

1999 CPTC ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

10. THE COMMISSION SUPPORTS THE REPROGRAMMING OF \$1,000,000 OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FUNDS FOR AN UPDATE OF THE ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS DONE ON THE GRIFFIN LINE TO NOW EVALUATE A DEDICATED BUSWAY ON THIS CORRIDOR BETWEEN HARTFORD AND BLOOMFIELD, WITH EVENTUAL EXTENSION TO BRADLEY FIELD. THIS FUNDING HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING WORK ON THE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED LIGHT RAIL LINE. THE COMMISSION COMMENDS CONNDOT FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT BY PROVIDING THE LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

The Department understands the importance that the Commission has placed upon having a dedicated fixed guideway system in the Griffins Line corridor. To this end, the Department is providing the funds to match a Federal grant to enable the Capitol Region Council of Governments to update alternative analysis for a dedicated busway in that corridor. The analysis will include no build, Transportation Systems Management (TSM), and one or more busway scenarios. Light rail options will not be revisited. The Department will review the recommendations of this analysis and determine whether or not such a facility can be constructed and operated in a cost-effective manner and whether or not a source of funds can be identified.