

Transit for Connecticut

Helping People, the Economy and the Environment

Appropriations Committee
Public Hearing – February 8, 2016

In Support of Funding for Transit Service

Dear Sen. Bye, Rep. Walker and members of the Committee,

On behalf of Transit for Connecticut, a statewide coalition of 33 business, environmental, social service, planning, transportation, and civic organizations advocating for improved and expanded bus service, I ask the Appropriations Committee to support funding necessary to maintain existing transit service across the state.

In these critical economic times, transit service is needed more than ever. Investing in transit not only creates jobs but transit gets people to their jobs. Use of transit relieves congestion on our roads and helps reduce harmful air pollution. Transit service helps senior citizens “age in place” and remain in their homes and provides low income residents with transportation to job training, interviews, and places of employment.

It is a very exciting time for transportation in our state. Please approve the funding necessary to maintain existing bus service and provide the groundwork for the increased transit service that is needed now and in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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