

## State of Connecticut GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Honorable Dannel P. Malloy Governor State of Connecticut 210 Capitol Ave. Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Malloy,

On July 18, we wrote to you posing some questions which have arisen regarding funding you announced on July 16 for the design of a new train station on Bridgeport's East Side.

We understand that you have a full schedule and are quite busy. The letter may have not reached you, as we have not received a response to date. We are making another attempt and have included the questions for your response.

- When did discussions begin on the need for this project?
- What studies have been conducted to push the need for this project to be funded prior to other critical transportation projects?
- Is this new project taking funding away from other transportation projects which have been awaiting action?
- Will taxpayer dollars be directed toward this train station project <u>instead of</u> to other transportation projects across Connecticut?
- Have any members of the legislature's Transportation Committee received a briefing on this project and its scope?
- What does your office estimate will be the total cost to taxpayers of building the new train station?
- Will money for the project come from highway funding or bridge funding?
- How much will state taxpayers be asked to pay and how much will come from the federal government?

As we are sure you are aware, many commuters and taxpayers in our state feel that more must be done to fix our existing infrastructure. We hear complaints from commuters every day about our roads, bridges and rails.

While we applaud your focus on our rail infrastructure, we are concerned that current pressing needs could go unmet due to a focus on new projects.

Sincerely,

Toni Boucher State Senator

Ranking Member, Transportation Committee

David Scribner

State Representative

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