

CTfastrak East

Stakeholder Meeting #2

Manchester Town Hall

December 15, 2015



Today's Agenda

- Overview of November Meeting
 - CT*fastrak* East planning process
 - Role of CT*fastrak* East
 - Markets for CT*fastrak* East service
- Service Concepts
- Discussion
- Next Steps





(09/22/15) Gov. Malloy Announces New Capital Dollars to Expand CTfastrak into East Hartford and Manchester

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For immediate release: September 22, 2015

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Press Release [Link](#)

(Hartford, CT) – Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced that the State Bond Commission next week is scheduled to vote on a \$7 million allocation that will allow the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) to purchase buses and other capital equipment necessary to expand CTfastrak east of the Connecticut River into East Hartford and Manchester.

The bus rapid transit system currently has ten stations along the 9.4 mile bus-only roadway, which extends between New Britain, Newington, West Hartford, and Hartford, partly along abandoned rail line and existing Amtrak rail line. The planned, expanded service east of the river would utilize the existing HOV lanes on I-84.



How to Ride



Service Maps



Routes & Schedules



Rewards Program



Fares



Where to Park



CTfastrak East Implementation Timeline

- Phased implementation of services and facility improvements
- Initial service – summer 2016
 - Using existing bus fleet
- Additional service phased in starting in 2017
 - Using additional buses and facilities



CTfastrak East Planning Study Stages

- February 2016 – completion of study tasks to develop an initial service plan for 2016
- September 2016 – completion of study to develop a plan for services beyond 2016



What is CTfastrak East?

- An expansion of the **CTfastrak** brand east of the Connecticut River
- Incorporating as many BRT features as possible
 - Running way
 - Stations
 - Fare collection
 - Vehicles
 - ITS elements
 - Frequent all-day service
 - Fast service / few stops
 - Regional connections
 - Recognizable brand



Local CTtransit Bus or CTfastrak?

- **CTtransit** local bus services

- within walking distance for as many as possible
- frequency matched to demand
- access to employment and other needs
- both local and longer distance trips



- **CTfastrak** services

- high ridership corridors that can support frequent all-day service
- origins and destinations of regional significance
- fast and direct service for longer-distance trips



Buses for CTfastrak East

- All **CTfastrak** and **CTtransit** buses now in use at peak times
- Earliest possible new bus procurement - mid-2017
- New peak service in 2016
 - Possible only with contract bid
 - Contractor provides own buses
 - No **CTfastrak** technology
- New off-peak service in 2016
 - A few **CTfastrak** and **CTtransit** buses are available



CTfastrak East – Potential Markets

- Existing higher ridership corridors to Hartford
- Major regional destinations
 - Buckland Hills commercial area
 - Educational Institutions (MCC, UConn, Goodwin)
- Existing or new park & ride facilities
- Destinations beyond downtown Hartford
- Destinations east of Manchester



Best Markets for CTfastrak East in 2016

- Primary 2016 Markets
 - MCC/Silver Lane (Existing)
 - Buckland Hills Mall area
 - Buckland Hills park & ride to Hartford
 - UConn Storrs
- Secondary and/or Future Markets
 - Union Station
 - Vernon and Tolland park & rides
 - Burnside Avenue
 - Goodwin College
 - UTC/Pratt & Whitney
 - Rentschler Field developments
 - Downtown Manchester
 - Main Street, East Hartford



Concept 1: UConn to Buckland Hills and Hartford via I-84

Peak Buckland P&R Route

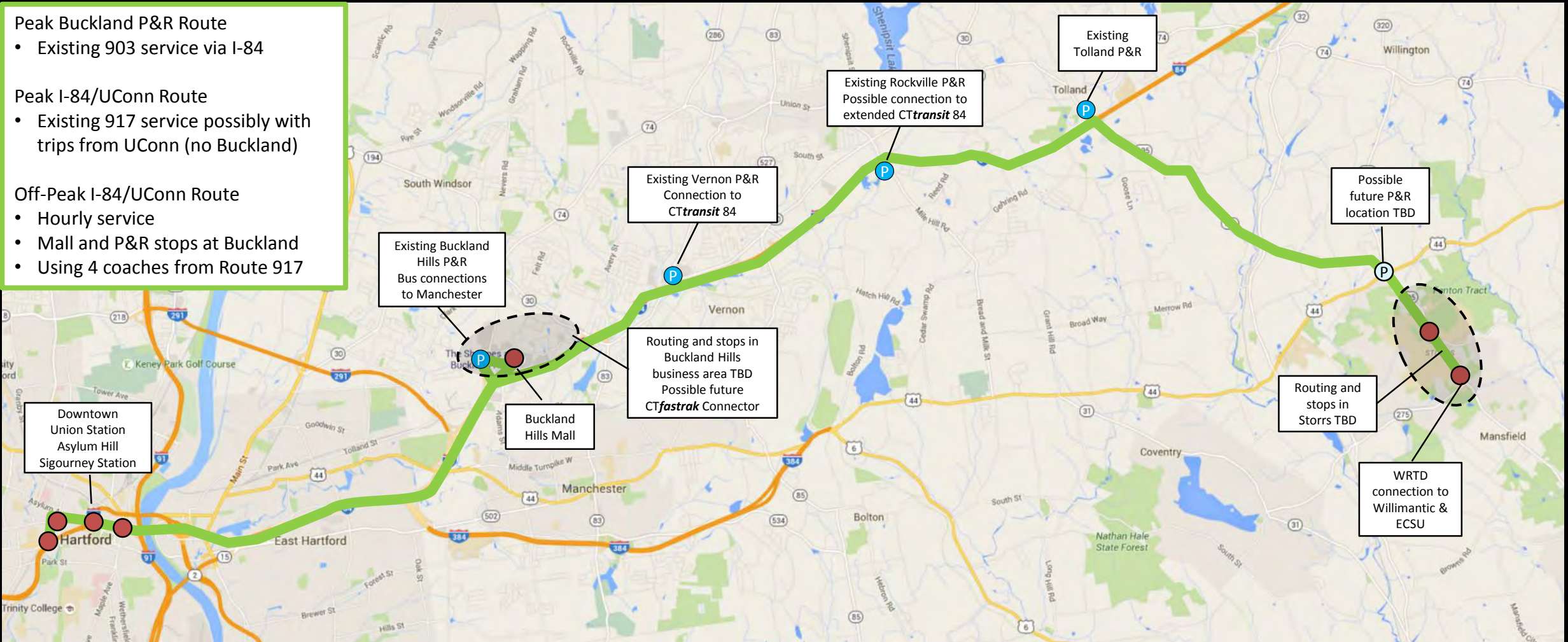
- Existing 903 service via I-84

Peak I-84/UConn Route

- Existing 917 service possibly with trips from UConn (no Buckland)

Off-Peak I-84/UConn Route

- Hourly service
- Mall and P&R stops at Buckland
- Using 4 coaches from Route 917



Concept 2: UConn/Tolland Shuttle with transfer to Buckland Hills and Hartford

Peak Buckland P&R Route

- Existing 903 service via I-84

Peak I-84/Tolland Route

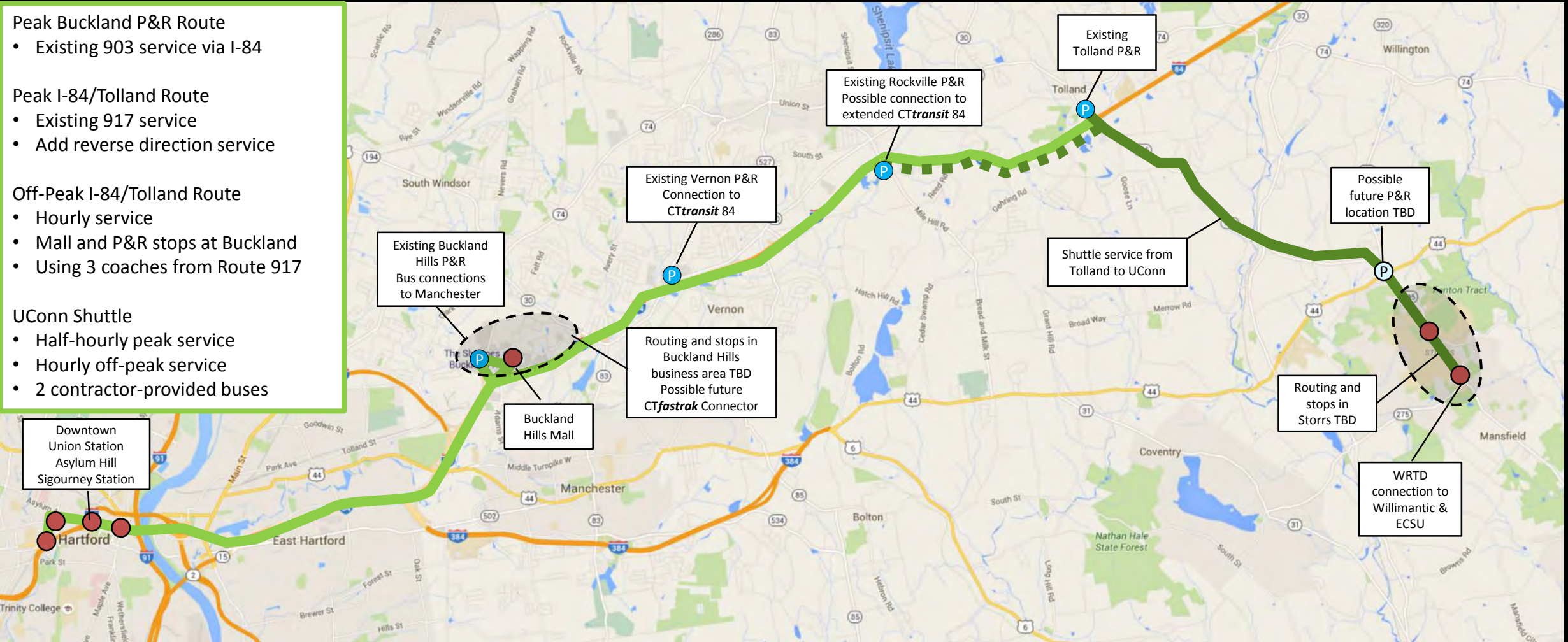
- Existing 917 service
- Add reverse direction service

Off-Peak I-84/Tolland Route

- Hourly service
- Mall and P&R stops at Buckland
- Using 3 coaches from Route 917

UConn Shuttle

- Half-hourly peak service
- Hourly off-peak service
- 2 contractor-provided buses



Concept 3: UConn via I-84 and separate Buckland Flyer

Peak Buckland P&R Route

- Existing 903 service via I-84

Peak I-84/UConn Route

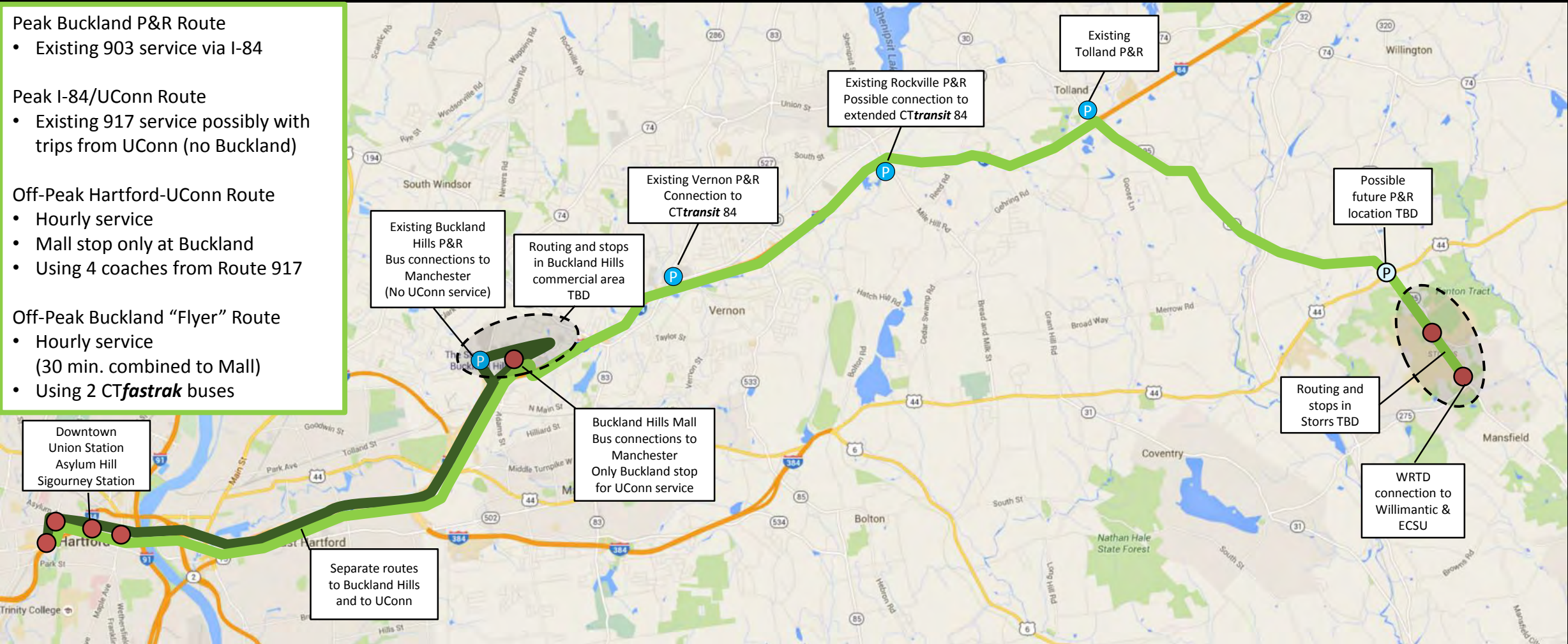
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Off-Peak Hartford-UConn Route

- Hourly service
- Mall stop only at Buckland
- Using 4 coaches from Route 917

Off-Peak Buckland "Flyer" Route

- Hourly service (30 min. combined to Mall)
- Using 2 CT **fastrak** buses



Concept 4: UConn via Route 44 and separate Buckland Flyer

Peak Buckland P&R Route

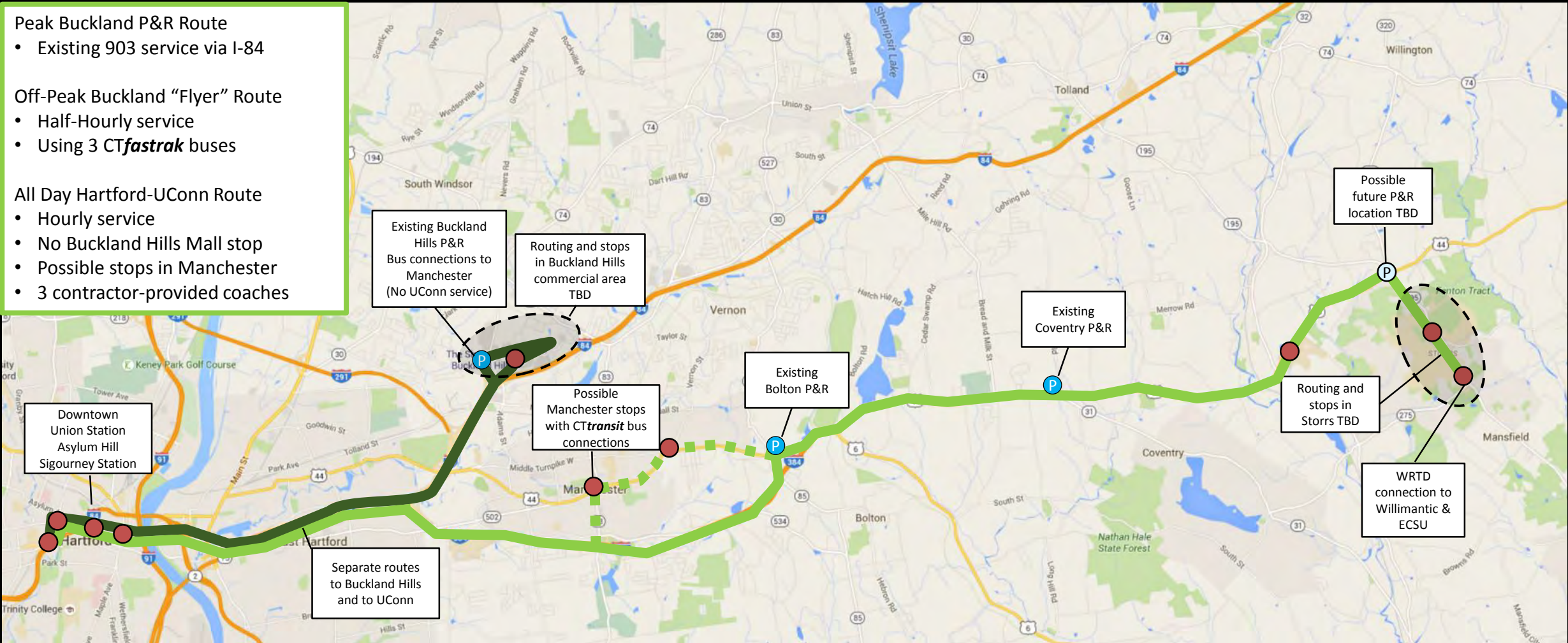
- Existing 903 service via I-84

Off-Peak Buckland "Flyer" Route

- Half-Hourly service
- Using 3 CT **fastrak** buses

All Day Hartford-UConn Route

- Hourly service
- No Buckland Hills Mall stop
- Possible stops in Manchester
- 3 contractor-provided coaches



Concept 5: Buckland Flyer

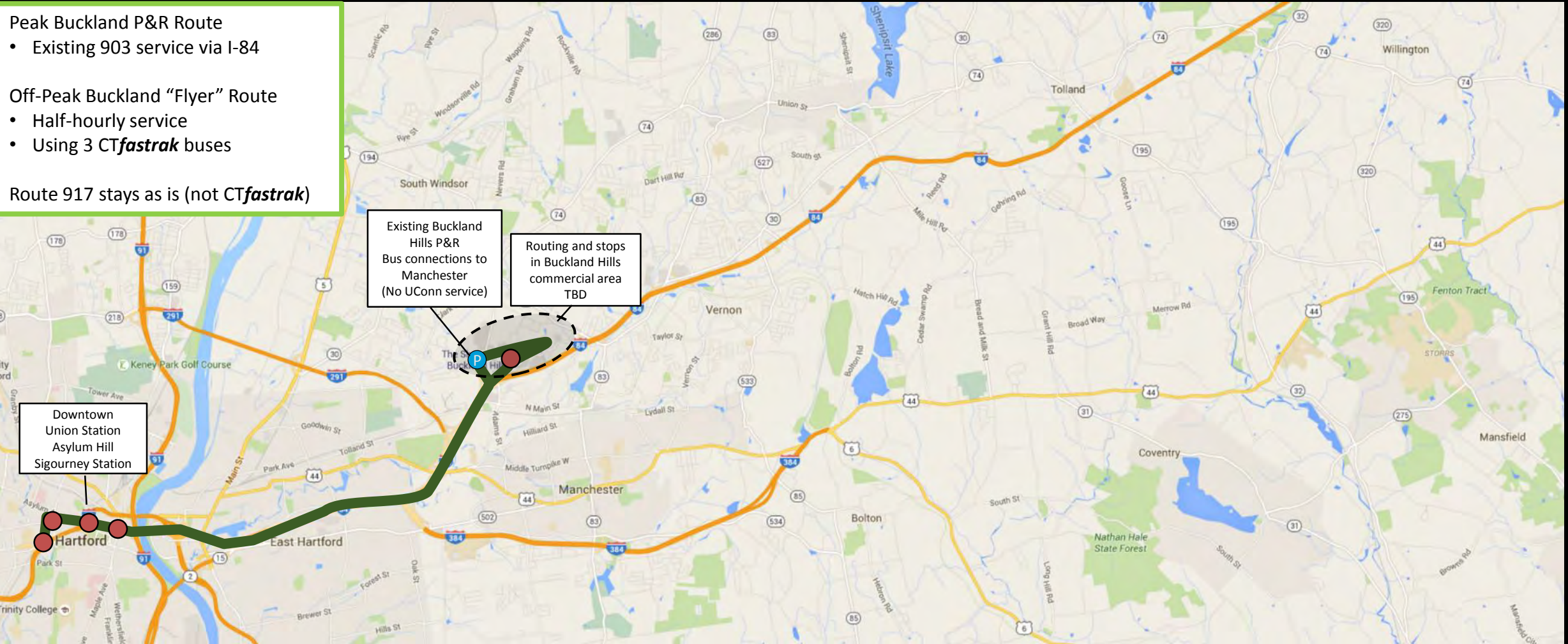
Peak Buckland P&R Route

- Existing 903 service via I-84

Off-Peak Buckland “Flyer” Route

- Half-hourly service
- Using 3 CT**fastrak** buses

Route 917 stays as is (not CT**fastrak**)



Concept 6: Buckland Hills via Burnside

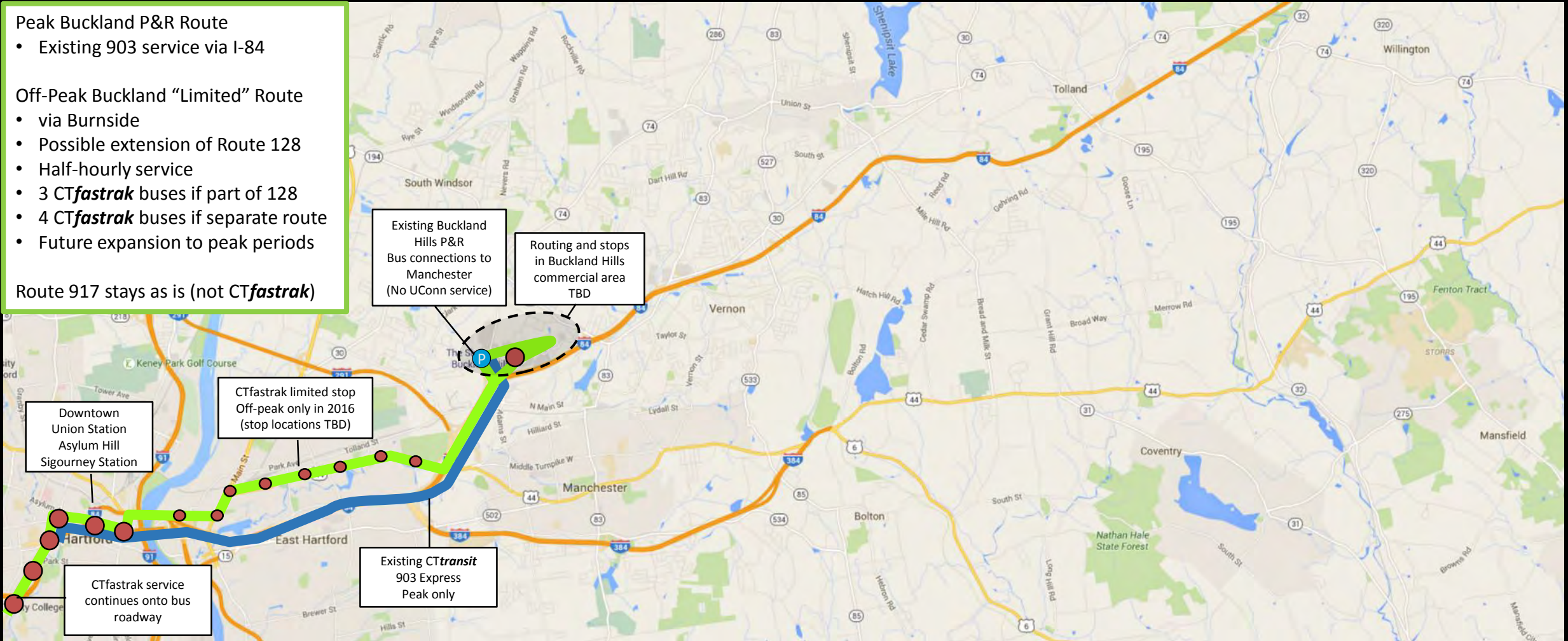
Peak Buckland P&R Route

- Existing 903 service via I-84

Off-Peak Buckland “Limited” Route

- via Burnside
- Possible extension of Route 128
- Half-hourly service
- 3 CT**fastrak** buses if part of 128
- 4 CT**fastrak** buses if separate route
- Future expansion to peak periods

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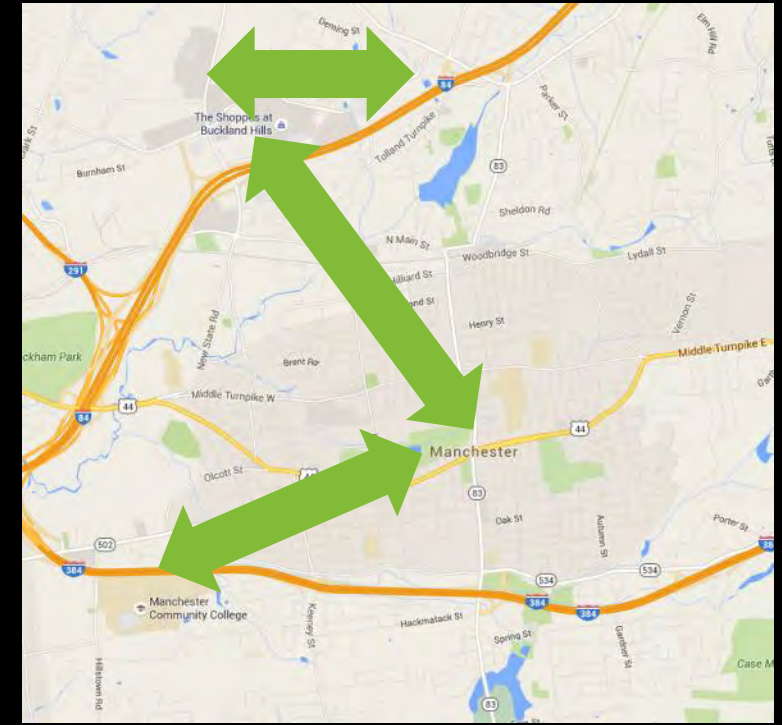
Possible Future Service Concepts



- Enhanced dash Connections



- UTC
- Rentschler Field
- Pratt & Whitney
- Goodwin College



- MCC, Manchester, Buckland CT *fastrak* Connector Route



Your Opinions on *CTfastrak* East Service Concepts



CTfastrak East Meetings

- Nov. 20 - Stakeholder Meeting #1 - *Completed*
- Dec. 15 - Stakeholder Meeting #2 - *Today*
- January 19, 2016 (snow date of January 26) – 1st Public Open Houses
- March/April - Stakeholder Meeting #3
- May - Stakeholder Meeting #4
- Mid-June – 2nd Public Open House

