

1999 CPTC ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

13. THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT CONNDOT CAREFULLY REVIEW THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND AMTRAK PROPOSALS REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO PENN STATION, WITH THE OBJECTIVE THAT SUFFICIENT OPERATIONAL CAPACITY FOR REASONABLE INCREASES IN NEW HAVEN COMMUTER TRAINS AND AMTRAK INTERCITY PASSENGER TRAINS, ALONG WITH HIGH-SPEED INTERMODAL RAIL FREIGHT SERVICE, WILL BE PROVIDED.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

The Department is following the planning of the future transportation system linking the New Haven Line to New York City, including the proposed infrastructure facilitating Grand Central Terminal and Penn Station expansion. These potential system modifications appear to contain allowances for expansion of New Haven Line, Acela and other rail modal access. Some examples are cross-system travel advantages, support yards and operations configurations designed to enhance travel alternatives over all systems. ConnDOT supports and promotes the expansion of the transportation infrastructure in the region and in the metropolitan area we serve.