
281 approval by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and  
282 such consultants shall be procured through the Department of  
283 Transportation.] The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management  
284 shall be responsible for staff support for the board. The secretary may  
285 utilize the staff of said office and, in consultation with the responsible  
286 agency head, the Department of Transportation, the Department of  
287 Economic and Community Development, or any other state agency for  
288 that purpose. Within available appropriations, the board may hire  
289 consultants with approval by the secretary, and such consultants shall

290 be procured through the Office of Policy and Management or the  
291 Department of Transportation, as determined by the secretary.

292 (g) The Transportation Strategy Board is a public agency, as defined  
293 in section 1-200, for purposes of the Freedom of Information Act, and  
294 is a quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-79, as amended, for  
295 purposes of chapter 10.

296 Sec. 13. Section 13b-57g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
297 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

298 (a) Not later than January 15, 2002, the board shall propose to the  
299 General Assembly an initial transportation strategy.

300 (b) In developing the strategy and the revisions, the board shall take  
301 into account: (1) The strategic concerns associated with the movement  
302 of people and goods; (2) the technological options and multimodal  
303 options, including, but not limited to, transportation by rail, road, air  
304 or water, available to address such concerns; (3) the relationship of  
305 such concerns and options to sustainable economic growth,  
306 environmental quality, urban development, open space, open space  
307 preservation, access to employment by residents of the state and public  
308 safety; (4) that transportation is a cornerstone of the state's economic  
309 vitality and overall quality of life and therefore inextricably linked to  
310 other key policies that deal with the state's future including, but not  
311 limited to, land use planning, environmental quality, urban vitality  
312 and access to quality jobs and services for the state's residents; (5) the  
313 connectivity of the state to the northeast, continental and international  
314 economies and that the mobility of people and goods within the state  
315 are critical to vibrant and sustainable economic growth; (6) that the  
316 benefits of leveraging existing transportation assets and infrastructure,  
317 especially in urban centers, and the reduction of automobile-oriented  
318 demands, are highly desirable; (7) managing demand for  
319 transportation assets, including using employer and employee-based  
320 initiatives as an integral part of the strategy; (8) the integration of  
321 brownfields remediation and affordable housing and access to

322 employment that should occur as a result of implementing the  
323 strategy; (9) the need to engage local planning agencies and other  
324 relevant constituencies in developing the strategy; (10) the need to  
325 engage representatives of the state's major transportation assets and of  
326 the transportation industry in the strategy to help ensure that the  
327 strategy is multimodal and integrated; (11) the benefits of technology  
328 to expand capacity, enhance safety, provide information and access  
329 funding alternatives; (12) the need to fully explore the sources and  
330 methodologies for funding investments in transportation  
331 infrastructure, and for annual operating and maintenance costs and the  
332 regulations applicable to the expenditure of federal and state funds;  
333 (13) that the development of appropriate metrics, methodologies and  
334 standards is essential for determining customer needs, for evaluating  
335 the return on transportation investments and for the prioritization of  
336 specific projects and the degree of success in meeting these needs; (14)  
337 that the state needs to play a leadership role with the other  
338 northeastern states and the eastern Canadian provinces in developing  
339 and advocating a transportation strategy for the northeast region of the  
340 continent; (15) that the analyses and decision-making related to  
341 transportation initiatives in the strategy needs to be done expeditiously  
342 within the existing statutory and regulatory framework and that any  
343 amendments to the general statutes or to the Regulations of  
344 Connecticut State Agencies that are needed to achieve such objectives  
345 should be identified; (16) the development, renovation and expansion  
346 of Bradley International Airport; (17) the state conservation and  
347 development plan, established pursuant to section 16a-24; and (18) that  
348 the role, including the role of financial incentives, of private sector  
349 companies, public agencies and institutions needs to be clearly defined  
350 with respect to (A) encouraging and supporting employees to use  
351 public transportation, (B) providing employees with appropriate  
352 alternatives to the locations at which and during the times they  
353 perform their work, including, but not limited to, flexible working  
354 hours and telecommuting, (C) developing an effective means for  
355 delivering goods within and through the state, and (D) encouraging

356 different sectors to participate with the state in specific initiatives. [On  
357 and after August 20, 2003, in] In developing the strategy and the  
358 revisions pertaining to roads, the board shall establish as its priority  
359 for improving transportation on public highways the use of public  
360 transportation and other traffic mitigation methods not involving the  
361 improvement or expansion of public highways. The board shall  
362 propose improving public highway transportation by the  
363 improvement or expansion of public highways only after it has  
364 determined that no means of public transportation or other traffic  
365 mitigation method exists that will accomplish such improvement. The  
366 board shall include an explanation and documentation of such  
367 determination with any proposed improvement or expansion of any  
368 public highway.

369 (c) The board shall design the strategy and any revisions to it to  
370 achieve the following results:

371 (1) Public benefits that consist of (A) stimulating sustainable  
372 economic growth and enhancing the quality of life for the residents of  
373 the state, and (B) developing and continuously upgrading analytical  
374 tools to demonstrate the link between transportation and the public  
375 benefits;

376 (2) Ease of mobility of people and goods within the state and the  
377 TIAs, that consists of (A) reducing traffic congestion, (B) enabling  
378 inter-corridor movement within the state, and (C) enabling access to  
379 employment opportunities and essential services;

380 (3) Connectivity in access to the regional, national and global  
381 economies, that consists of (A) improving access (i) to surrounding  
382 states, consisting of the Interstate 95 corridor to New York, the  
383 Connecticut River Valley and Interstate 91 corridor to Springfield,  
384 Massachusetts and southeastern Connecticut to Massachusetts, New  
385 York and Rhode Island, and (ii) to the national and global economies;  
386 and (B) expanding modal choices for passenger and freight, consisting  
387 of (i) developing an airport system that stimulates growth, (ii) linking

388 the state to international rail grids, (iii) developing water-borne  
389 alternatives, and (iv) assuring workable freight access to the ports of  
390 New York and New Jersey and the corridor related to the North  
391 American Free Trade Agreement;

392 (4) Safety and security that consists of (A) adequately maintaining  
393 infrastructure and equipment, and (B) enforcing safe operations and  
394 use of the transportation systems by customers and operators; and

395 (5) Expanded use of public transportation and other traffic  
396 mitigation methods to relieve congestion on public highways.

397 (d) In designing the strategy to achieve the results provided in  
398 subsection (c) of this section, the board shall evaluate specific tactics  
399 and approaches in the strategy by using the following criteria:

400 (1) Focusing on people who use transportation systems by (A)  
401 involving such people directly in planning and through ongoing  
402 market research, (B) creating a seamless interface with state, regional,  
403 national and global systems, and (C) developing transportation  
404 systems that operate as if they had intelligence, including, but not  
405 limited to, systems that provide real-time information to their users;

406 (2) Oriented to economic growth by (A) responsiveness to general  
407 business needs, (B) responsiveness to specific industry cluster needs,  
408 and (C) support for state urban development strategies;

409 (3) Being environmentally responsible by (A) improving air quality,  
410 (B) leveraging existing assets to minimize impact on wetlands and  
411 open space by directing development to the areas of the state that have  
412 the infrastructure to support the development, and (C) reducing  
413 energy consumption;

414 (4) Encouraging and enabling intermodal links and usage wherever  
415 possible, and managing the transportation systems from a multimodal  
416 perspective; and

417 (5) Involving the TIAs by (A) building upon natural economic and  
418 service areas, (B) enhancing connectivity of all population centers in  
419 the state, and (C) implementing strategic priorities through TIAs.

420 (e) The board shall include in the strategy and any revisions to it the  
421 criteria by which the board, the commissioner and the department will  
422 evaluate and prioritize existing and proposed transportation projects.

423 (f) The board shall identify in the strategy and any revisions to it the  
424 tools and measures by which it intends to assess transportation system  
425 performance and analyze the value of projects proposed to implement  
426 the strategy, including their overall value to the state as a public  
427 investment.

428 (g) The board shall include in the strategy and any revisions to it (1)  
429 a projection of the required capital investments and operating costs  
430 over the next succeeding ten years and the recommended sources of  
431 such funds, (2) a distinction between transportation costs for  
432 operations and maintenance and transportation investments which  
433 shall (A) be based on the strategy and evaluated against strategic goals,  
434 (B) provide additional benefits that are tangible and attainable, (C)  
435 include a range of transportation uses including, but not limited to,  
436 transit, airways, highways, waterways and freight, to gain public  
437 support, (D) reach as many people as possible throughout the entire  
438 community in each TIA, and (E) respond to widely perceived needs.

439 (h) The board shall review the TIA corridor plan prepared by each  
440 TIA, as provided in section 13b-57f, and may incorporate all or parts of  
441 such plans in the strategy and any revisions to it.

442 (i) In developing and revising the strategy, the board may: (1)  
443 Conduct public hearings; (2) consult and cooperate with officials and  
444 representatives of the federal government, neighboring states,  
445 interstate commissions and authorities, local agencies and authorities,  
446 interested corporations and other organizations concerning problems  
447 affecting transportation in the state; (3) request and receive from any

448 agency or other unit of the government, of the state or of any political  
449 subdivision of the state, or from any public authority, such assistance  
450 and data as may be necessary to enable the board to carry out the  
451 board's responsibilities under this section; [and] (4) request and  
452 consider revisions to the TIA corridor plans; and (5) to the extent the  
453 board may deem appropriate, make use of, and incorporate in the  
454 strategy and any revisions to it, any existing long-range transportation  
455 plan, survey or report developed by any public or private agency or  
456 person.

457 (j) Not later than January 1, 2007, and biennially thereafter, the  
458 board shall review and, if necessary, revise the strategy adopted  
459 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. A report describing any  
460 revisions and the reasons for them shall be submitted to the Governor  
461 and, pursuant to section 11-4a, the General Assembly. Such report  
462 shall include a prioritized list of projects which the board, in  
463 consultation with the commissioner, determines are necessary to  
464 implement the recommended strategy, including the estimated capital  
465 and operating costs of such projects. The revised strategy shall be  
466 subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

467 ~~[(j)]~~ (k) Copies of the strategy and revisions to the strategy shall be  
468 kept on file as a public record in the department.

469 [(k) The board shall submit the following reports, in accordance  
470 with section 11-4a, to the Governor and the joint standing committees  
471 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
472 transportation and finance, revenue and bonding: (1) Not later than  
473 January 15, 2002, an initial strategy and preliminary projections of the  
474 cost necessary to implement the strategy over the first ten years, which  
475 shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly; (2) on June 30,  
476 2002, and each December thirty-first and June thirtieth thereafter, a  
477 status report on the implementation of and any needed revisions to the  
478 strategy and the quarterly report provided by the Department of  
479 Economic and Community Development, pursuant to subsection (b) of

480 section 32-6k; and (3) on December 15, 2002, and every two years  
481 thereafter, an update or revision of the strategy, if necessary, which  
482 shall be subject to approval by the General Assembly, and a report on  
483 implementation of the strategy.]

484 Sec. 14. Section 13b-61a of the 2006 supplement to the general  
485 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
486 (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

487 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 13b-61, as amended:  
488 (1) For calendar quarters ending on or after September 30, 1998, and  
489 prior to September 30, 1999, the Commissioner of Revenue Services  
490 shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund established under  
491 section 13b-68 five million dollars of the amount of funds received by  
492 the state from the tax imposed under section 12-587, as amended, on  
493 the gross earnings from the sales of petroleum products attributable to  
494 sales of motor vehicle fuel; (2) for calendar quarters ending September  
495 30, 1999, and prior to September 30, 2000, the commissioner shall  
496 deposit into the Special Transportation Fund nine million dollars of the  
497 amount of such funds received by the state from the tax imposed  
498 under said section 12-587 on the gross earnings from the sales of  
499 petroleum products attributable to sales of motor vehicle fuel; (3) for  
500 calendar quarters ending September 30, 2000, and prior to September  
501 30, 2002, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special  
502 Transportation Fund eleven million five hundred thousand dollars of  
503 the amount of such funds received by the state from the tax imposed  
504 under said section 12-587, on the gross earnings from the sales of  
505 petroleum products attributable to sales of motor vehicle fuel; (4) for  
506 the calendar quarters ending September 30, 2002, and prior to  
507 September 30, 2003, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special  
508 Transportation Fund, five million dollars of the amount of such funds  
509 received by the state from the tax imposed under said section 12-587  
510 on the gross earnings from the sales of petroleum products attributable  
511 to sales of motor vehicle fuel; (5) for the calendar quarter ending  
512 September 30, 2003, and [each calendar quarter thereafter] prior to

513 September 30, 2005, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special  
514 Transportation Fund, five million two hundred fifty thousand dollars  
515 of the amount of such funds received by the state from the tax imposed  
516 under said section 12-587 on the gross earnings from the sales of  
517 petroleum products attributable to sales of motor vehicle fuel; (6) for  
518 the calendar quarters ending September 30, 2005, and prior to  
519 September 30, 2006, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special  
520 Transportation Fund ten million eight hundred and seventy-five  
521 thousand dollars of the amount of such funds received by the state  
522 from the tax imposed under said section 12-587 on the gross earnings  
523 from the sales of petroleum products attributable to sales of motor  
524 vehicle fuel; and (7) for the calendar quarters ending on or after  
525 September 30, 2006, [and prior to September 30, 2007, the  
526 commissioner] the State Comptroller shall deposit into the Special  
527 Transportation Fund [fifteen million two hundred fifty thousand  
528 dollars of the amount of such funds received by the state from the tax  
529 imposed under said section 12-587 on the gross earnings from the sales  
530 of petroleum products attributable to sales of motor vehicle fuel; (8) for  
531 the calendar quarters ending September 30, 2007, and prior to  
532 September 30, 2008, the commissioner shall deposit into the Special  
533 Transportation Fund twenty-one million dollars of the amount of such  
534 funds received by the state from the tax imposed under said section 12-  
535 587 on the gross earnings from the sales of petroleum products  
536 attributable to sales of motor vehicle fuel; (9) for the calendar quarters  
537 ending September 30, 2008, and prior to September 30, 2013, the  
538 commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund  
539 twenty-five million two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars of the  
540 amount of such funds received by the state from the tax imposed  
541 under said section 12-587 on the gross earnings from the sales of  
542 petroleum products attributable to sales of motor vehicle fuel; and (10)  
543 for the calendar quarters ending on and after September 30, 2013, the  
544 commissioner shall deposit into the Special Transportation Fund  
545 twenty-nine million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars of the  
546 amount of such funds received by the state from the tax imposed

547 under said section 12-587 on the gross earnings from the sales of  
 548 petroleum products attributable to sales of motor vehicle fuel] an  
 549 annual amount in accordance with the following schedule, from such  
 550 funds received by the state from the tax imposed under said section 12-  
 551 587 on the gross earnings from the sales of petroleum products  
 552 attributable to sales of motor vehicle fuel. Such transfers shall be made  
 553 in quarterly installments.

T1	<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Annual Transfer</u>
T2	<u>2007</u>	<u>\$141,000,000</u>
T3	<u>2008</u>	<u>\$164,000,000</u>
T4	<u>2009</u>	<u>\$180,900,000</u>
T5	<u>2010</u>	<u>\$180,900,000</u>
T6	<u>2011</u>	<u>\$200,900,000</u>
T7	<u>2012</u>	<u>\$200,900,000</u>
T8	<u>2013</u>	<u>\$200,900,000</u>
T9	<u>2014 and thereafter</u>	<u>\$319,400,000</u>

554 (b) If in any calendar quarter ending on or after September 30, 2006,  
 555 receipts from the tax imposed under section 12-587, as amended, are  
 556 less than twenty-five per cent of the total of (1) the amount required to  
 557 be transferred pursuant to the Special Transportation Fund pursuant  
 558 to subsection (a) of this section, and (2) any other transfers required by  
 559 law, the [commissioner] State Comptroller shall certify to the Treasurer  
 560 the amount of such shortfall [. Upon receipt of such certification the  
 561 Treasurer] and shall forthwith transfer an amount equal to such  
 562 shortfall from the resources of the General Fund into the Special  
 563 Transportation Fund.

564 Sec. 15. Subsection (a) of section 13b-78p of the 2006 supplement to  
 565 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
 566 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

567 (a) The State Bond Commission shall have power, in accordance  
 568 with the provisions of this section, to authorize the issuance of special  
 569 tax obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal

570 amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding \$485,650,000, provided [:(1)]  
571 \$26,450,000 shall be effective July 1, 2005. [:(2) \$32,800,000 shall be  
572 effective July 1, 2006, (3) \$49,400,000 shall be effective July 1, 2007, (4)  
573 \$55,000,000 shall be effective July 1, 2008, (5) \$55,000,000 shall be  
574 effective July 1, 2009, (6) \$54,000,000 shall be effective July 1, 2010, (7)  
575 \$54,000,000 shall be effective July 1, 2011, (8) \$54,000,000 shall be  
576 effective July 1, 2012, (9) \$54,000,000 shall be effective July 1, 2013, and  
577 (10) \$51,000,000 shall be effective July 1, 2014.]

578 Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Department of  
579 Transportation may solicit bids or qualifications for equipment,  
580 materials or services for a project funded pursuant to this act at any  
581 time in the fiscal year, notwithstanding the fact that all required funds  
582 may not be available for the expenditure until later in the same or  
583 succeeding fiscal year.

584 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) The Commissioner of  
585 Transportation is authorized and directed, in consultation with the  
586 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and with the  
587 approval of the Governor, to enter into any agreements with the  
588 National Rail Passenger Corporation or its successor in interest that are  
589 necessary for the operation of rail passenger service on the New  
590 Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail line.

591 (b) The commissioner is authorized and directed, in consultation  
592 with the secretary and with approval of the Governor, to enter into any  
593 agreements with the commonwealth of Massachusetts or any entity  
594 authorized to act on its behalf that are necessary for the state's  
595 participation in the provision of rail passenger service on the New  
596 Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail line.

597 (c) The commissioner is authorized and directed, in consultation  
598 with the secretary and with the approval of the Governor, to select  
599 through a competitive process and contract with an operator or  
600 operators for rail service on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail  
601 line.

602       Sec. 18. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Department of Transportation  
603 shall study the feasibility of building a fuel cell power station to  
604 generate power for the New Haven Line. Such study shall include, but  
605 need not be limited to, a plan for generating a large percentage of the  
606 line's peak power needs, as well as serving as a backup in times of  
607 emergencies. On or before January 1, 2008, the Department of  
608 Transportation shall report its findings and recommendations, in  
609 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
610 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
611 cognizance of matters relating to transportation and the budgets of  
612 state agencies.

613       Sec. 19. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The state of Connecticut, acting  
614 through the Governor or the Governor's designee, shall initiate  
615 ongoing formal discussions with the commonwealth of Massachusetts  
616 and the states of New York and Rhode Island regarding opportunities  
617 to enhance commuter and freight mobility throughout the region.  
618 Such plan shall include, but need not be limited to, (1)  
619 recommendations on how best to involve the Governors, legislative  
620 leaders and other governmental officials of each jurisdiction in such  
621 discussions, (2) an analysis of opportunities for regional cooperation,  
622 and (3) lists of other public and private entities in each jurisdiction that  
623 should be included in such discussions. On or before January 1, 2008,  
624 and biennially thereafter the Governor or the Governor's designee  
625 shall report to the General Assembly on such discussions and any  
626 actions taken or recommended as a result of such discussions.

627       Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than the day on  
628 which the Governor's proposed budget is required to be submitted to  
629 the General Assembly pursuant to section 4-71 of the general statutes,  
630 the Governor shall recommend to the General Assembly (1) whether  
631 the revised transportation strategy adopted pursuant to section 13b-  
632 57g of the general statutes, as amended by this act, if any, should be  
633 approved by the General Assembly, including such changes to the  
634 recommended strategy as the Governor believes are appropriate; (2)

635 any projects which the Governor believes are necessary to implement  
636 the recommended strategy; and (3) a financing plan for such projects.

637 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Commissioner of  
638 Economic and Community Development is authorized, in consultation  
639 with the Commissioner of Transportation, to use available funds,  
640 including bond funds made available pursuant to section 4-66c of the  
641 general statutes, as amended by this act, to make grants or loans to (1)  
642 support transit-oriented development projects, as defined in section 2  
643 of this act, and encourage the location of residential, commercial and  
644 employment centers near public transportation services; and (2)  
645 encourage the use of port and rail freight facilities and services.

646 Sec. 22. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Connecticut Development  
647 Authority is authorized to make loans, on such terms and subject to  
648 such conditions as it determines, to (1) support transit-oriented  
649 development projects, as defined in section 2 of this act; and (2)  
650 encourage the development and use of port and rail freight facilities  
651 and services.

652 Sec. 23. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The Department of Transportation  
653 shall study the transportation and mobility needs of residents and  
654 businesses in eastern Connecticut, including, but not limited to: (1)  
655 Transportation between residential and employment centers; (2)  
656 improved rail freight service; and (3) opportunities for improved  
657 public transportation services and facilities, including the feasibility of  
658 creating a commuter rail line from New London to Worcester,  
659 Massachusetts. On or before January 1, 2008, the department shall  
660 report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with the  
661 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
662 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
663 relating to transportation and planning and development.

664 Sec. 24. (*Effective from passage*) The Department of Transportation  
665 shall develop an assessment and plan for the implementation of  
666 commuter rail service between New London and Worcester,

667 Massachusetts. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to, (1)  
668 operating schedules and costs, (2) ridership, (3) fare structure, (4)  
669 subsidies, (5) connections to other public transportation services, (6)  
670 required facilities and equipment, including trackage, sidings,  
671 signalization, stations and parking, (7) trackage rights issues and costs,  
672 if any, (8) coordination with the commonwealth of Massachusetts and  
673 any authorities, entities or local governments of the commonwealth of  
674 Massachusetts, and (9) the potential economic and environmental  
675 impact of such service. Not later than January 1, 2008, the department  
676 shall submit its findings and recommendations, pursuant to section 11-  
677 4a of the general statutes, to the Governor and the joint standing  
678 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
679 relating to transportation; finance, revenue and bonding; planning and  
680 development and the budgets of state agencies.

681 Sec. 25. Section 32-6k of the general statutes is repealed and the  
682 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

683 (a) [On or after January 15, 2003, prior to the approval of funding  
684 from the Department of Economic and Community Development, the  
685 Connecticut Development Authority or Connecticut Innovations,  
686 Incorporated] Prior to entering into a grant, loan or assistance  
687 agreement for any project which is a major traffic generator within the  
688 meaning of section 14-311, the Commissioner of Economic and  
689 Community Development and the executive directors of the  
690 Connecticut Development Authority and Connecticut Innovations,  
691 Incorporated, as the case may be, shall submit an impact statement for  
692 each such project to the Connecticut Transportation Strategy Board,  
693 established pursuant to section 13b-57e. Each impact statement shall  
694 (1) describe [how such project addresses the goals established by the  
695 board for developing the strategy the board submits to the General  
696 Assembly in accordance with section 13b-57g] the project and its  
697 expected impact on the transportation system, (2) summarize whether  
698 or not such project conforms to [such] the strategy adopted in  
699 accordance with section 13b-57g, as amended by this act, and (3)

700 include any other information the board may require to discharge its  
701 responsibilities under this subsection including, but not limited to, (A)  
702 the size of any facility proposed in connection with the project, (B) the  
703 hours of operation of such facility, (C) a projection of whether or not  
704 an increase in daily vehicle trips including truck traffic is likely to  
705 occur as a result of such project, and (D) the availability of public  
706 transportation to and from such facility. The board shall evaluate each  
707 such impact statement to determine whether such project conforms to  
708 such strategy and shall submit to said commissioner and executive  
709 directors any findings and recommendations with respect to such  
710 project. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring any  
711 delay in the implementation of any such project.

712 (b) The board shall, subject to the requirements of chapter 14,  
713 protect confidential information and trade secrets provided in  
714 connection with the review of any project pursuant to subsection (a) of  
715 this section.

716 [(c) On or before July 1, 2002, and quarterly thereafter, the  
717 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development shall  
718 update the board on all project activities occurring during such  
719 quarter.]

720 Sec. 26. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2006*) (a) On or before December 1,  
721 2007, and annually thereafter, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
722 Management, after consultation with the Commissioner of  
723 Transportation and the board, shall submit a report to the Governor  
724 and to the General Assembly on the implementation status of the  
725 projects funded under this act or special act 05-4 of the June special  
726 session. Such report shall include the status, including the financial  
727 status, of each project, the project schedules and anticipated  
728 completion dates, an explanation of any obstacles to completing such  
729 projects and any planned revisions to such projects.

730 (b) During the month of December of each year, the joint standing  
731 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

732 relating to transportation, finance, revenue and bonding and planning  
733 and development shall meet with the Commissioners of  
734 Transportation and Economic and Community Development and the  
735 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and such other  
736 persons as they deem appropriate to consider the report required by  
737 subsection (a) of this section.

738 Sec. 27. Subdivision (3) of section 13b-78k of the 2006 supplement to  
739 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
740 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

741 (3) "New Haven Line revitalization program" means the design,  
742 development, construction and acquisition of maintenance facilities,  
743 rail cars and related equipment for use on the New Haven Line, as  
744 specified in subdivisions (1) and (2) of section 13b-78l. [Projects  
745 undertaken as part of said program are not a "TSB project" for the  
746 purposes of section 13b-57i.]

747 Sec. 28. Subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of section 13b-57d of the  
748 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
749 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2006*):

750 (4) "Strategy" means the transportation projects and supporting  
751 documentation contained in the report [dated January, 2003,]  
752 submitted by the board in accordance with [subdivision (3) of  
753 subsection (k) of] section 13b-57g, as amended by this act, and any  
754 updates or revisions to such transportation projects.

755 Sec. 29. Subsection (a) of section 13b-57j of the general statutes is  
756 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
757 *1, 2006*):

758 (a) The board shall prepare an analysis, based on appropriate  
759 metrics, methodologies and standards, developed by the board or by  
760 any agency or other unit of government of the state, of the short-term  
761 and long-term effects of the initial strategy on: (1) The present and

762 future transportation needs of the state for the movement of both  
763 people and goods; (2) economic development in the state; and (3) the  
764 environment, including air quality, wetlands, open space and energy  
765 consumption. Said analysis shall include the projected return on  
766 investment for each TSB project. The board shall submit such analysis,  
767 in accordance with section 11-4a, to the Governor and to the joint  
768 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
769 matters relating to transportation and finance, revenue and bonding  
770 along with the report due [on December 15, 2004,] pursuant to  
771 [subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of] section 13b-57g, as amended by  
772 this act.

773 Sec. 30. Subsection (b) of section 13b-57l of the general statutes is  
774 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
775 *1, 2006*):

776 (b) The commissioner shall submit all updates or revisions of the  
777 strategy recommended by the board and approved by the General  
778 Assembly, in accordance with [subdivision (3) of subsection (k) of]  
779 section 13b-57g, as amended by this act, to the appropriate state  
780 metropolitan planning organizations, as defined in 23 USC 134 and 49  
781 USC 5303, for consideration as transportation improvement projects, in  
782 accordance with 23 USC 135 and 49 USC 5304, as soon as practicable  
783 following approval of such updates or revisions.

784 Sec. 31. (*Effective July 1, 2006*) The unexpended balance of the funds  
785 transferred to the Department of Transportation pursuant to section 2  
786 of public act 04-177, and carried forward by section 46 of public act 05-  
787 4 of the June special session, shall not lapse on June 30, 2006, and such  
788 funds shall continue to be available during the fiscal year ending June  
789 30, 2007, to support the implementation of the increased motorist  
790 assistance services recommended by the Transportation Strategy  
791 Board.

792 Sec. 32. Subsection (c) of section 13b-57h, section 13b-57i, subsection  
793 (b) of section 13b-57j and section 13b-57p of the general statutes are

794 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	4-66c(c)
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	13b-57e
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	13b-57g
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	13b-61a
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	13b-78p(a)
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 21	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 22	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 24	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 25	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	32-6k
Sec. 26	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 27	<i>from passage</i>	13b-78k(3)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	13b-57d(a)(4)
Sec. 29	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	13b-57j(a)
Sec. 30	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	13b-57l(b)
Sec. 31	<i>July 1, 2006</i>	New section
Sec. 32	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section