

Bridgeport Intermodal Transportation Center

Bridgeport, Connecticut

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Description

The City of Bridgeport is proposing the reconstruction of a multi-phased intermodal facility to be located in the downtown area. This new facility will be designed to physically and functionally integrate a variety of existing and proposed modes of transportation in the heart of the central business district. The combination of commuter and high-speed rail, ferry, intra- and inter-city bus, taxi, limousine, airport shuttle, automobile, and pedestrian modes in a single facility is expected to be an important transportation and economic development attraction to the downtown and waterfront area.

The existing Bridgeport intermodal center offers a diversity of transportation services including Metro North Rail Service, Amtrak Rail Service, local bus service through the Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority, intercity bus services, ferry service, limousine services, and taxi services. The Bridgeport Municipal Airport is a five-minute ride from the intermodal center. The new intermodal center is expected to improve connectivity for transit patrons.

The total capital cost for the intermodal center project is estimated at \$62.4 million (escalated dollars), with a proposed Section 5309 New Starts share of \$24.9 million. Because the proposed New Starts share is less than \$25 million, the project is exempt from the New Starts criteria, and is thus not subject to FTA's evaluation and rating (49 USC 5309(e)(8)(A)).

Summary Description	
Proposed Project:	Bridgeport Intermodal Transportation Center – Phase II & III
Total Capital Cost (\$YOE):	\$62.4 million
Section 5309 New Starts Share (\$YOE):	\$24.9 million (40%)
Opening Year Ridership Forecast:	N/A

Status

The City of Bridgeport, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation and Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency, has conducted a feasibility study of the Intermodal Transportation Center Project. In June 2000, the Greater Bridgeport Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) selected the Bridgeport Intermodal Transportation project as the Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and included it in its long range transportation plan. FTA approved this project to initiate Preliminary Engineering in April 2001. The City of Bridgeport is currently undergoing the environmental review phase for the proposed project and will be completed by Spring 2003.

The Bridgeport Intermodal Center Project was authorized in TEA-21 in Section 3030(c)(1)(A)(vi). To date, Congress has not appropriated any Section 5309 New Starts funds for this project. Through FY 2002, the project received \$10.2 million in Section 5309 Bus appropriations from Congress.

Locally Proposed Financial Plan		
<u>Proposed Source of Funds</u>	<u>Total Funding (\$ millions)</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>
Federal:		
Section 5309 New Starts	\$24.9	39.9%
Section 5309 Bus Discretionary	\$5.0	8.0%
State:		
Local:	\$7.5	12.0%
Match – State - Funding Department of Communities and Development		
Additional participation –City of Bridgeport	\$25.0	40.1%
Total:	\$62.4	100.0%

NOTE: Funding proposal reflects assumptions made by project sponsors, and are not DOT or FTA assumptions. Total may not add due to rounding.

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