



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 6840**

January Session, 2015



**AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTMENTS IN CONNECTICUT'S  
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The State Bond Commission shall  
2 have power, in accordance with the provisions of this section and  
3 sections 2 to 6, inclusive, of this act, to authorize the issuance of special  
4 tax obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal  
5 amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding \$795,050,000, provided  
6 \$520,200,000 shall be effective July 1, 2016.

7 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The proceeds of the sale of bonds  
8 described in sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act, to the extent  
9 hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of payment of the  
10 transportation costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of section 13b-75 of  
11 the general statutes, with respect to the projects and uses hereinafter  
12 described, which projects and uses are hereby found and determined  
13 to be in furtherance of one or more of the authorized purposes for the  
14 issuance of special tax obligation bonds set forth in section 13b-74 of  
15 the general statutes. For the Department of Transportation:

16 (a) For the Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations:

17 (1) Design and engineering for Interstate 84 widening between exits  
18 3 and 8;

19 (2) Design and engineering for Interstate 84 viaduct replacement in  
20 Hartford;

21 (3) Operational lanes for Interstate 84 interchanges 40 to 42,  
22 inclusive, in West Hartford;

23 (4) Design and engineering for Interstate 84 and Route 8 interchange  
24 improvements in Waterbury;

25 (5) Design and engineering for Interstate 91, Interstate 691 and  
26 Route 15 interchange improvements;

27 (6) Design and engineering for Interstate 95 widening between  
28 Bridgeport and Stamford;

29 (7) Design and engineering, including rights-of-way, for Interstate  
30 95 widening between the Baldwin Bridge and the Gold Star Bridge;

31 (8) Relocation and reconfiguration for the Interstate 91 interchange  
32 29 in Hartford;

33 (9) Rehabilitation and repair for the Interstate 95 Gold Star Bridge;

34 (10) Reconfiguration for Route 7 and Route 15 interchange in  
35 Norwalk;

36 (11) Design and engineering for Route 9 improvements in  
37 Middletown;

38 (12) Urban bikeway, pedestrian connectivity, trails and alternative  
39 mobility programs;

40 (13) Rehabilitation for Route 15 West Rock Tunnel and interchange  
41 59; and

42 (14) Implementation of Innovative Bridge Delivery and  
43 Construction Program.

44 (b) For the Bureau of Public Transportation:

- 45 (1) Bus rolling stock for service expansions;
- 46 (2) State-wide rail rolling stock replacement program, including café  
47 cars on the New Haven Line;
- 48 (3) Continued expansion, rolling stock and development of stations  
49 on the Hartford Line;
- 50 (4) Extension of the CTfastrak bus rapid transit corridor east to  
51 Manchester;
- 52 (5) Implementation of a bus rapid transit corridor for Route 1  
53 between Norwalk and Stamford;
- 54 (6) New signal system on the Waterbury branch line;
- 55 (7) Interim repairs to the SAGA moveable and Cos Cob bridges on  
56 the New Haven Line;
- 57 (8) Design, engineering and construction of a new dock yard on the  
58 Danbury branch line;
- 59 (9) Design and construction of the Orange, Barnum and Merritt 7  
60 stations on the New Haven Line and Danbury branch line;
- 61 (10) Development of a Madison station and parking garage on  
62 Shoreline East;
- 63 (11) Study for an East Lyme (Niantic) station on Shoreline East;
- 64 (12) Design and construction of a parking deck and pedestrian  
65 bridge in New Haven on the New Haven Line;
- 66 (13) Design and construction of a pedestrian bridge in Stamford on  
67 the New Haven Line;
- 68 (14) Implementation of a real-time location and bus information  
69 system state wide;

70 (15) Implementation of a real-time audio and video system on the  
71 New Haven Line;

72 (16) Development of a plan to upgrade capacity and speed on the  
73 New Haven Line; and

74 (17) Study for centralized paratransit service coordination state  
75 wide.

76 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) None of the bonds described in sections  
77 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act shall be authorized except upon a finding  
78 by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it (1) a  
79 request for such authorization, which is signed by the Secretary of the  
80 Office of Policy and Management or by or on behalf of such state  
81 officer, department or agency and stating such terms and conditions as  
82 said commission, in its discretion, may require, and (2) any capital  
83 development impact statement and any human services facility  
84 colocation statement required to be filed with the Secretary of the  
85 Office of Policy and Management pursuant to section 4b-31 of the  
86 general statutes, any advisory report regarding the state conservation  
87 and development policies plan required pursuant to section 16a-31 of  
88 the general statutes, and any statement regarding farm land required  
89 pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3-20 of the general statutes and  
90 section 22-6 of the general statutes, provided the State Bond  
91 Commission may authorize said bonds without a finding that the  
92 reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this section have  
93 been filed with it if said commission authorizes the secretary of said  
94 commission to accept such reports and statements on its behalf. No  
95 funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized by said commission  
96 without a finding that the reports and statements required by  
97 subdivision (2) of this section have been filed with it shall be allotted  
98 by the Governor for any project until the reports and statements  
99 required by subdivision (2) of this section, with respect to such project,  
100 have been filed with the secretary of said commission.

101 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) For the purposes of sections 1 to 6,

102 inclusive, of this act, each request filed, as provided in section 3 of this  
103 act, for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which  
104 the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended  
105 and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said  
106 section 3, include the recommendation of the person signing such  
107 request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then  
108 available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with  
109 any such project should be added to the state moneys available or  
110 becoming available from the proceeds of bonds and temporary notes  
111 issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of bonds. If the  
112 request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal,  
113 private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if  
114 and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of  
115 authorization of such bonds, such amount of such federal, private or  
116 other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for  
117 costs in connection with such project shall be added to such state  
118 moneys.

119       Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of  
120 bonds authorized for the projects or purposes of section 2 of this act, in  
121 excess of the aggregate costs of all the projects so authorized, shall be  
122 used in the manner set forth in sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of  
123 the general statutes, and in the proceedings of the State Bond  
124 Commission respecting the issuance and sale of said bonds.

125       Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) Bonds issued pursuant to sections 1 to  
126 6, inclusive, of this act shall be special obligations of the state and shall  
127 not be payable from or charged upon any funds other than revenues of  
128 the state pledged therefor in subsection (b) of section 13b-61 of the  
129 general statutes and section 13b-61a of the general statutes, or such  
130 other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said  
131 bonds shall not be payable from or charged upon any funds other than  
132 such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may  
133 be pledged therefor, nor shall the state or any political subdivision  
134 thereof be subject to any liability thereon, except to the extent of such

135 pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be  
136 pledged therefor. Said bonds shall be issued under and in accordance  
137 with the provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the  
138 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section

**FIN**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*