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**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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**Date:** January 10, 2007

**Subject:** Transit Enhancement Update

***Background of Transit Enhancement Projects and Funding***

On an annual basis one percent of the U.S. Federal Transit Administration (FTA) capital and operating funds allocated to the New Haven-Meriden Urbanized Area is, by law, earmarked for transit enhancement. These funds necessarily flow through the Greater New Haven Transit District, the region's only FTA eligible agency apart from ConnDOT.

Projects designed to enhance public transportation services or their use that are physically and functionally related to transit facilities are considered transit enhancement projects. In order for a municipality to secure funding a 20% local match is required

Eligible projects are:

- historic preservation, rehabilitation, and operation of historic public transportation buildings, structures, and facilities (including historic bus and railroad facilities);
- bus shelters;
- landscaping and other scenic beautification, including tables, benches, trash receptacles, and street lights;
- public art;
- pedestrian access and walkways;
- bicycle access, including bicycle storage facilities and installing equipment for transporting bicycles on public transportation vehicles;
- transit connections to parks within the recipient's transit service area;
- signage; and
- enhanced access for persons with disabilities to public transportation

In FY 2001 and FY 2002 approximately \$523,200 (federal) funds were committed to transit enhancement projects in East Haven, Hamden, Meriden, and New Haven.

***Past Projects***

Municipality	Project	Cost(\$)	
		Total	Federal
New Haven	Long Wharf Bus Stop	\$21,250	\$17,000
East Haven	Momauguin Bus Shelter Improvements	\$29,000	\$23,200
Hamden	Hamden Mart/Kohl's Bus Shelter	\$81,000	\$64,800
Meriden	RR Station Enhancements	\$209,000	\$167,200
New Haven	Artspace Bus Stop	\$313,750	\$251,000
		\$654,000	\$523,200

In FY 2005 \$438,400 (federal) funds were committed to 4 projects in the region. These projects included improvements to the rail road station in Branford, sidewalk improvements and bus shelters in North Haven, bus shelters in West Haven and sidewalk construction and repairs in Woodbridge.

***Current Projects\****

Municipality	Project	Cost(\$)	
		Total	Federal
Branford	Railroad Station Access	\$166,000	\$132,800
North Haven	Complement Montowese Economic Development	\$148,000	\$118,400
West Haven	Bus Shelters	\$140,000	\$112,000
Woodbridge	Transit Access	\$94,000	\$75,200
		\$548,000	\$438,400

***Status of outstanding Projects***

**1. Branford: Railroad Station Access**

**Description:** Improve pedestrian access to the Shore Line East Rail station, Project will widen a minimal Maple Street sidewalk and install stairs to provide direct station access from Maple Street.

**Status:** GNHTD has contacted town officials requesting a letter of commitment for the matching funds. Once received the grant application process can proceed.

**2. North Haven: Compliment Montowese Economic Development Program**

**Description:** Project to include the installation of new sidewalks and the addition of bus shelters along Quinnipiac and Middletown avenues about 1/4 mile in conjunction with a Montowese Economic Enhancement Project.

**Status:** GNHTD has contacted town officials requesting a letter of commitment for the matching funds. Once received the grant application process can proceed.

### 3. West Haven: Bus Shelters

**Description:** Project will introduce up to 7 new bus shelters. 4 shelters are made part of an Orange Avenue Improvement Project and 3 shelters will be installed at selected high density stops.

**Status:** GNHTD has contacted town officials requesting a letter of commitment for the matching funds. Once received the grant application process can proceed.

### 4. Woodbridge: Transit Access

**Description:** Project will improve pedestrian links to transit along Woodbridge arterials. Major sidewalk gaps along Amity Rd and Lucy Street will to be filled.

**Status:** GNHTD has contacted town officials requesting a letter of commitment for the matching funds. Once received the grant application process can proceed.

### *Status of Current Funding*

Apportionment and Carryovers  
New Haven Meriden Urbanized Area

	1% Set Aside	Carryover	Committed	Available
FFY 03	\$132,776	\$351	\$0	\$133,127
FFY 04	\$143,597	\$133,127	\$0	\$276,724
FFY 05	\$136,897	\$276,724	\$438,400	-\$24,779
FFY 06	\$141,004*	-\$24,779	\$0	\$116,225
FFY 07	\$145,234*	\$116,225	\$0	\$261,459
FFY 08	\$149,591*	\$261,459	\$0	\$411,050
FFY 09	\$154,079*	\$411,050	\$0	\$565,129

\* Estimated amount based on 3% annual increase