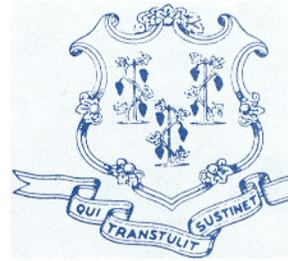


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P R E S S R E L E A S E

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING IN WILLIMANTIC

The Connecticut Public Transportation Commission will hold a public hearing at Windham Town Hall, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, in the Bellingham Auditorium, on Monday, May 23 at 7:00 P.M. This will be the second of three hearings that the Commission holds statewide this spring to gather testimony from the public, transportation providers, public officials and other entities concerning the operation of public transportation services, dial-a-ride and ADA transportation and other issues. The Commission seeks public comment on the extent to which existing services are meeting public needs and on improvements or new services to address unmet travel needs. Local and regional issues of particular interest include the need for and best routing of CTfastrak East, the Eastern Gateways Study by the Capitol Region Council of Governments to analyze travel access needs to the UConn campus, interregional transit needs from Storrs and Willimantic to Manchester, Hartford and Norwich, transit needs to access health care in rural areas, capacity needs on the Storrs-Willimantic route of Windham Region Transit District, later hours of operation for bus service to the UConn campus, and other topics of interest to the public.

The Commission will use the testimony received at this public hearing as well as from other hearings conducted across the state in preparing recommendations for its annual report to the Governor, the Commissioner of Transportation and the Transportation Committee of the General Assembly.

In addition to the May 23 hearing in Willimantic, the Commission will hold a public hearing June 7 in West Haven at the West Haven Town Hall Senior Center, also at 7:00 PM. The Commission's first spring public hearing was May 10 in Bristol. The Commission will hold four additional hearings later in the year.