



Fastrak to Opportunity – Connecticut's First Rapid Transit Corridor

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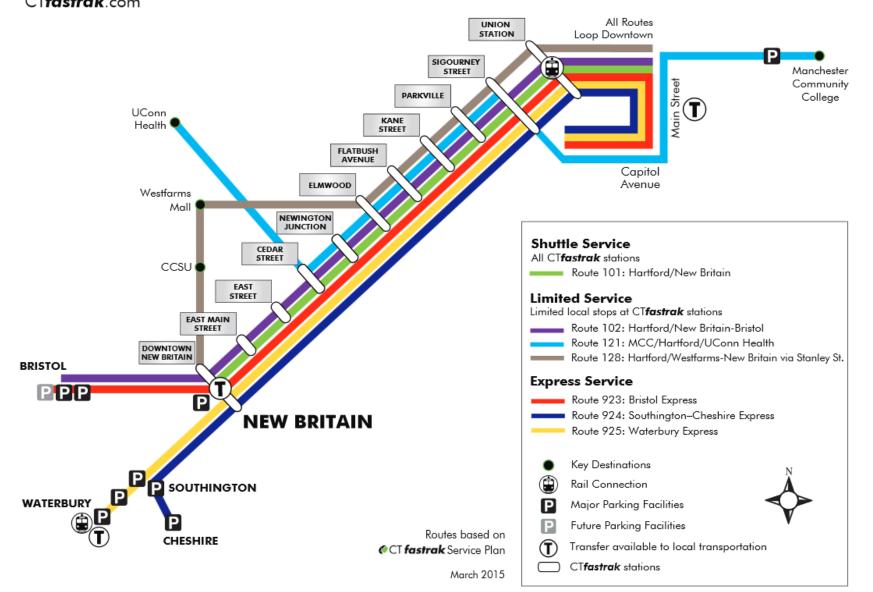
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Fastrak to Opportunity

- Overview of the opportunities for growth around the CTfastrak corridor
- Overview of the institutions it connects



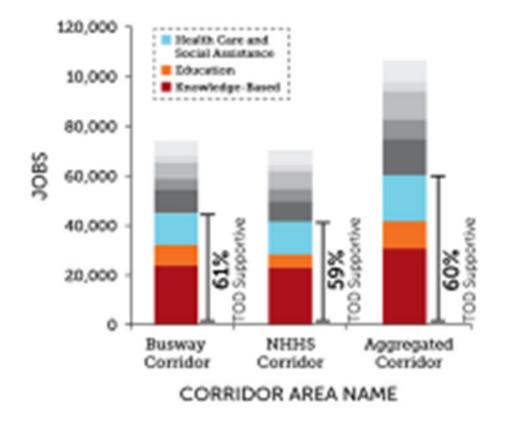
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CTfastrak Employment Corridor

- **152,000 jobs in corridor** from New Britain to Manchester (not including University of Connecticut) on CTfastrak or circulators
 - 38,700 jobs west of Hartford
 - 77,200 jobs in Hartford
 - 36,500 jobs east of Hartford

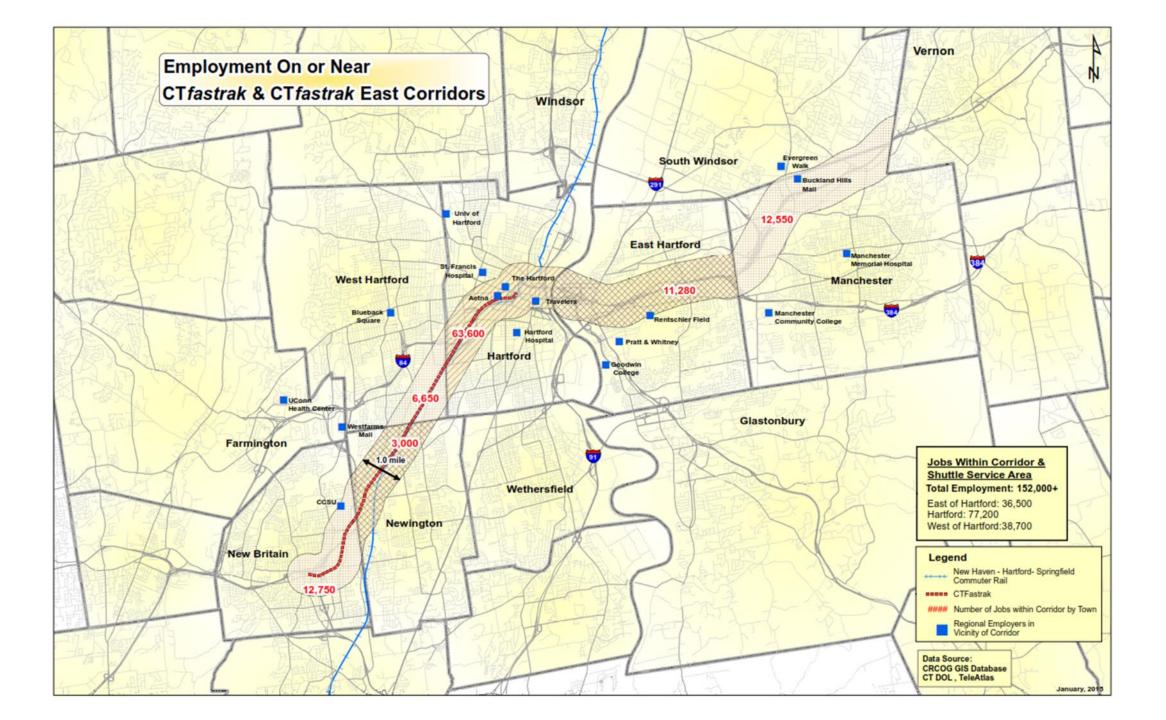
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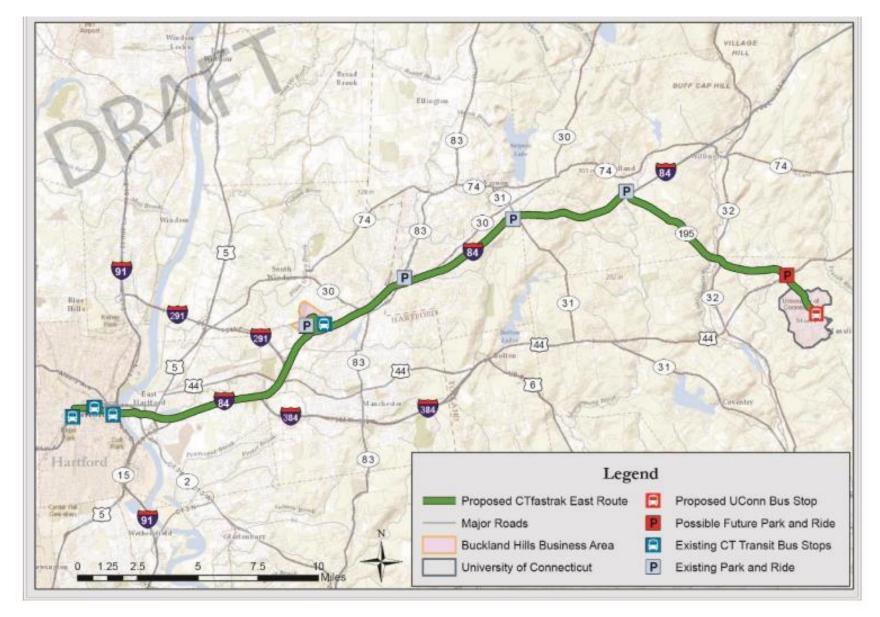
SOURCE: LEHD; 2009; InfoUSA; 2011; PVPC; 2011; Strategic Economics, 2012.

Major Employers in the CTfastrak Corridor

- Central Connecticut State University
- University of Connecticut Health Center and Medical Offices
- Westfarms Mall (largest regional shopping center)
- Saint Francis Hospital
- Aetna Insurance
- The Hartford Insurance
- Travelers Insurance
- CT Capitol and State Government
- Pratt and Whitney Aircraft
- Capitol Community College and Manchester Community College
- (Buckland Hills Mall)
- (University of Connecticut main campus Storrs CT 18,400 students + staff)



East of the River Expansion of CTfastrak

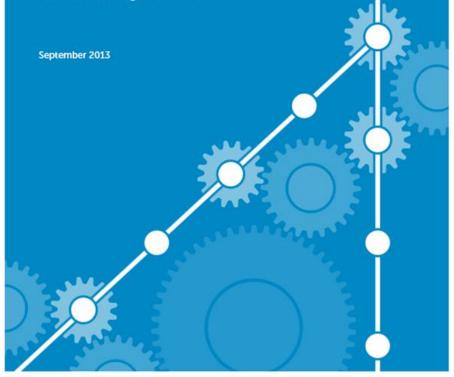


Ten CTfastrak Stations

- CTfastrak opened March 2015
- Has been meeting ridership projections for 2030
- Surpassed 1 million rides in less than six months
- Extension east of the river authorized and to be launched in 2016
- Making it Happen report: <u>http://www.crcog.org/publications/CommDevDocs/Sustainable%20C</u> <u>ommunities/Sustainable%20Knowledge%20Corridor/MakingItHappen</u> <u>ExecSum_V1R4_Web.pdf</u>

MAKING IT HAPPEN:

Opportunities and Strategies for Transit-Oriented Development in the Knowledge Corridor



TOOLS FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

Planning and Visioning

Station area plans, community education and outreach, technical assistance

2 Zoning and Land Use Regulations

Transit-oriented development supportive zoning, entitlements process, parking management

3 New Development

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Land assembly, financing market rate and mixed-income housing, reuse of historic buildings

Neighborhood Revitalization

Brownfields cleanup, acquisition of vacant/blighted properties, affordable and mixed-use housing

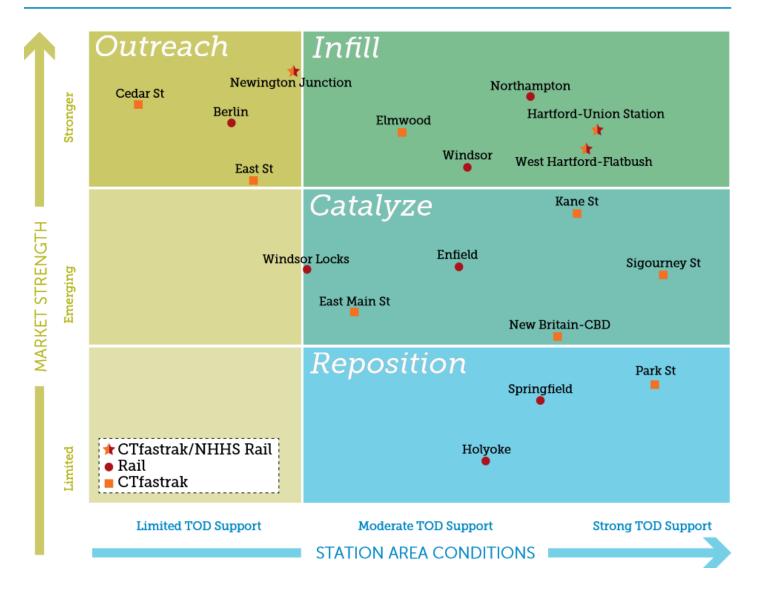
5 Local Transportation and Infrastructure

Last mile shuttles, pedestrian and bicycle access, infrastructure improvements

6 Economic Development

Economic development incentive programs, anchor institutions

Station Area Types and Opportunities and Strategies for Making Transit-Oriented Development Happen



Opportunities for Growth around the CTfastrak Corridor

- Corridor Advisory Committee
- CRCOG TOD report
- Station area assessments
- Work in progress