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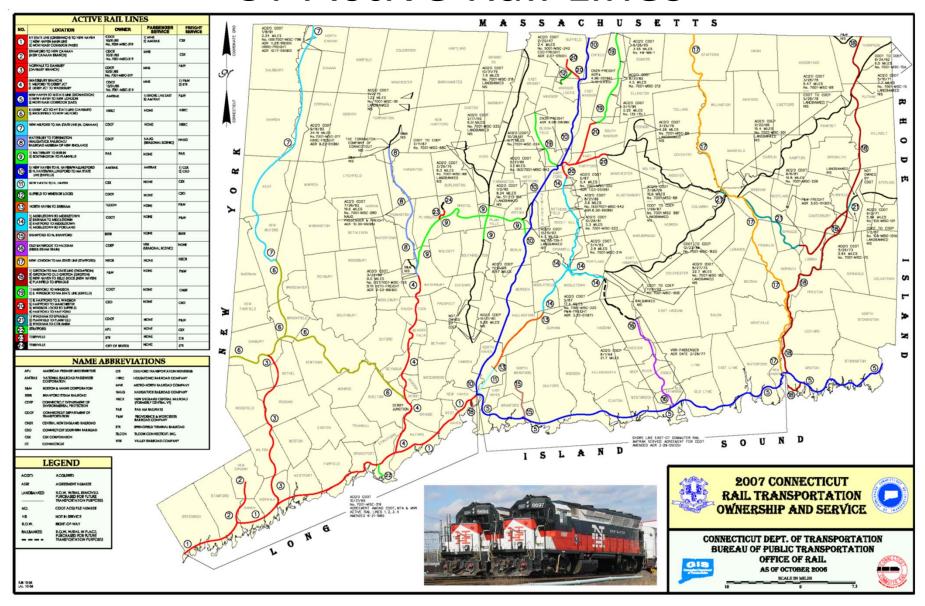
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CT Active Rail Lines



Operating Railroads

- Amtrak
- Metro North
- Pan Am
- Genesee and Wyoming
- Housatonic
- Other Short Lines





Railroad Force Account

Metro North

- Infrastructure Maintenance and Capital
 Improvements on State Owned Rail ROW
- Support for 3rd Party Contractors related to Rail Infrastructure Capital Improvements
- Support for highway construction crossing or adjacent to the Rail ROW





Railroad Force Account

Amtrak

- Capital Improvements to Amtrak Infrastructure to support expanded CT *rail* service
- Support for highway construction crossing or adjacent to the Rail ROW





Previous Agreements

Metro North

- State only funded work can be authorized with a Capital Action Form under the standing operating agreement with the State
- Federal flow down provisions not included in operating agreement
- Federally funded projects required a separate
 Force Account Agreement
 - Lengthy and time consuming process





Previous Agreements

- Amtrak
 - All Force Account work required a separate agreement
 - Very lengthy process





Master Agreements

Amtrak

- Master Agreement in place specific to Hartford Line Project (FRA funded)
 - Includes boiler plate language and federal flow-downs
 - Specific tasks authorized with a Project Authorization Letter (PAL)
 - Includes scope, budget and special conditions
 - Accompanied by PO
 - Reduced processing time by months





Master Agreements

- Amtrak (cont.)
 - Statewide Master Agreement in place
 - Includes federal flow-down provisions for both FTA and FHWA
 - Can be used for rail infrastructure work or highway related work
 - Same PAL process as the Hartford Line agreement
 - Reduces processing time and project delivery by months





Master Agreements

- Metro North
 - Drafting Statewide Master Agreement
 - Includes both FHWA and FTA flow-down provisions
 - PAL process similar to Amtrak agreement
 - Can be used for FTA funded infrastructure work or FHWA funded highway work
 - State only funded work will continue to use the old Capital Action Form process





Questions?

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