GOV. MALLOY ANNOUNCES CTFASTRAK SURPASSES 150,000 RIDES AFTER ONLY FIVE WEEKS OF SERVICE

(HARTFORD, CT) – Governor Dannel P. Malloy today announced that more than 150,000 rides have been taken on the CTfastrak Bus Rapid Transit system in the five weeks since operations began on March 28. Ridership has grown to more than 7,000 riders per day on the bus-only roadway. This is in addition to the 7,000 daily riders that use existing CTtransit bus routes in the corridor.

“We’re working to transform Connecticut’s transportation system to boost jobs, improve our economy, and enhance quality of life to build a brighter tomorrow. The early indicators of success of CTfastrak indicate that Connecticut residents are clamoring for a best-in-class transportation system now and in the long-term. People are embracing new ways to travel, and a renewed focus on improving our transportation system is good for businesses and residents. CTfastrak demonstrates just that,” Governor Malloy said. “This is a tremendous system with tremendous potential, and I hope to see continued success going forward as we work to transform our infrastructure across the state.”

“CTfastrak is an important part of modernizing Connecticut’s transportation system and is key to the overarching strategy to better connect people to jobs, healthcare, education, and retail,” Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman said. “A high-functioning transportation system is one of the hallmarks of a strong state, and CTfastrak is quickly becoming integral to commuters throughout the region.”

“Our models had projected a minimum of 11,200 daily rides in the corridor in the first year of service, so to see that we’re already averaging about 14,000 a day is gratifying,” Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner James P. Redeker said. “We’ve had significant growth in the ridership levels almost every week and seeing new riders onboard every day. We have also experienced good growth in our CTfastrak express routes, which went from about 9,000 rides in March to more than 13,000 rides in April.”

The CTfastrak transit system provides direct service to and from Waterbury, Cheshire, Southington, Bristol, Plainville, New Britain, Newington, West Hartford, Hartford, East Hartford and Manchester with routes that take advantage of the bus-only CTfastrak roadway. The CTfastrak system offers a one-seat, no-transfer ride to many major regional employment, shopping and healthcare destinations as well as connections to the New Haven Line-Waterbury branch rail in Waterbury and Amtrak service in Hartford. A new 4.5 mile multi-use trail was built paralleling the CTfastrak bus-only roadway from New Britain to Newington Junction.

For information about CTfastrak, visit www.ctfastrak.com, connect via Facebook at www.facebook.com/ctfastrak or via Twitter at @ctfastrak. Route timetables are available at www.cttransit.com under the “Schedules/CTfastrak” tab.

For Immediate Release: May 6, 2015
CTfastrak shared Connecticut Food Truck Festival's event.

Looking for something really fun to do this weekend? Take CTfastrak to Prospect Street Eats in Hartford, hosted by the Connecticut Food Truck Festival.

Over 20 food trucks from around the state will be parked along Prospect Street beginning at Arch St in downtown Hartford.

Take CTfastrak and enjoy all that Hartford has to offer ... See More

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Meg Hourigan @MegHourigan · Apr 24
I had to drive to work today - took me 50 minutes! Once you go @ctfastrak you never go back!

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MPC @pmvthys · Apr 17
@ctfastrak @WolfPackAHL CT Fastrak from Newington to XL, great way to get to the game. Let’s go Wolfpack!

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Devon Puglia @DevonPuglia · Apr 10
A rider about @ctfastrak changing lives: "I’m getting to see my child’s first baseball game -- ever." From @CRN_News: bit.ly/1Fu0L0e

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MarieinCT @MarieinCT · Apr 24
@ctfastrak Started taking the 101 to work every day this week and I LOVE IT!! Thank you! Great drivers and buses - so easy and comfy!
Jobs Within Corridor & Shuttle Service Area
Total Employment: 152,000+
East of Hartford: 36,500
Hartford: 77,200
West of Hartford: 38,700

Employment On or Near CTfastrak & CTfastrak East Corridors

Legend:
- New Haven - Hartford - Springfield Commuter Rail
- CTfastrak
- Number of Jobs within Corridor by Town
- Regional Employers in Vicinity of Corridor

Data Source:
CRCOG GIS Database
CT DOL, TeleAtlas
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