

1999 CPTC ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

14. THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDS THAT CONNDOT CAREFULLY REVIEW THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY'S (MTA) PROPOSALS FOR ACCESS BY THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD TO GRAND CENTRAL TERMINAL, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ASSURING THAT SUFFICIENT OPERATIONAL CAPACITY FOR REASONABLE INCREASES IN NEW HAVEN LINE COMMUTER SERVICE WILL BE MAINTAINED.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

The Department views the potential expanded use of Grand Central Terminal by the Long Island Railroad as a positive element in the expansion of commuter travel options and in prompting support infrastructure enhancements such as support yards and maintenance facility relocations/additions to further bolster the expanded rail system. Continued provision for expansion of New Haven Line access into the terminal is included in such planning and likewise alternate options for New Haven Line service expansion by means of access to Penn Station are under review. ConnDOT supports the general expansion of market products such plans offer, including the new combinations with the addition of the Acela regional and express service expansion that inure to the region and Connecticut in particular.