



I-84 HARTFORD PROJECT

I-84 Hartford Project Public Advisory Committee Meeting #20

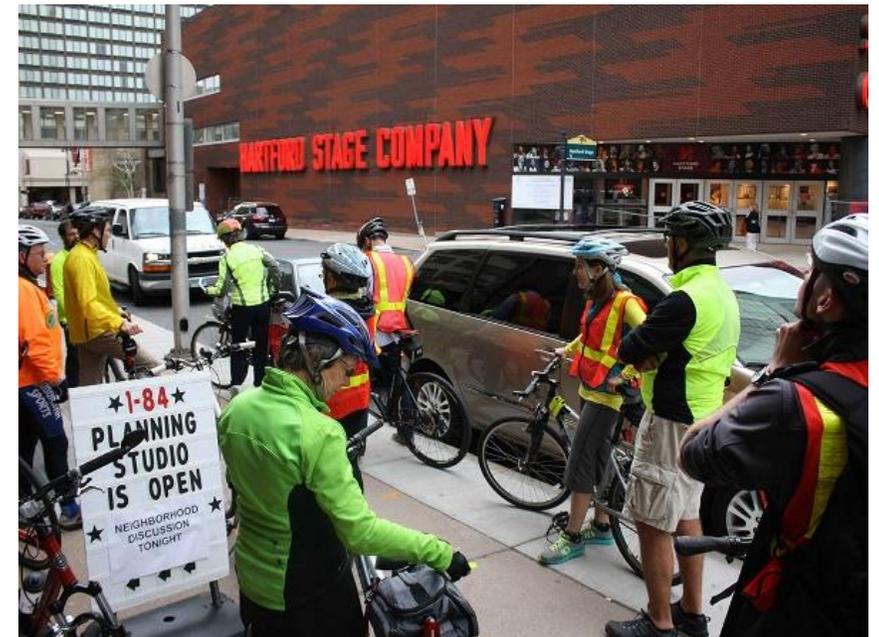
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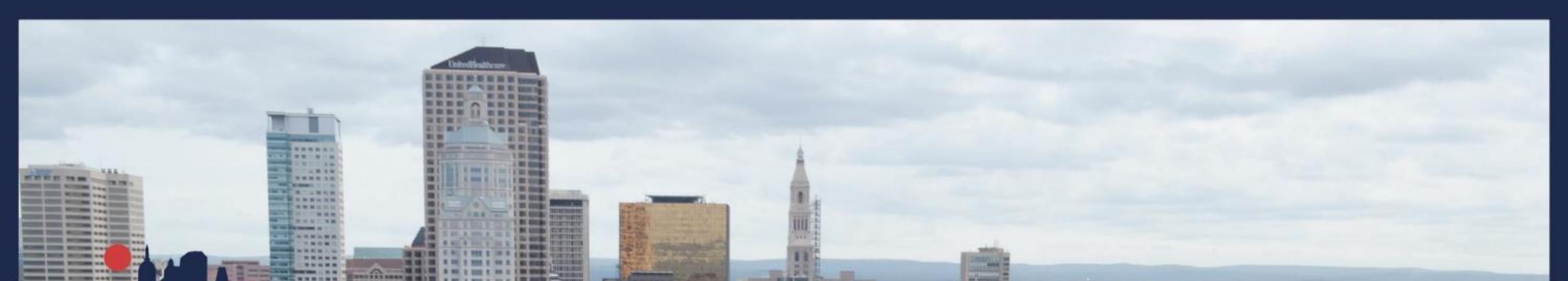




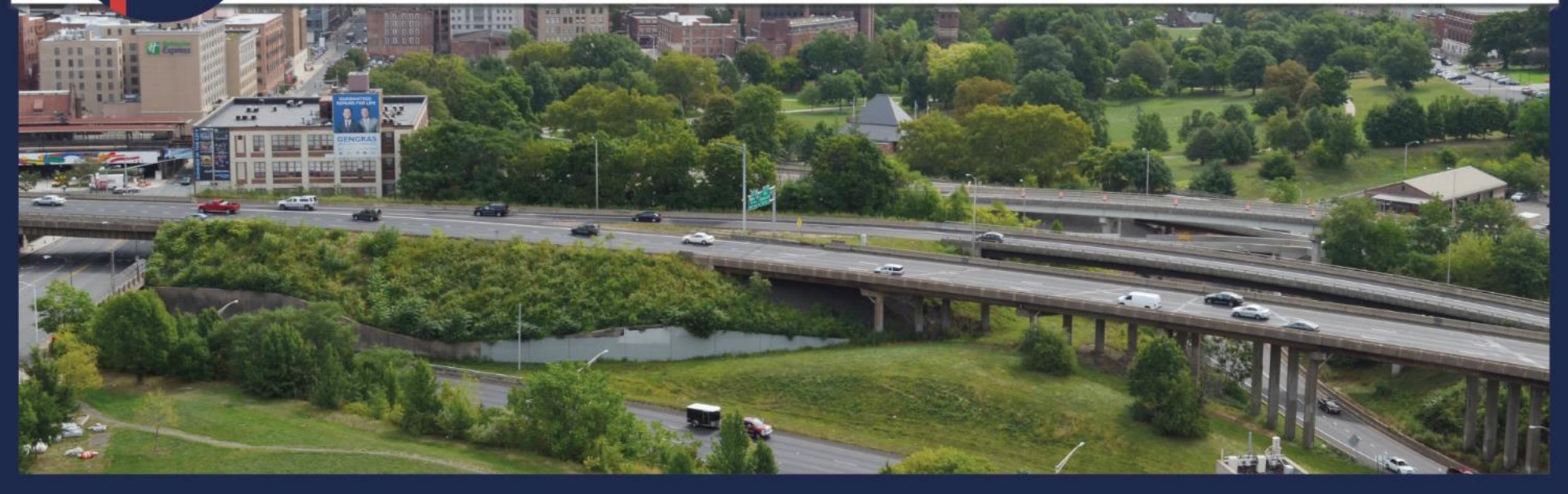
Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting purpose (5 min)
2. Recap of project progress (5 min)
3. Emerging considerations (15 min)
4. Next steps (15 min)





Meeting Purpose





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- Share new developments in the project
- Have an open discussion to hear all opinions





Where We Left Off with PAC

- Continue to follow the project
- Review the DEIS
- Attend the DEIS hearing
- Submit comments
- Participate in any PAC meetings / working sessions during the design process





Recap of Project Progress





Where are we in the I-84 Hartford Project?

We are here





What problems are we trying to solve?

Purpose and Need

1. Bridge structure deficiencies
2. Traffic and safety deficiencies
3. Mobility deficiencies

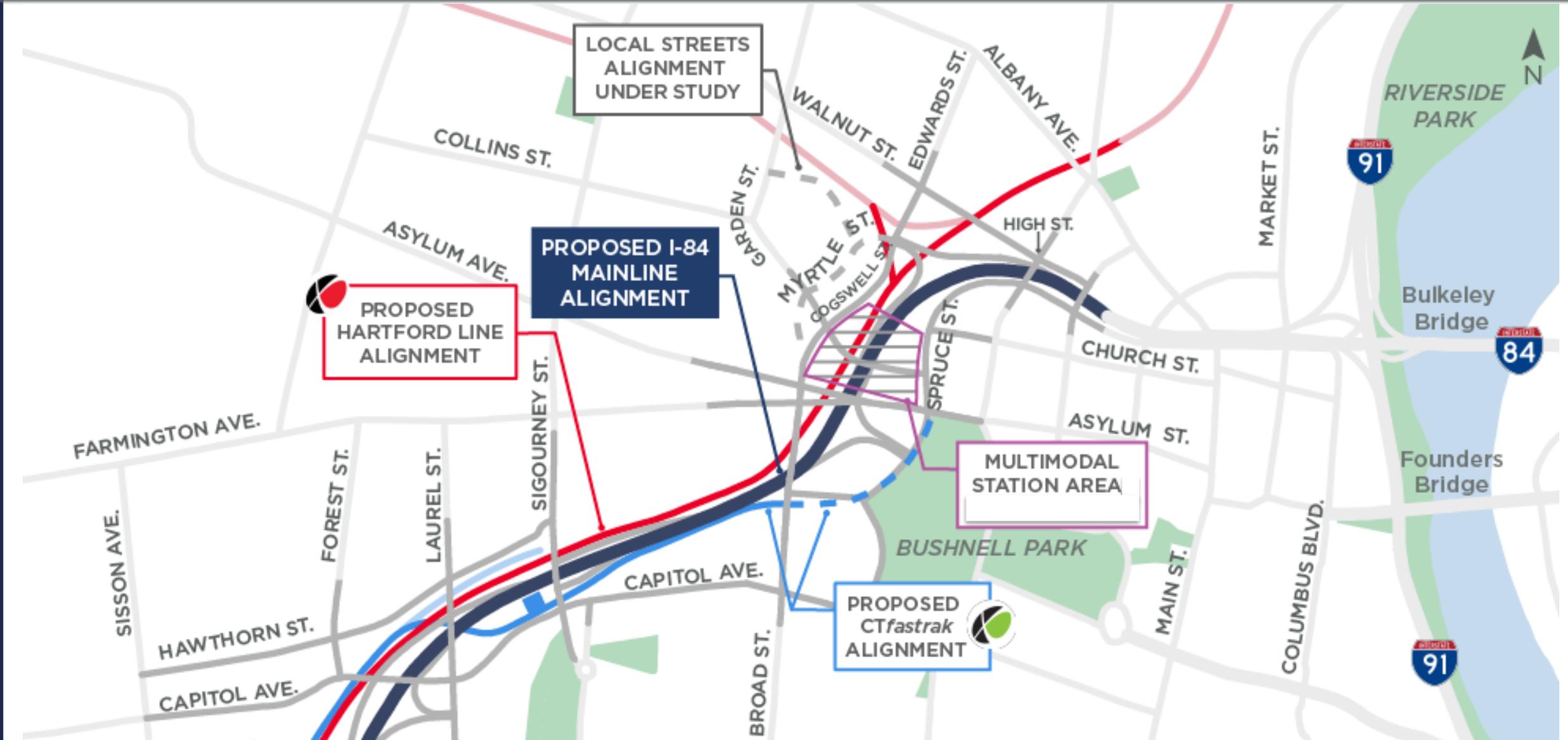
Other Desirable Outcomes

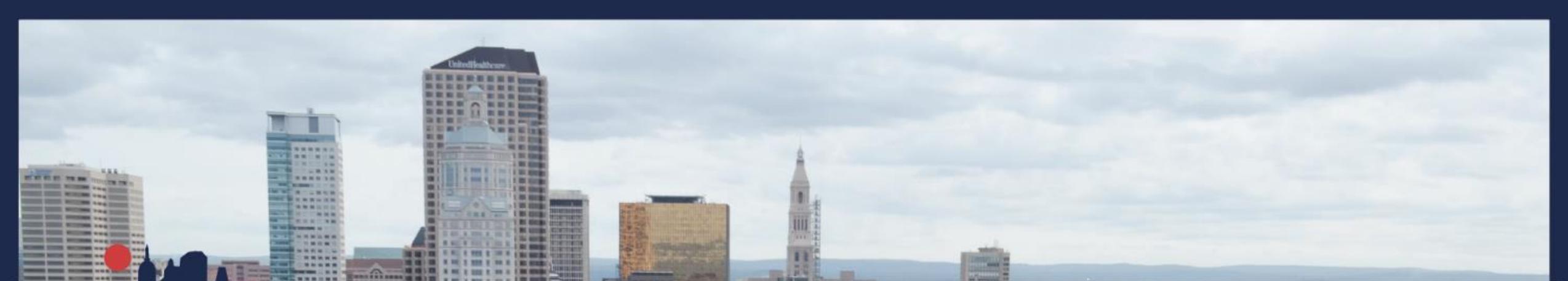
- Long-term serviceability of corridor
- Maximize public investment in corridor
- Better integration of the interstate with the urban environment



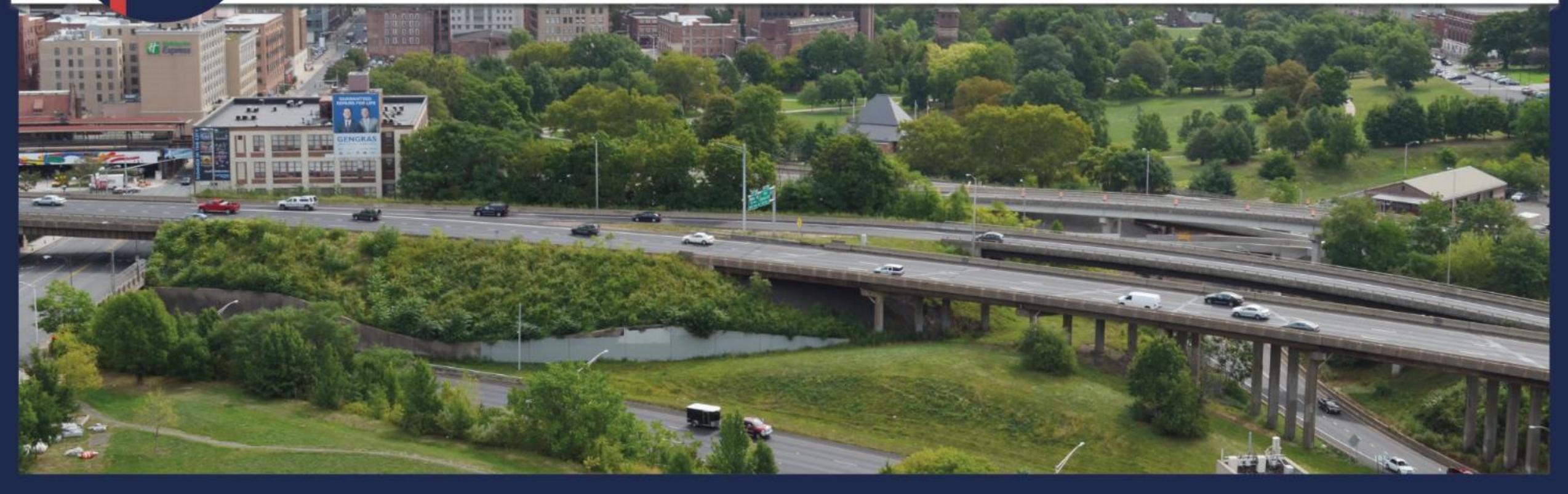


Proposed Lowered Highway Layout



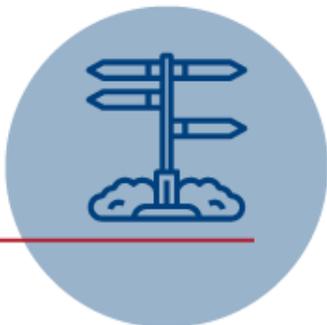


Emerging Considerations

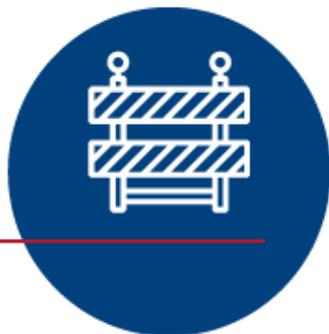


What Are Some Public Concerns?

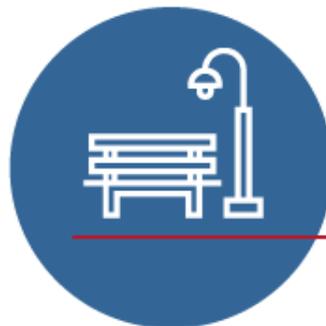
We should be looking at the big picture



Construction may be very disruptive to business



It's an interstate highway, not a city revitalization project



We should be looking at a tunnel



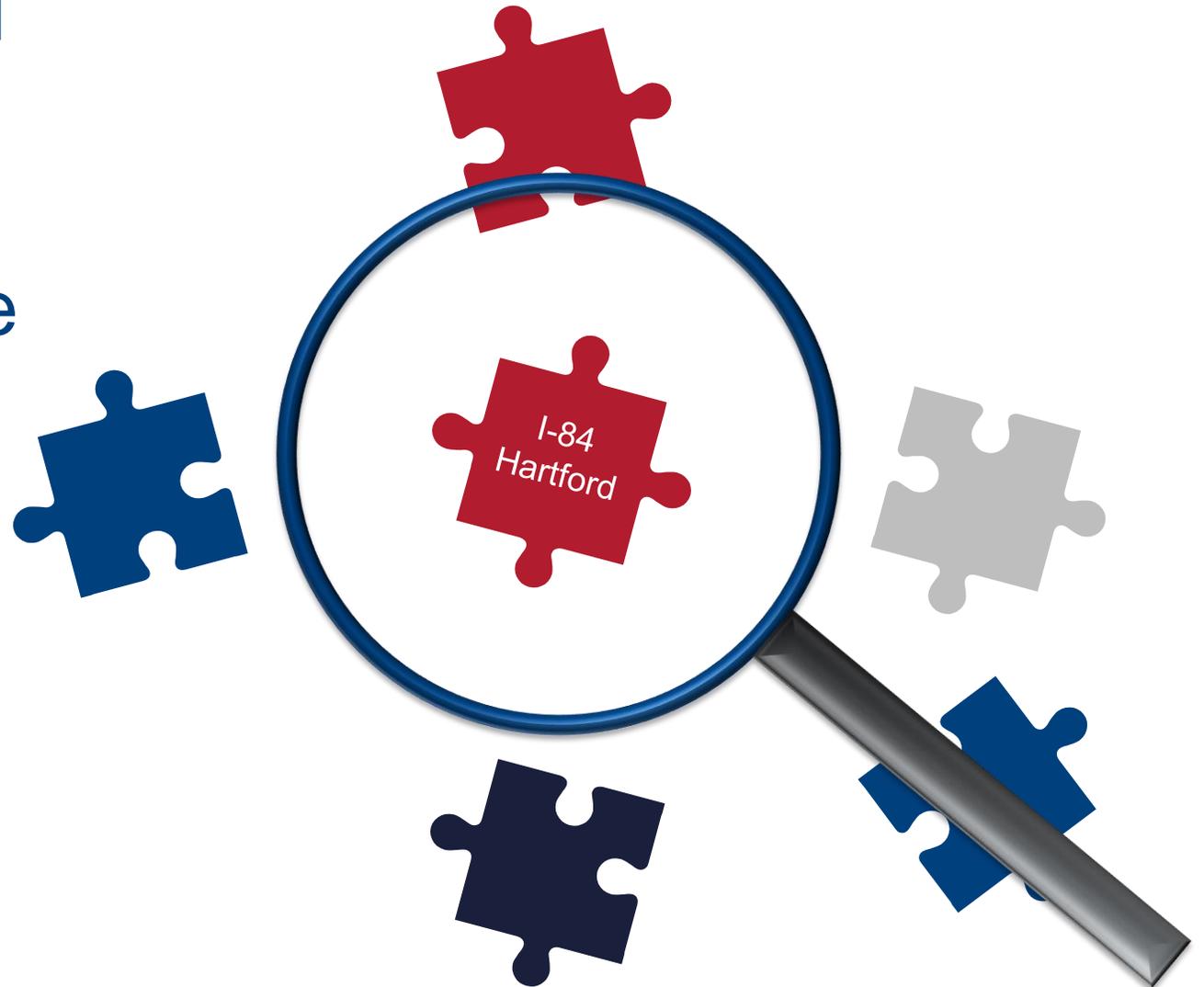
Project doesn't solve congestion





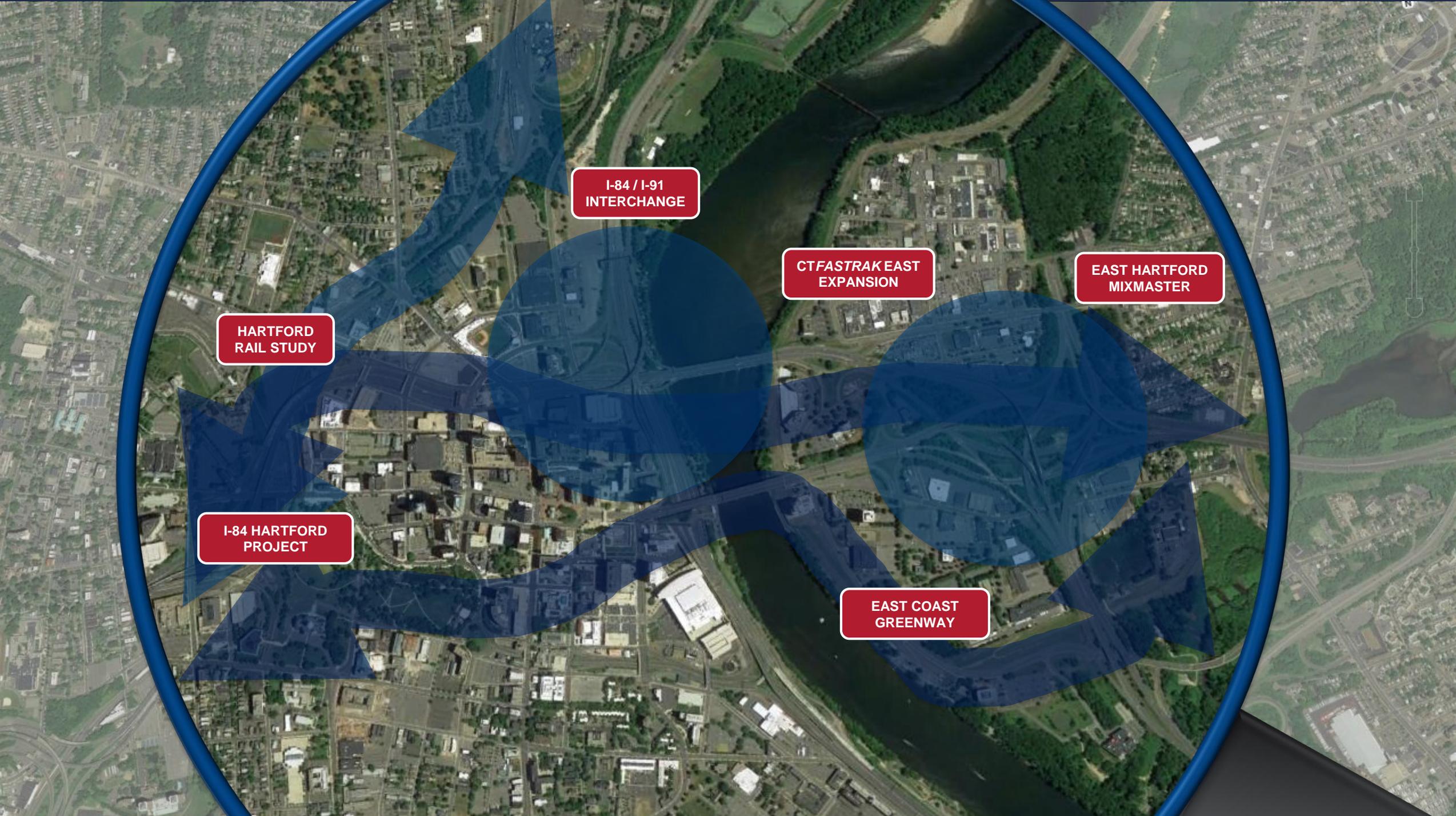
Other Concerns

- I-84 Hartford is connected to other transportation initiatives
- Continuing present course may limit other projects from moving forward





**I-84 HARTFORD
PROJECT**



I-84 / I-91
INTERCHANGE

CTFASTRAK EAST
EXPANSION

EAST HARTFORD
MIXMASTER

HARTFORD
RAIL STUDY

I-84 HARTFORD
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EAST COAST
GREENWAY



More Comprehensive Approach

- Prudent to take holistic approach to interlocking challenges
- Now is best opportunity to expand our vision
- Further benefit for City of Hartford and entire region

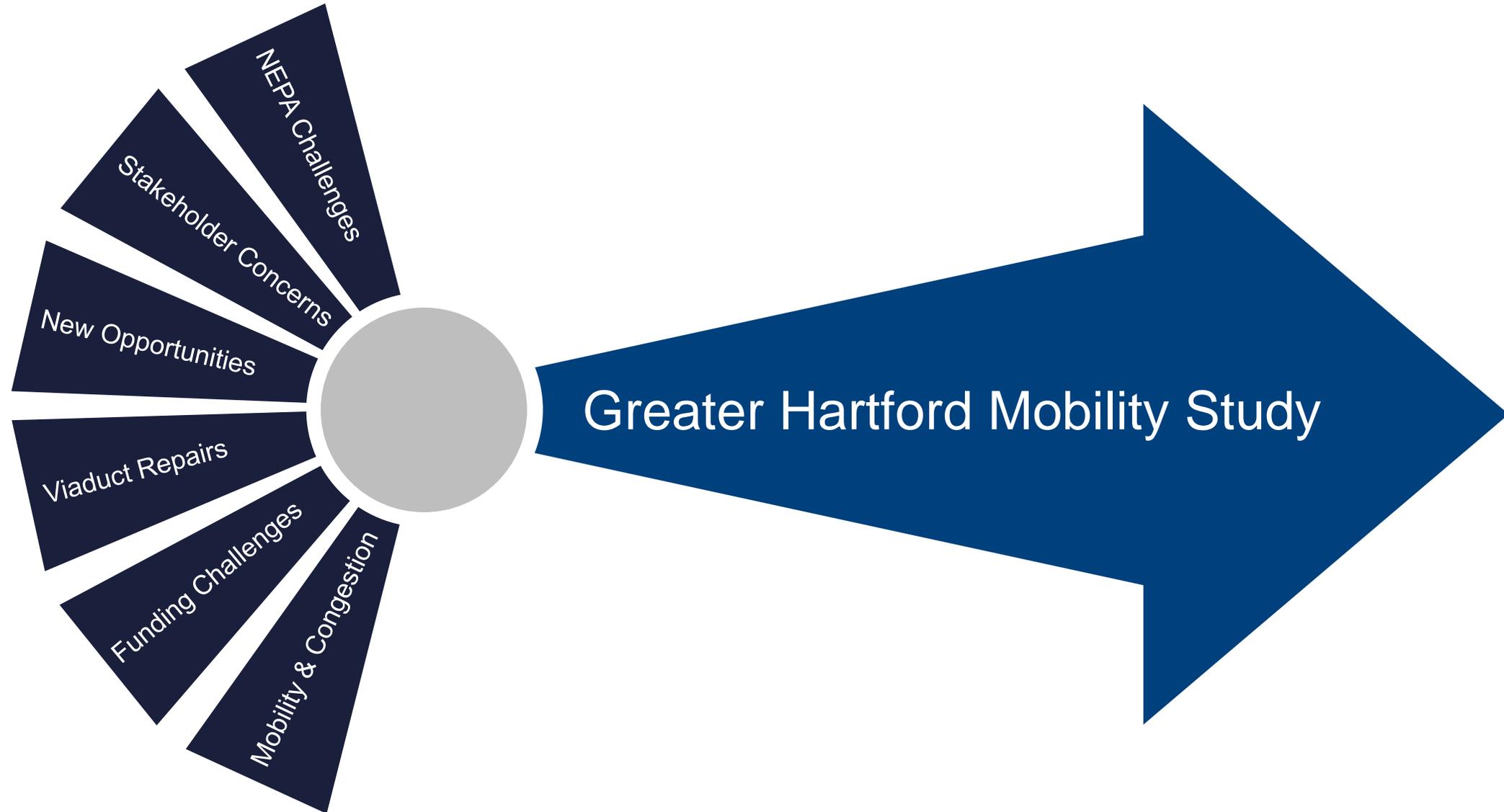


- Continue under NEPA
 - Cumbersome
 - Time-consuming
- Conduct a Planning Environmental Linkage (PEL)
 - More efficient planning tool





What went into this decision?



Consider many factors to complete the vision of mobility for the next century

- State of good repair
- Safety
- Rail and transit
- Traffic and congestion
- Bicycle and pedestrian
- Connectivity for all users

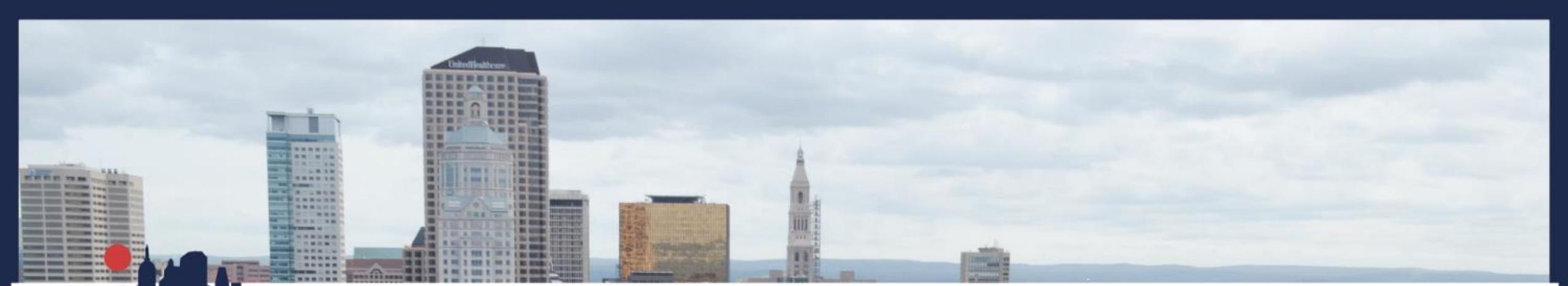




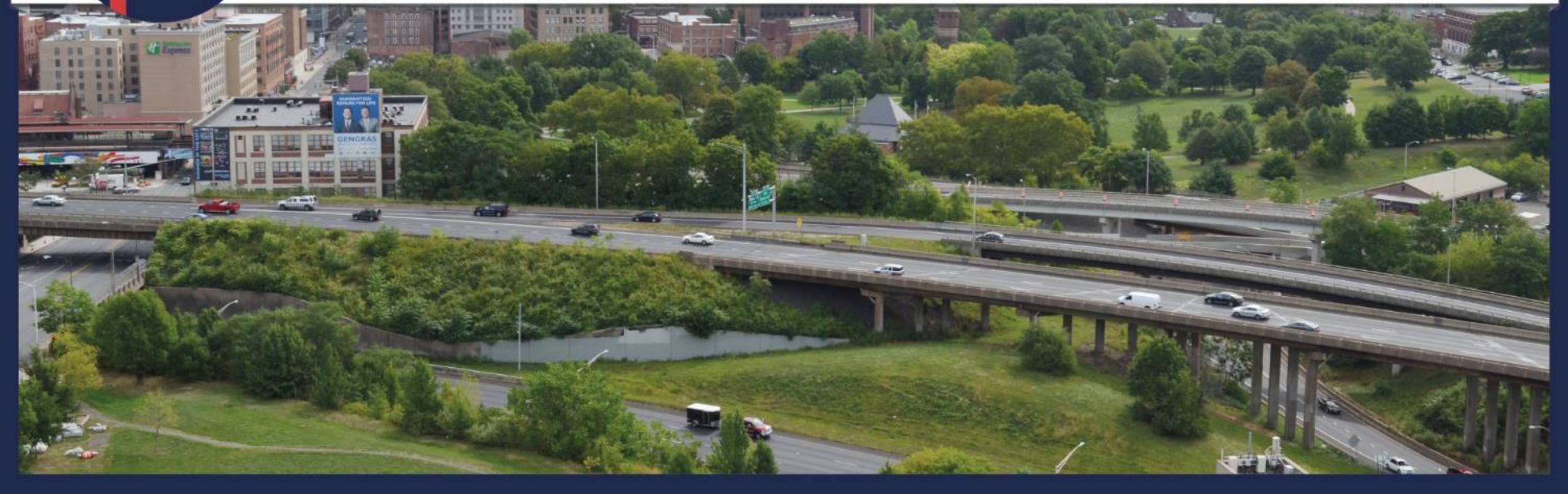
How does this change the start of any construction?

- Previous I-84 Harford schedule
- Funding only through ROD
- Study complete in 2-3 years
- Opportunity for projects out of the study sooner





Next Steps





What happens to the I-84 Hartford Project?

- Rescind the Notice of Intent
- Suspend work on I-84 Hartford EIS
- I-84 Hartford Project becomes part of the Greater Hartford Mobility Study
 - Current NEPA and engineering work will not be lost



- Funding for study is available
- Determine scope of work
- Develop outreach program
- Prepare project milestones and schedule

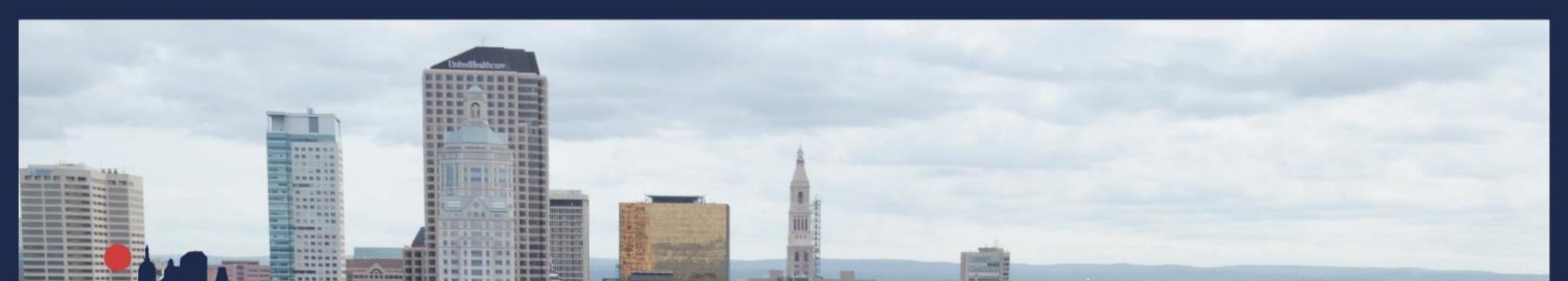




Next Steps for I-84 Hartford PAC

- Public outreach will inform the Greater Hartford Mobility Study
- Members of the I-84 Hartford PAC will continue to play an integral role in the new study
- Outreach will expand to include new stakeholder groups within the new study limits





Questions?

