

YOUR VISION.

Needs. Analysis. Recommendations. Plan.



Economy

1. Ice Breaker Visions

- Reduce single occupant vehicle use; increase ridership of public transit.
- Make more transportation choice available.
- Lower the gas tax.
- Reduced congestion.
- Maintain CT's access to NYC, Boston and other markets.
- Efficient transportation improvements with respect to connections and rate of return.
- More equitable investment in transportation improvements.
- Greater capacity and efficiency in moving people and freight all around CT.
- Feeder barge.

2. Trends and Issues

List

1. Increasing traffic congestion is hindering the economy, affects productivity and influencing locational decisions for places to live.
2. Urban areas becoming more dense (esp. new housing) due to high cost of gas (+).
3. Ports and rails are under-utilized (3)
4. Congestion pricing (dynamic pricing) is one way capture revenue from pass-through truck freight and general traffic (6)
5. Need a more equitable way to raise revenue for transportation projects (e.g. tolls and increased gas tax, state and federal).
6. CT reliance on truck freight...need to accommodate trucks (8)
7. Economic indicators reveal sluggish growth
8. Residents need to drive further to access jobs
9. Employers increasingly allow employees to work from home (+)
10. Companies are not necessarily located near the labor pool (differential tax rates is factor).
11. Encourage more urbanization to capture workers (+).
12. 50% growth in transit ridership in Waterbury between 2009-2014.
13. Tax revenue system needs to be overhauled to reduce tax burden
14. Job opportunities for today's youth are limited and force that generation to make new choices (e.g. live without a car)
15. Energy transmission is growth area.

3. Transportation Investments

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- **Increased highway capacity and preservation of highway capacity are key to economic growth.**
- **Mass transit needs to be more responsive to users and provide more efficient service.**
- **Highway and bridge repairs need to be undertaken more cost effectively and expeditiously...need to streamline permits.**
- **Rail operations and maintenance needs to be more effective to reduce delays.**
- **Commuter and freight rail need more investment. Improve freight rail connectivity.**
- **Ports need more investment.**
- **Air travel as economic generator needs to be recognized and encouraged, particularly Sikorsky and Tweed Airports.**
- **3 P (Public-Private partnerships) needs to be pursued.**