

(Hartford) – Today **Senators Joseph I. Lieberman, Richard Blumenthal** and **Congressman John B. Larson (CT01)**

announced \$2 million in federal funding for the Greater Hartford Transit District. Awarded through the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Bus Livability Program the funding will be used to implement pedestrian safety improvements as part of the Sigourney Street Connectivity Improvements Project at the Sigourney Street Station. Improvements include sidewalks, lighting, stairs and additional amenities for transit passengers.

"This grant will help ease the commute for those who choose to take mass transit to work when CTFastTrak is up and running," Lieberman said. "I'm pleased that this grant is yet another federal investment in Hartford's transportation fabric along with the CTFastTrak busway, the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail line, and the recent TIGER grant for the Intermodal Triangle Project."

"An investment in our roads, bridges and highways is an investment in jobs at a critical moment in our economic recovery," Blumenthal said. "I am pleased to see strong federal support for Connecticut's long-term transportation priorities through this grant and others."

"This project will benefit the community by making transit more accessible, relieving congestion on the roads, and spurring transit-oriented development that will benefit residents and businesses alike," said Congressman Larson, "Investing in a successful mass transportation system will improve safety and convenience for commuters, and will encourage job growth in the region."

"This is another terrific sign that Washington is taking a long hard look at Hartford as a renaissance community. Over the last several weeks we have seen almost \$20 million in federal grants to improve our transportation infrastructure, maintain public safety and improve the overall livability of Connecticut's Capital City. Working together, with the support of the federal delegation, who have gone above and beyond in support of Hartford, the Governor and other state officials and stakeholders, like the Greater Hartford Transit District, we are taking significant steps forward that will make Hartford a more desirable place to live, work and raise a family," said Mayor of Hartford Pedro E. Segarra.

The FTA's Bus Livability Program awards competitive grants to help public transportation

providers finance capital projects, replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment, and construct bus related facilities. Part of the CTFastTrak, the Sigourney Street Connectivity Improvements Project seeks to blend transit and commercial space in a highly traveled area of Hartford and create a safe pedestrian environment for the thousands of commuters who travel daily into Hartford.

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