Stakeholder Meeting #2
Manchester Town Hall
December 15, 2015
Today’s Agenda

• Overview of November Meeting
  – CTfastrak East planning process
  – Role of CTfastrak East
  – Markets for CTfastrak East service

• Service Concepts

• Discussion

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

Gov. Malloy Announces New Capital Dollars to Expand CTfastrak into East Hartford and Manchester

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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, party 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.
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

Routing and stops in Storrs TBD
Connection to Willimantic & ECSU

Possible future P&R location TBD

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WRTD connection to Willimantic & ECSU

Existing Rockville P&R Possible connection to extended CT transit 84

Existing Buckland Hills P&R Bus connections to Manchester

Routing and stops in Buckland Hills business area TBD Possible future CTfastrak Connector

Existing Vernon P&R Connection to CTtransit 84

Existing Rockville P&R Possible connection to extended CTtransit 84

Existing Vernon P&R Possible connection to extended CTtransit 84

Existing Tolland P&R

Existing Buckland Hills Mall

Buckland Hills Mall

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Existing Vernon P&R Connection to CTtransit 84

Existing Rockville P&R Possible connection to extended CTtransit 84

Existing Tolland P&R
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

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

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 CTfastrak 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 CTfastrak buses

**All Day Hartford-UConn Route**
- Hourly service
- No Buckland Hills Mall stop
- Possible stops in Manchester
- 3 contractor-provided coaches

Existing Buckland Hills P&R
Bus connections to Manchester
(No UConn service)

Routing and stops in Buckland Hills commercial area TBD

Possible Manchester stops with CT-transit bus connections

Existing Bolton P&R

Existing Coventry P&R

Possible future P&R location TBD

Routing and stops in Storrs TBD

WRTD connection to Willimantic & ECSU

Downtown Union Station
Asylum Hill
Sigourney Station

Separate routes to Buckland Hills and to UConn

Possible future P&R location TBD

WRTD connection to Willimantic & ECSU
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 CTfastrak buses

Route 917 stays as is (not CTfastrak)
**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 CTfastrak buses if part of 128
- 4 CTfastrak buses if separate route
- Future expansion to peak periods

**Route 917 stays as is (not CTfastrak)**

**CTfastrak service continues onto bus roadway**

**CTfastrak limited stop**
- Off-peak only in 2016
- (stop locations TBD)

**Existing Buckland Hills P&R**
- Bus connections to Manchester (No UConn service)

**Routing and stops in Buckland Hills commercial area**
- TBD

**Existing CT Transit 903 Express**
- Peak only

**Downtown Union Station Asylum Hill Sigourney Station**
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) – 1\textsuperscript{st} Public Open Houses
- March/April - Stakeholder Meeting #3
- May - Stakeholder Meeting #4
- Mid-June – 2\textsuperscript{nd} Public Open House