

# ***Making the Connection: Moving Forward on Regional Rail***

Exhibit in the Lobby, Stamford Government Center  
888 Washington Boulevard  
Stamford, CT 06901

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- South Western Regional Planning Agency
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## **"Connecting Connecticut"**

The preservation and enhancement of the New Haven commuter rail line is essential for the well-being of residents and businesses located in the southwestern part of Connecticut. The rail line's most challenging mission remains bringing thousands of commuters from Connecticut to Manhattan each weekday.

Yet the state's massive investment in infrastructure and rail cars can become much more useful if the rail line's focus were extended beyond this core mission. The New Haven Line can be recast into a key component of a "Regional Rail" system, with frequent service, integrated fares and thru-running. With trains running every ten to twenty minutes, all day long, local travelers could have a reasonable alternative to driving between communities in Connecticut. Full integration of fares would mean travelers would not have to pay extra fares to change from bus to rail. And thru service would mean that travel by public transit within the NY-NJ-CT metropolitan area would become a credible option for many trips.

The plan was prepared by the Regional Rail Working Group, an informal collaboration of transit advocates from all three states, hosted by the Institute for Rational Urban Mobility, Inc. (IRUM), a NYC-based not-for-profit corporation. The exhibit will be in the lobby until the end of June.

If you cannot make it to the reception, view the exhibit on-line at [www.irusm.org](http://www.irusm.org) click on "Making the Connection"

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