

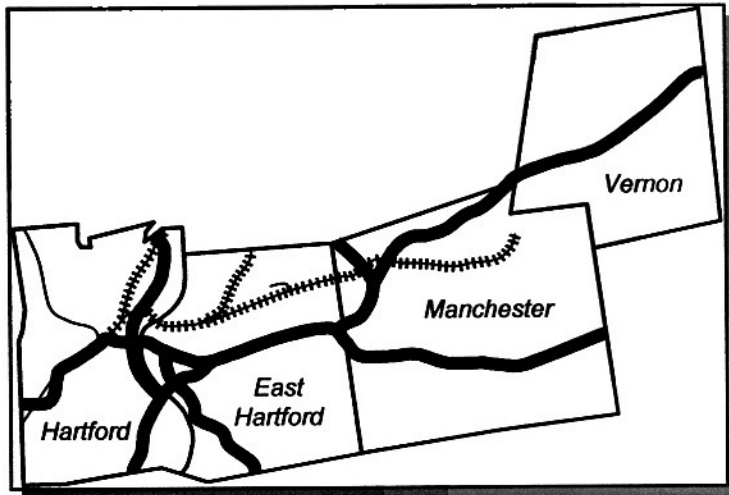
Hartford—Manchester Busway Study



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The Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT), in cooperation with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), is beginning a study of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in the Hartford-East Hartford-Manchester-Vernon Corridor. The BRT concept would provide for buses operating on exclusive rights of way, thus being able to operate at higher speeds and bypass roadway congestion. This study has been initiated as a result of a proposal from the CRCOG Regional Transit Strategy, which was recently completed.

The study will consider the need and feasibility of BRT in this corridor and will consider several alignments, including the median of Route I-84 and existing rail rights of way. The study will take approximately 16

months to complete. The ConnDOT study team will work with a Steering Committee including representatives of the four affected municipalities, CRCOG, other affected agencies and the general public. ConnDOT has engaged the consulting firm of Wilbur Smith Associates to assist with the technical aspects of this study.

The study will provide a number of opportunities for the public to participate in its development. Information will be provided and comments can be received through public meetings, newsletters, a dedicated website, and a telephone hotline. On behalf of ConnDOT and the study team, I invite you to attend a public information meeting to help us initiate this study and for you to express your concerns. The meeting will be held:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2001
7:00 P.M. Presentation
MANCHESTER TOWN HALL

Your participation is critical to the development of a plan that can be moved forward to implementation. We need your ideas and your reaction to our ideas. We look forward to seeing you on the 25th.

Sincerely,

James Boice
Chief of Planning