

Special Transportation Fund (STF)

Department of Transportation Operating and Capital Budget Impacts

Outline



- STF condition February to present
- Reasons for STF shortfall
- Short and long term problem
- Operating budget impacts
- Capital program impacts
- STF after budget actions

STF Forecast - February





STF Forecast - September



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STF Forecast - October



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STF Forecast -- November DOT Expenses forecast through June 2017





The major contributor to STF Total Expenditure Increases is Debt Service although DOT and Other Agency operating expenses are also growing



Growth in STF Expenditures FY15 – FY22



Description	Projected Growth (millions)	%
Existing Debt Service	\$341,032,944	74%
DOT Operating/Fringes	\$240,349,414	31%
Other Agencies Operating	\$18,404,018	23%
Let's Go CT Debt Service	\$139,944,933	n/a

BUDGET GROWTH FY1997 – FY2017



FY1997 FY2017 %

Operating Budget \$288M \$620M 215%

Capital Budget \$150M \$900M 600%

Problem Statement



• Short Term: Inability to sell bonds

- STF Bond proceeds are fully expended
- Additional Bond proceeds are required to meet existing capital project expenses – up to \$1B capital payment obligations in FY18
- Current year and cumulative STF deficits prevent bond sales Cumulative projected deficit over \$300M through 2022 so immediate operating and capital reductions are required

• Longer Term: Existing Revenue Levels insufficient to support STF

- Rising Debt Service associated with past debt is eroding available STF revenue.
- Decreasing Revenue Estimates combined with Increasing Operating Costs making the problem worse
- Revenue to Debt Service coverage ratios headed lower, risking Bond Rating
- Operating and Capital Reductions alone cannot solve the long term problem

DOT Budget Impacts without New Revenue

Implement a series of operating budget cuts beginning in FY19

Significantly reduce capital program beginning in the upcoming construction season

Operating Budget Actions

DOT Administrative Impacts

• Reduction in DOT Staffing – currently 423 vacancies (14%)

Highway and Bridge Impacts

- Reduction in PAYGO road and bridge paving and maintenance work
- Completely close Rest Areas
- Reduced maintenance staff will impact service levels for snow events and routine maintenance

Bus Impacts

- Eliminate Non-ADA local bus service subsidies
- 15% Bus Fare Increase FY 2019
- Transit District 15% Subsidy Cut FY 2019
- Transit District 50% Subsidy cut FY 2021
- Additional CMAQ subsidy for CTfastrak
- 5% Bus service reduction in FY 2021

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Operating Budget Actions

Rail Impacts

- 10% Rail Fare Increase FY 2019
- 5% Rail Fare Increase FY 2021
- 5% Rail Fare Increase FY 2022
- Metro-North Non-Service Expense Reductions FY 2019
- No Weekend and Some Off-Peak Service Reductions Danbury, Waterbury and New Canaan Rail Lines FY 2019
- 50% Reduction in Shoreline East Service FY 2019

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Capital Program Principles



- Fund ongoing (already awarded) construction projects
- Ensure match of all federal funds
- Fund ongoing phase-funded federal projects, to avoid payback obligations
- Award new projects ONLY if funded with federal funds or essential for safety/state of good repair
- Eliminate approximately \$2.0 billion of \$2.8 billion of Let's
 Go CT! Ramp Up authorizations
- Fund core DOT projects and programs, eliminate local/municipal funding
 - Reduced Federalized LOTCIP
 - Reduced Federalized LOTC
 - No local bridge projects
 - No STF funded Town Aid Road

Capital Projects Going Forward

Highway and Bridge

- Bridge Repairs @ \$25m/yr
- Pavement; VIP @ \$54m/yr plus Preservation @ \$25m/yr
- Gold Star NB Bridge(Phase 1) @ \$104m
- East Haddam Swing Bridge @\$ 38m (in lieu of \$55m rehab project)
- Charter Oak Repairs @ \$10m (in lieu of larger Charter Oak Bridge Interchange project) Note: If Federal INFRA Grant is awarded, full project will be funded
- Waterbury Bridges (I-84 & CT 8) @ \$180m
- \$10.4m/year for Equipment Procurements for the Highway and Bridge Maintenance fleet

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Capital Projects Going Forward

Highway and Bridge

- LOTCIP: 100% State Funded in 2018, revised to STP-Urban in 2019-22 at 80/20
- Local Bridge included only for projects with a fully executed agreement
- Town Aid Road Payments to Municipalities only the portion out of GO Bonds
- Facility funds for Roof Repairs
- Environmental Compliance Funds for Tank Replacements and other Mandated Activities
- Funds for PE/RW/Mods, Safety Program, Guiderail, Illumination, some Signing

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Capital Projects Going Forward

Public Transportation

- All Projects associated with the Walk Bridge Program
- Hartford Line Construction (New Haven to Hartford)
- Locomotive Overhauls
- 60 M8 rail cars for New Haven Line to address ridership growth
- 16 New Coaches for Hartford Line to replace leased equipment
- SAGA Bridge Repairs
- New Haven Line Signal System Replacement
- New Haven Line Network Infrastructure
- New Haven Rail Yard Projects
- Waterbury Branch Signalization

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Generally

- 100% state funded projects will be reviewed for suspension or deferral (unless required to maintain base state of good repair) this includes many Let's Go CT Ramp Up projects, FIF-Road and FIF-Bridge projects, as well as many 100% state funded Public Trans projects.
- Limit Design work and Rights-of-way acquisitions for 100% state funded Construction projects – this will likely mean stopping existing Consultant Design agreements. Some additional expenses will be necessary to bring design to logical stopping point.

Highway and Bridge

- State Bridges currently rated in fair condition, excluded @ \$77m
- Hartford Interchange 29 @ Charter Oak Bridge (unless Federal grant approved)
- Woodbridge CT 15 West Rock (Heroes) Tunnel
- Norwalk 7/15 Interchange
- Hartford I-84 Viaduct
- Middletown Route 9 Signals/Bridges
- Waterbury 8/84 Interchange (Mixmaster)
- West Hartford, I-84 Construct Operational Lanes EB & WB
- I-95 Widening between Stamford to Bridgeport
- I-95 Widening from the Baldwin Bridge to the Gold Star Bridge
- Danbury, Reconstruct I-84 between Exits 3 & 8
- Gold Star Bridge NB (Phase 2)
- Maintenance Facility Rehabs and Replacements
- Renovate District 1 HQ Building in Rocky Hill
- Salt Shed Roof replacements and wetland remediation

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- Town Aid Road Payments to Municipalities portion from STO Bonds
- Local Bridge projects without a fully executed agreement
- Pavement; VIP underfunded by \$21m/yr and Preservation by \$25 m/yr
- Signing Preservation (underfunded by \$15m/year)
- Community Connectivity Program
- Expanded Trail/Alternative Mobility Program
- Innovative Bridge Program
- Minimally Funded Miscellaneous Needs: Emergency Projects, Construction Claims, Asset Management, MS-4 Compliance, Alternative Contracting Expansion
- Highways Over-programming (approximately \$500m). Projects included in Overprogramming may advance if other projects, on the Go List are delayed, leaving a hole in the federal program.

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Public Transportation

- Hartford Line–PE and Con–Phase 3b–Double tracking (Hartford Springfield), including additional stations PE and Con (North Haven, Newington, West Hartford, Windsor, and Enfield)
- Café Car Conversion (10 cars)
- Clinton Railroad Station
- Merritt 7 Railroad Station (PE and Con)
- New Haven Railroad Station Parking Garage(PE and Con)
- Stamford Railroad Station Parking Garage (PE and Con)
- Stamford Railroad Station Pedestrian Bridge(PE and Con)
- Orange Railroad Station
- Madison Railroad Station Pedestrian Bridge and Parking Garage
- Bridgeport Barnum Railroad Station
- Cos Cob Bridge Repairs

Public Transportation

- New Canaan Branch Improvements
- New Haven Line Customer Service Initiative
- New Haven Line Rail Maintenance Facility Improvements
- Replacement of Rail Cars on Shore Line East, Waterbury and Danbury Lines
- Off System Bridge Repairs
- Middletown Swing Bridge Repairs
- Greater New Haven Transit District (GNHTD) New Maintenance Facility
- Estuary TD New Maintenance Facility
- Norwalk TD Facility Improvements
- Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD)- Union Station Improvements
- Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority (GBTA) Facility Improvements
- Bus Service Expansion Fleet

STF Forecast – December 2017







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