Individual Station Report

Bethel

URBITRANREPORT

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Stakeholder Interview

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The representatives at the meeting were generally happy with the current arrangements regarding the rail station. The town felt that the revenues received from the parking should be used to maintain the station, and they have had no problem themselves in providing the maintenance, either via city staff or through outside contracts. They have a subcontractor in the building selling coffee and other sundries in the morning who is also responsible for general cleaning at the end of each day, including the bathrooms. The station ticket office is unmanned.

The station building is open in the morning for the inbound trains, and locked thereafter. People do complain about these hours. The town has tried in the past to keep the station open for off-hours and weekends but the volume of use, staffing and security caused them to discontinue the attempt. They have paid for seasonal workers from November to March to keep the building open for longer hours in response to a local snow ordinance.

The town put in cameras for surveillance, with the camera connected into the town system, and this has cut down significantly on a rash of vandalism that they had been experiencing. Parking permits are available to anyone who wants one regardless of town of residence, and there is no wait list for a permit. The cost of a permit is \$ 175 per year. The station is "running at a profit"; a recent five year audit, just completed, showed an overage of \$ 27,000, which will be set aside for the reinvestment fund.

It was felt that the town could operate and maintain the station more efficiently than the state, assuming that the balance sheet continues to show a profit and that CDOT assists with any 'extraordinary" repairs. The town has a good relationship with CDOT and found Carl Rosa to be good to work with concerning maintenance and repair issues. The key for the town, down the line, will be the level of CDOT involvement with any major repair items.

There appears to be an issue regarding the old station in the center of town, and the responsibility for maintaining it. Necessary repairs to the roof, and who should bear the cost, were mentioned.

Some displeasure was expressed concerning the design of the station building and access paths, particularly as it relates to ADA access. Another area of concern was the maintenance of the property around and along the tracks. The track bed itself needs more cleaning of loose debris, and the natural growth needs to be cut back more often. Old rails and ties are still on the property, and there is a ditch with standing water which needs improved drainage. The town says CDOT will not let anyone near these areas, both at the new and old station building, without proper training, which keeps them from addressing these issues.

With regard to improvements to the station and service, they would like to find an cost-effective way to keep the station open for more hours, and are looking at options to do so. They feel that the situation is unlikely to change until there is more service, and faster service, on the line, at which time they expect a significant increase in use. They would like to see at least one peak semi-express train which would reduce travel times to the South West Region and New York City. The residents who do bring up issues to them most frequently comment on the cleanliness of the stations, and in particular the bathrooms, and the level of lighting around the station in the

evening.	The town is	working with i	ts subcontracto	or on improvin	g the cleanliness	s of the station.

Customer Opinion Survey

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A total of 96 surveys were distributed in Bethel, yielding 50 responses for a high response rate of 52%. Ninety-two percent (92%) of customers surveyed used the train daily, while 6% used the train at least once per week. Two percent (2%) traveled at least once a month; no customers surveyed traveled less often than once a month. As was typical throughout the survey results, the vast majority (98%) of Bethel customers used the train to commute to either work or school, and traveled during the peak periods. The same percentage of respondents (98%) held parking permits for the station. The remaining two percent indicated recreational usage.

The Bethel station provided a more even gender representation than the survey results as a whole, with 57% of respondents being male and 43% female. The age distribution followed the overall pattern of working commuters aged 25-64. Finally, incomes were slightly more evenly distributed than the total survey population, but remained relatively high among Bethel customers. Only 9% of respondents indicated incomes below \$50,000.

Concerning the physical facilities and amenities at the Bethel station, most survey respondents provided favorable responses. The majority of the station elements (parking, building condition, etc.) received mostly responses of 'excellent' or 'good.' Furthermore, most survey respondents provided feedback for each element, although several elements were rated by a smaller number of customers. These elements included underpass, overpass, ticket office hours, taxi stand, and

bus drop-off/pick-up. Bethel had the highest building and amenities ratings on the Danbury Line. Bethel also had the highest improvement ratings on the Danbury Line for the platform. Figure 201 shows the parking ratings for the Bethel Station. Parking ratings in Bethel were only slightly lower than the parking ratings in Redding, the highest rated station for parking on the Danbury Line. Parking ratings were extremely high: 7 of the 12 elements had positive ratings from 90% or more respondents. Stairways had 100% positive ratings, but had the lowest actual numbers of positive marks (12). Parking availability and pathways to station had the highest number of positive marks (48) - 98% favorable ratings. The lowest rated parking element in Bethel, parking security, still had an acceptable 63% positive rating.

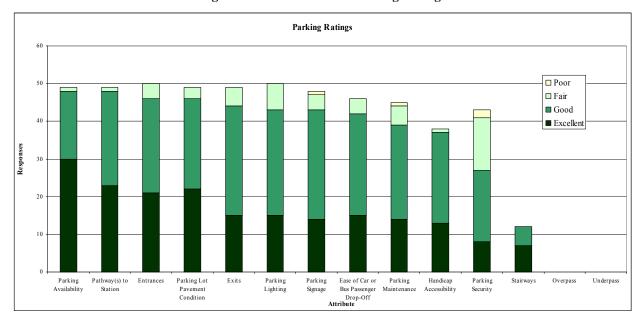


Figure 201: Bethel Station Parking Ratings

Building ratings were quite high, but lower than parking ratings. However, Bethel had the highest rated station building on the Danbury Line. Figure 202 shows how Bethel respondents rated building elements. Bethel does not have a ticket office. The lowest rated element, availability of seating, only had 30% negative ratings. Ninety-four percent of respondents were pleased with the overall condition of the station building. The highest rated condition, not surprisingly, was absence of graffiti, and it had 96% positive ratings.

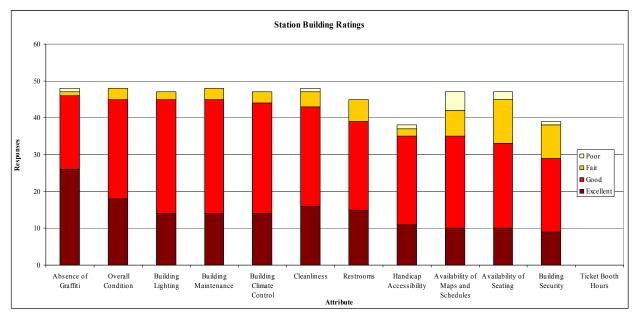


Figure 202: Bethel Station Building Rating Results

Among amenities, Bethel station again received predominantly favorable ratings. Bethel was the also the station with the highest rated amenities on the Danbury Line. Figure 203 shows the highly rated amenities in Bethel. Only the taxi stand and phones received ratings of 'fair' or 'poor,' which combined exceeded 25%. And, as noted earlier, a smaller total number of respondents chose to rate the taxi stand. The concession stand was the highest rated amenity with 92% positive ratings.

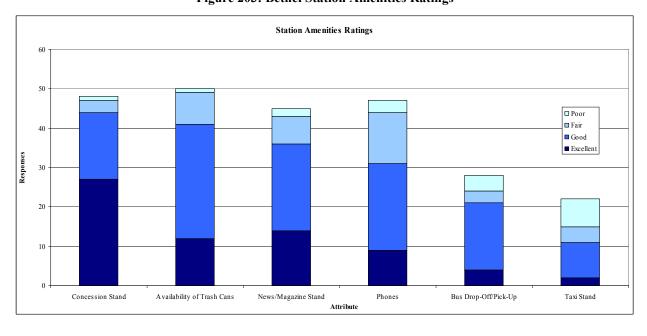


Figure 203: Bethel Station Amenities Ratings

Figure 204 describes how Bethel respondents rated the platform. Ratings for the platform were the second highest on the Danbury Line. As was the case at most stations, shelters were the lowest rated element with only 45% negative ratings. No platform elements had a majority of negative ratings. After shelters, the next lowest rated element had more than 80% positive ratings. Ninety-four percent of respondents were satisfied with the overall condition of the platform. The highest rated platform element was cleanliness, which boasted 96% positive marks.

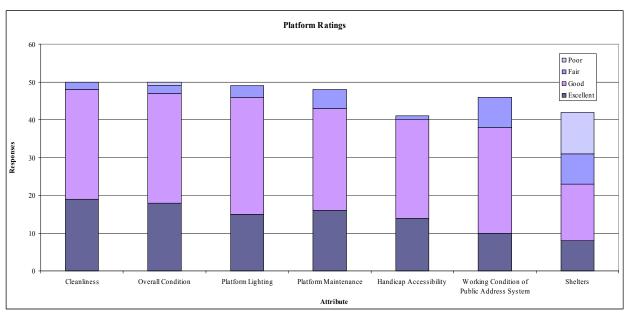


Figure 204: Bethel Station Platform Ratings

Change

Change ratings in Bethel were lower for parking and the station building compared to the ratings of the current situation, but the opposite was true for amenities and the platform. Only 1 element had a majority of 'worsened' ratings.

Parking was thought to have improved a lot in Bethel during the previous 2 years. The lowest rated element, parking maintenance, still had 75% improvement ratings. Four elements were thought to have improved by 100% of the respondents. Figure 205 shows how Bethel respondents viewed change to parking over the past couple of years. Bethel does not have an overpass or an underpass.



Figure 205: Bethel Station Change in Parking Conditions

Bethel also had the second highest station building improvement ratings on the Danbury Line. Three building elements were thought to have improved by all the respondents. Figure 206 displays the change ratings for building elements in Bethel. The station in Bethel had no ticket office. One hundred percent of respondents said they thought that the overall condition of the station building had improved in the past 2 years.

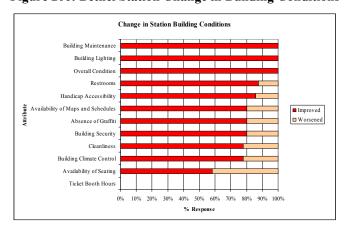


Figure 206: Bethel Station Change in Building Conditions

Amenities in Bethel were also mostly thought to have improved. Figure 207 shows the ratings. The least improved element, the taxi stand, still had 67% improvement ratings. Consistent with the trend from other stations, 94% of respondents were pleased with the improvement to trash can availability and it was the most improved amenity. Ninety percent of respondents also felt that the concession stand had improved over the last 2 years.

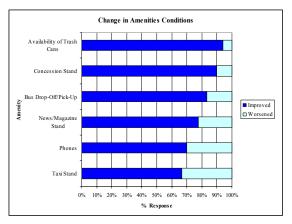


Figure 207: Bethel Station Change in Amenities Conditions

Platform elements in Bethel were thought to be the most improved on the Danbury Line. Figure 208 shows the highly improved platform elements in Bethel. The least improved element, not surprisingly, was the shelters, but they only received 20% 'worsened' ratings. Eighty-three percent of respondents thought that the overall condition of the platform had improved in the previous 2 years. All of the respondents thought that cleanliness and handicap accessibility had improved. Platform lighting and the working condition of the public address system also had improvement ratings above 90%.

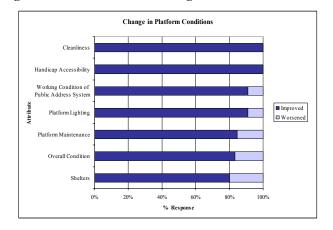


Figure 208: Bethel Station Change in Platform Conditions

Responsible Agencies

When asked who they thought was responsible for certain station elements, Bethel respondents were much less certain than respondents from other stations. Bethel respondents were pretty sure that the local municipality was responsible for parking (67%), that Metro-North was in charge of the platform (57%), and that Metro-North was responsible for map and schedule availability (78%). Figure 209 shows exactly who Bethel respondents thought was responsible for each element.

The following statements can be made about the elements that were a little more mixed:

- Most (35%) respondents thought that the local municipality was responsible for the station building. Another 24% thought that Metro-North had responsibility and another 18% thought it was Connecticut DOT in charge. A high percentage (22%) of respondents did not know who was responsible.
- Lighting was almost exactly opposite to the station building in terms of
 percentages of people who thought that Metro-North and the local municipality
 had responsibility. Thirty-seven percent of respondents thought that Metro-North
 was responsible for lighting, as did 28% who thought it was the local
 municipality. Another 17% thought Connecticut DOT was responsible for
 lighting.
- Twenty-one percent of respondents also thought that Connecticut DOT was in charge of the platform, despite the majority of respondents who thought it was Metro-North.
- Half of Bethel respondents thought that the local municipality was responsible for security. The next highest percentage was the group of people who did not know who had responsibility for security.

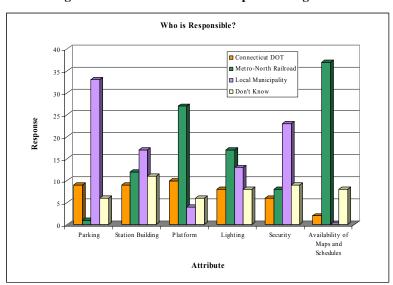


Figure 209: Bethel Stations – Responsible Agencies

Written-In Customer Comments

When asked to write in their comments, the highest percentage (17%) of respondents wrote that more trains/cars were needed. Fourteen percent of respondents also wrote in general good comments. Another 14% wrote about the need for benches and protected shelters to shield against inclement weather. Several other comments were made by 3 or fewer people. Table 22 shows all of the comments written-in by respondents at the Bethel Station.

Table 22: Bethel Station – Written-In Customer Comments

Comment Code	Comment	# Responses	%
65	More trains (cars) needed	5	17.2%
12	Could use benches & protected shelters from rain/snow with heat/air	4	13.8%
49	Overall good comments	4	13.8%
18	Need more parking areas	3	10.3%
68	Cleaner restrooms on trains and in stations	3	10.3%
79	Pay phone needed	2	6.9%
8	Entrances/Exits very difficult	1	3.4%
13	Need ticket machines	1	3.4%
24	Cleaner platforms	1	3.4%
41	Information for parking permits made available	1	3.4%
52	Need more free parking spaces	1	3.4%
55	Extend station hours	1	3.4%
56	Escalators need repair	1	3.4%
64	Single overpass not adequate	1	3.4%
	Total Comments	29	100.0%

Parking Inventory and Utilization

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The Bethel Rail Station has one surface lot with 197 spaces. The spaces are designated in three categories. There are 165 permit spaces, 26 metered spaces, and 6 handicapped spaces at the lot. The overall usage rate at the station was 73.1%. Permit parking was utilized at a rate of 77%.

Parking Area Ownership

The State of Connecticut owns all of the parking spaces at the Bethel Rail Station. Figure 27 maps the lot location and ownership status.

Fee Structure

Two rate options are available at the lot for parking. There is a \$175 annual permit rate, which will be pro-rated based on the date of purchase. The metered spaces have a rate of \$3 per day. Also, debit cards are available for use at the metered spots. These cards are available in quantities of \$50. There is no waiting list.

Table 27 presents specific information on parking at the Bethel Rail Station.

Table 27: Bethel Rail Station Parking Capacity and Utilization

Туре	Capacity	Vehicle Count	Utilization	Ownership
Permit	165	127	77.0%	
Daily	26	16	61.5%	
Handicap	6	1	16.7%	state
TOTAL PARKING	197	144	73.1%	

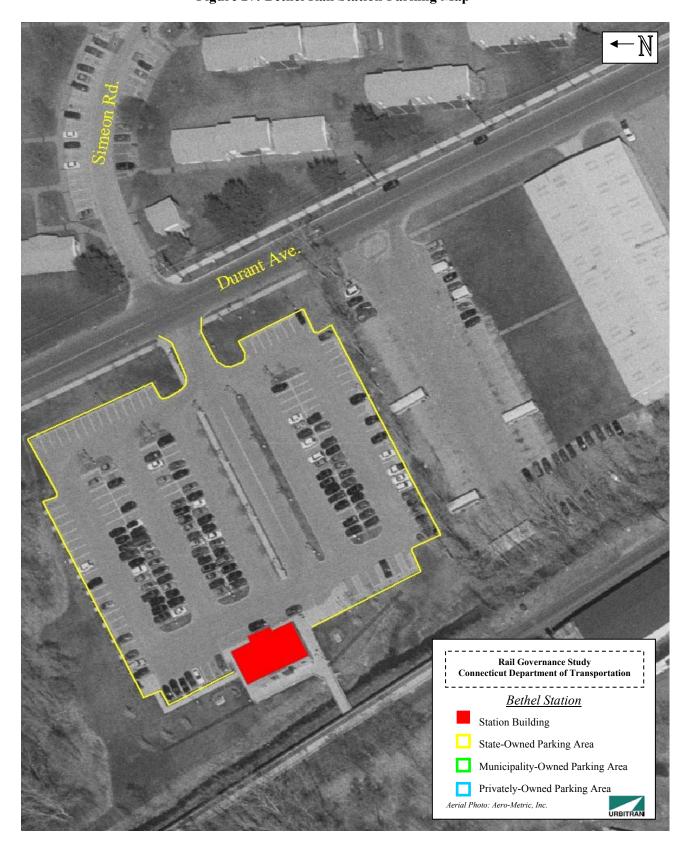


Figure 27: Bethel Rail Station Parking Map

Station Condition Inspection

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CONDITION INSPECTION FOR THE BETHEL STATION

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION 3

PREPARED BY: URBITRAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

DATE: 7/24/02

STATION: _	Bethel	_	CONN. DEF	PT OF TRA	NSPORT	TATION	
LINE:	Danbury	ISPECTIO	ON REPORT				
INSPECTIO	N DATE: 12-1-01		 SHEET	1	OF	42	
INSPECTIO	N AGENCY / FIRM:	UA	 _				
INSPECTO	RS: WV, RGW		_				
WEATHER:	Sunny 60's						

	PLATFORM ELEMENT									CAN	OPY		SUPER-	FOUN	NDATION	NS		
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SPAN NO.	1 RAILING	▶ RAILING PAINT	STAIRS	SLNIOF 4	9 TOP OF PLATFORM	9 BENCHES	2 SIGN / BILLBOARD	8 WARNING STRIP		10 PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL	COLUMNS OVERALL	COLUMN BASE @ PLATFORM	ROOF FRAMING ELEMENTS	ROOFING MATERIAL	DOUBLE TEE	9 PIER	17 FOOTING	8 EROSION / SCOUR
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Ш	3	5	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	3
IV	3	5	5	4	4	5	3	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	3
V	3	5	5	4	4	5	3	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	3
VI	3	5	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	3
VII	3	5	5	4	4	5	3	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	3
VIII	3	5	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	3
IX	3	5	5	4	4	5	3	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	3
Х	3	5	5	4	4	5	5	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	3
ΧI	3	5	3	4	4	5	3	3	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	3	3
XII	4	5	5	3	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3

STATION: Bethel LINE: Danbury INSPECTION DATE: 11-29-01 INSPECTION AGENCY / FIRM: UA INSPECTORS: PK, RGW WEATHER: Drizzle BUILDING ELEMENTS	CONN. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION STATION INSPECTION REPORT SHEET 2 OF 42
INTERIOR ELEMENTS	
19. FLOOR: 4 20. CEILING: 4 21. WINDOWS: 4 22. DOORS: 3 23. FINISH: 3 24. HARDWARE: 3	
EXTERIOR ELEMENTS	
25. DOORS: 3 26. WINDOWS: 3 27. FACADE / FINISH: 3 28. FOUNDATION: 6 29. SETTLEMENT: 4 30. ROOF: 4 31. RAMP: 5 32. SIDEWALK: 3 33. HARDWARE: 2 34. CURB: 3	
REMARKS:	
The lock on the East side entrance is broken. The building has just been built with in the last 5 years.	ars.

STATION: Bethel LINE: Danbury INSPECTION DATE: 12-1-01 INSPECTION AGENCY / FIRM: UAINSPECTORS: WV, RGW WEATHER: Sunny, 60's		CONN. DEPT OF STATION INSPE SHEET 3	
PARK	ING ELEMENTS		
QUADI	RANT # I		
TYPE OF SURFACE: asphalt x PA	VED; HER (DESCRIBE)	_GRAVEL;	DIRT;
CONDITION OF PAVED SURFACE:	3		
CONDITION OF STRIPING: 3			
CONDITION OF BASIN / DRAINS / ETC (FOR LOCATION SEE SHEET: see s	:3 <u>ketch</u>)		
SIGNAGE: 3			
FENCE AND GUARDRAIL: 4			
LANDSCAPE: 3			
SIDEWALK: 3			
CURB: 2			
QUADI	RANT#		
TYPE OF SURFACE: PA	VED; HER (DESCRIBE)	_GRAVEL;	DIRT;
CONDITION OF PAVED SURFACE:			
CONDITION OF STRIPING:			
CONDITION OF BASIN / DRAINS / ETC (FOR LOCATION SEE SHEET:	:)		
SIGNAGE:			
FENCE AND GUARDRAIL:			
LANDSCAPE:			
SIDEWALK:			
CURB:			

STATION	: Bethel	CONN. [DEPT OF	TRAN	SPORTA	ATION
LINE	: New Haven-Danbury Branch	STATIO	N INSPE	CTION	REPOR	T
INSPECTION DATE:	January 24, 2002	SHEET	4	OF_	42	_
INSPECTION AGENCY / FIRM	: Parsons Brinckerhoff					-
INSPECTORS	: Jim Connell & Dave Lang					
TIME OF INSPECTION:	A.M. & P.M.					
WEATHER	Clear					

PLATFORM --- LIGHTING

Span	Fixture Type	Manufacturer	Model	Rating	Support	Estimated	Visual Condition
Number			Number		Condition	Age/Life(y/y)	
all	4 ft fluorescent	Alumination Products Inc.	unknown	3	3	2/ 10	minor deterioration
used							

Remarks: A typical section of the platform was measured at the location indicated and found to average
17.7 fc.
The lighting fixtures do not have a continuous seal which allows moisture to penetrate the
fixtures. Premature fixture failure will likely occur. Additionally, there are two fixtures that are
missing their lenses.

PLATFORM --- LIGHTING LEVELS (fc)

TRACKS{																	
	see re	ema	rks	see	rema	rks	see	rema	arks	see	rema	arks		avg	see	rema	arks
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LINE: New Haven-Danbury Branch

INSPECTION DATE : January 24, 2002
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INSPECTORS: Jim Connell & Dave Lang

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WEATHER: Clear

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PLATFORM --- SERVICE

Voltage Rating (V)	n/a	Type of 3 phase of	connection	Delta	n/a	Wye	n/a
		Method of Entrand	ce	Overhead	n/a	Underground	n/a
Rating of Main Breaker (A)	n/a	Origin of Service		Pole	n/a	Transformer	n/a
		Code Compliant		Yes	n/a	No	n/a
Quantity of Phases	n/a	Pole Number	n/a	Wire Sizes	n/a		
		& Street					

Remarks: The electrical service for the platform originates from the building panelboard.

PLATFORM --- ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Electrical Device	Manufacturer	Model Number	Rating	Location	Estimated Age/Life(y/y)	Visual Condition
Main Distribution Panel	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Main Disconnect Switch	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Transformer	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Receptacles	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Grounding	unknown	unknown	3	platform	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Lighting Controls	see remarks	see remarks	3	building	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Public Telephone	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Station Telephone	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Remarks: The	platform lighting	g controls are l	ocated in the	building equip	ment room.	

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	TRICAL AND LIGHTING SUMMARY
There are no receptacles located on the	platform. Receptacles are not required.
recommended by the IESNA. Ho and may allow moisture to penet fixtures light output. There is no	nis light level exceeds the minimum as owever, the lenses are not continuous rate the fixture and compromise the recommendation at this time to replace tures are missing their lenses and

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WEATHER: Clear

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STATION BUILDING --- LIGHTING

Fixture Type	Manufacturer	Model Number	Rating	Support Condition	Estimated Age/Life(y/y)	Visual Condition
linear fluorescent	unknown	unknown	3	3	2/ 20	minor deterioration
2' x 4' fluorescent	unknown	unknown	3	3	2/ 10	minor deterioration
compact fluorescent	unknown	unknown	3	3	2/ 20	minor deterioration
industrial fluorescent	unknown	unknown	3	3	2/ 20	minor deterioration
not used	not used	not used	not used	not used	not used	not used
Exit	unknown	unknown	3	3	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Emergency Egress	unknown	unknown	3	3	2/ 20	minor deterioration

A typical section of the waiting room was measured and found to average 8.6 fc. Remarks:

The 2'x4' fluorescent lenses were in the beginning stages of becoming discolored and will

likely reduce the light output in the near future.

STATION BUILDING --- LIGHTING LEVELS (fc)

ROOM DESC:	Α	В	С	D	ROOM DESC:	Α	В	С	D
1 waiting room					1 not used				
2		avg 8.6			2				
3					3				
4					4				
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ROOM DESC:	Α	В	С	D	ROOM DESC:	Α	В	С	D
ROOM DESC: 1 not used	A	В	С	D	ROOM DESC: 1 not used	Α	В	С	D
1	A	В	C	D	1	A	В	С	D
not used	A	В	С	D	1 not used	A	В	С	D
not used 2	A	В	C	D	not used 2	A	В	C	D

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STATION BUILDING --- SERVICE

Voltage Rating (V)	120/208	Type of 3 phase connection		Delta	n/a	Wye	Χ
		Method of Entrand	e	Overhead	n/a	Underground	Χ
Rating of Main Breaker (A)	225	Origin of Service	Origin of Service		n/a	Transformer	Х
		Code Compliant		Yes	Χ	No	n/a
Quantity of Phases	1	Pole Number	1653	Wire Sizes	unkı	nown	
		& Street	Durant Ave				
Remarks:							

STATION BUILDING --- ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

Electrical Device	Manufacturer	Model Number	Rating	Location	Estimated Age/Life(y/y)	Visual Condition
Main Distribution Panel	GE	AQF3422MB	3	equipment room	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Main Disconnect Switch	GE	TG4324	3	equipment room	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Transformer	unknown	unknown	3	outdoor near building	2/ 20	new condition
Receptacles	unknown	unknown	3	throughout building	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Grounding	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
Lighting Controls	unknown	unknown	3	throughout building	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Public Telephone	unknown	unknown	see remarks	see remarks	n/a	see remarks
Station Telephone	unknown	unknown	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lighting Panel	GE	AQF3301MB	3	break room	2/ 20	minor deterioration

There are two phones mounted outdoors on the right side of the building. One of the phones was Remarks: operational and the other was missing with cords hanging out.

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TIME OF	INSPECTION: WEATHER:						
				FIRE ALAR	_		
Fire Alarm Device	Manufacturer	Model Number	Rating	Quantity	Location	Estimated Age/Life(y/y)	Visual Condition
Fire Alarm Control Panel	Intergrated Security Sys	5204 Fire Control	3	3	equipment room	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Heat Detector	unknown	unknown	3	3	throughout	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Smoke Detector	unknown	unknown	3	3	throughout	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Pull Station	unknown	unknown	3	3	throughout	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Annunciator	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Audio/Visual Device	ETS	unknown	3	3	throughout	2/ 20	minor deterioration
Remarks: The	ere are no visual	signaling devi	ces in the res	strooms, brea	k room and t	he kitchen.	
		STAT	ΓΙΟΝ BUILDI	ING SKET	CHES		
			Not	t Used			

STATION: Bethel	CONN. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION STATION INSPECTION REPORT SHEET 10 OF 42
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STATION BUILDING --- ELECTRICAL AND LIGHTING SUMMARY

- The building has recently been built with new electrical systems throughout.

 The power panels are adequately serving the space and also have some spare capacity for growth. The building electrical and lighting systems are in good repair and will only need general maintenance to operate into the future.
- The waiting room maintains an average of 7.9 foot-candles and exceeds the minimum light levels as recommended by the IESNA. Exit and emergency lighting are operational and meet the requirements of NFPA 101.
- There is an active fire alarm system in the building, but it does not comply with the ADA because visual signals are missing in the kitchen, break room, and the bathrooms. It is recommended that visual signal devices be installed in these spaces.

STATION: Bethel CONN. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION STATION STATION STATION INSPECTION REPORT SHEET 11 OF 42

INSPECTION AGENCY / FIRM: Parsons Brinckerhoff INSPECTION: J. Duncan & T. Abrahamson TIME OF INSPECTION: A.M. WEATHER: Clear & Cool

BUILDING -- HVAC - Fire Protection

One hot water producing boiler burning natural gas.

Model MR5000, Serial MKG-1043 Input 500,000 Btu/hr, Output 412,000 Btu/hr

BOILER: All hot water pipes insulated and in Good Repair

Water Heater 50 gallon capacity, Make Rheem Serial No RN0994G01130 Model RF098-50-1

WATER HEATER: Input 98,000 Btu/hr, Good Repair

FUEL TYPE: natural gas

Units (2) in the attic, one unit for waiting area

and restrooms. The other unit is for the cafeteria and ticket office.

Each unit has a hot water heating coil and a cooling

HEATING UNIT / FURNACE: coil., Good Repair

FUEL TYPE: N/A

HEATING FILTER: Clear - Spares available, Good Repair

AC UNIT: See Heating Unit/Furnace

AC FILTER: Clear - Spares available, Good Repair

DUCTS: In the attic, insulated, in Good Repair

OF DAMPERS: Inaccessible, Condition or Existence Unknown

CONDITION OF DAMPERS: Inaccessible, Condition or Existence Unknown

Each area (each restroom, waiting room, ticket room) has

THERMOSTATS: its own thermostat, not programmable type, Good Repair

NIGHT SET BACK: None

PUMPS: Good Repair

PIPING: Good Repair

LINE: New Haven - Danbury Branch

INSPECTION DATE: January 24, 2002

INSPECTION AGENCY / FIRM: Parsons Brinckerhoff

INSPECTORS: J. Duncan & T. Abrahamson

TIME OF INSPECTION: A.M.

WEATHER: Clear & Cool

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BUILDING -- HVAC - Fire Protection

In waiting room, linear diffusers along window sides. Return air linears in waiting room. Two way air supply diffusers and return register in ticket (counter) room. All in Good Repair.

3/4" Back flow preventer on the make up water for the boiler/exchanger- Needs maintenance, it continuously leaks (drips).

Air Cooled Condenser

1 large unit on one side of the building - Carrier Model 38AKS-013-500, Serial 1195F38149 208/230 V 2 small units on the other side of the building - Carrier Model H38TKB024310, Serial 1795E07461 208/230 V

Fire Protection

No Sprinklers

Small portable fire extinguishers in equipment room, Good Repair

LINE: New Haven - Danbury Branch

CONN. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION STATION INSPECTION REPORT SHEET 13 OF 42

INSPECTION DATE: January 24, 2002

INSPECTION AGENCY / FIRM: Parsons Brinckerhoff
INSPECTORS: J. Duncan & T. Abrahamson
TIME OF INSPECTION: A.M.

WEATHER: Clear & Cool

PLATFORM - PLUMBING

SPAN	GUTTER	DOWNSPOUT/	CLEAN-OUTS	SPAN	GUTTER	DOWNSPOUT/	CLEAN-OUTS
NO.		PIPING		NO.		PIPING	
All	Platform has	thick painted sheet	metal gutters and	downspouts.	In good repai	r but caulking is re	quired
	at the gutters	' seams.					

PLATFORM - FIXTURES--N/A

SPAN ":	SPAN ":	SPAN ":
MODEL:	MODEL:	MODEL:
YEAR:	YEAR:	YEAR:
MANUFACTURER:	MANUFACTURER:	MANUFACTURER:
CONDITION.	CONDITION:	CONDITION.

STATION: Beth	el	CONN. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
LINE: New	Haven - Danbury Branch	STATION INSPECTION REPORT
INSPECTION DATE: Janu	uary 24, 2002	SHEET 14 OF 42
NSPECTION AGENCY / FIRM: Pars	ons Brinckerhoff	<u> </u>
INSPECTORS: J. D.	uncan & T. Abrahamson	
TIME OF INSPECTION: A.M.		
WEATHER: Clea	r & Cool	
	BUILDING - PLUMBING	
5555564		
<u>RESTROOM</u>		oth restrooms are up-to-date, modern,
DIDING: Insulated Good Densin		complete conformance with ADA
PIPING: Insulated, Good Repair WATER PRESSURE: Normal	<u>-</u> re	equirements and have water conservation fixtures
		Jomania Baam
DRAINS: Good Repair FAUCET/FIXTURES:	_	<u>/omen's Room</u> Handicapped Toilet - Good Repair
* MODEL: unidentified		Regular Toilet - Good Repair
* YEAR: unidentified		Lavatories with insulated pipes - Good Repair
		ot and cold water
* CONDITION: Good Repair		ouvered door
<u> </u>		xhaust fan working
		loor drain - Good Repair
KITCHEN As Described		ecessed hot water cabinet heater with
		emote thermostat-Coleman - Good Repair
PIPING:		hermostat is not properly calibrated - Good Repair
WATER PRESSURE:	_	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
DRAINS:	v	/ater meter in equipment room - Good Repair
FAUCET/FIXTURES:	- s	lop sink in equipment room - Good Repair
* MODEL:		
* YEAR:	Ir	the waiting area there are two drinking
* MANUFACTURER:		ountains that are stainless steel, one regular,
* CONDITION:	O	ne handicapped, both in Good Repair
		Lade Danie
		len's Room
EVTERIOR NIA		Handicapped Toilet - Good Repair
EXTERIOR N/A		Handicapped Urinal - Good Repair
SPRINKLER:		Regular Urinal - Good Repair Regular Lavatory - Good Repair
FAUCET/FIXTURES:		Lavatory with insulated pipes - Good Repair
		ot and cold water
* MODEL: * YEAR:		ouvered door
* *****		xhaust fan working
* CONDITION:		loor drain - Good Repair
		ecessed hot water cabinet heater with
		emote thermostat-Coleman- Good Repair
		hermostat is not properly calibrated - Good Repair
Building gutters and downspouts		The state of the s

Kitchen (Cafeteria)

A 3 compartment stainless steel sink (AERO Model SS-3-2460-43) contains no leaking. All equipment installed and maintained by the cafeteria owner.

STATION: <u>Bethel</u>	CONN. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION STATION INSPECTION REPORT SHEET 15 OF 42
INSPECTORS: J. Duncan, T. Ab	rahamson DATE: January 24, 2002

STATION - MECHANICAL SUMMARY

The station was recently constructed. All the mechanical equipment is in excellent condition.

HVAC

The air conditioning system is split into two zones, each zone has it's own air conditioning unit. Each of these units has a hot water and chilled water coil. The cooling system is forced cooled air and the primary heating system is forced hot air. One of the units works with one large air-cooled condenser that serves the restrooms, and the large waiting area. The other unit works with two smaller air-cooled condensers. It serves the office and the kitchen area. Each area (each restroom, waiting room, ticket room) has its own thermostat, not programmable type.

There is a hot water recessed cabinet unit heater in each restroom and one hot water heater in the equipment room. One hot water producing boiler burning natural gas is installed. There is a 50 gallon capacity water heater, make Rheem. All hot water pipes are insulated and in excellent condition. There is a ¾" back flow preventer for the make up water for the boiler/exchanger. This one needs maintenance, it continuously leaks (drips). The HVAC system is in good repair. The ducts in the attic from the heating/air conditioning unit are in good condition and are well insulated.

In the waiting room there are linear diffusers along the windows sides. There is a return air linear register in the waiting area. In the ticket (counter) room and the kitchen there is a two way diffuser and a 2'X2' air return grille.

The pipes to the gas meter are rusted and require repair.

STATION: <u>Bethel</u>	CONN. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION STATION INSPECTION REPORT SHEET 16 OF 42
INSPECTORS: J. Duncan, T. Abrahamson	DATE: <u>January 24, 2002</u>
STATION - MECHA	NICAL SUMMARY
Plumbing The men's room and a women's room are in exce complete compliance with ADA requirements and	
There are two drinking fountains located in the w	raiting area. One is handicapped accessible.
Building gutters and downspouts are in good con metal gutters and downspouts. These are in good seams.	

LINE: New Haven-Danbury Branch

INSPECTION DATE: May 10, 2002

INSPECTION AGENCY/FIRM: Warren & Panzer Engineers

INSPECTORS: Hortense Oliveira

WEATHER: Good

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INSPECTION

LEAD-BASED PAINT

Note: The LBP inspection was conducted using an RMD LPA-1 spectrum X-Ray Fluorescence Analyzer (XRF). The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recommend XRF analysis for inspection of lead in paint. XRF readings were taken of surfaces coated with suspect LBP. The XRF was operated in "Quick Mode" for this project. In Quick Mode, the measurement time is determined by the LPA-1 Analyzer to achieve a 95% confidence measurement compared to an action level (1.0 mg/cm2).

Platform

Surfaces Tested	# of Locations Tested	Lead Presence (>1 mg/cm2)	Rating
Canopy Columns	1	No	4
Platform Warning Strip	1	No	4
Canopy Beams	2	No	4

Station Building

Surfaces Tested	# of Locations Tested	Lead Presence (>1 mg/cm2)	Rating
Walls	4	No	4
Door Frames	1	No	4
Radiator Covers	1	No	4

Surfaces Tested	# of Locations Tested	Lead Presence (>1 mg/cm2)	Rating
Metal Meter Box	2	No	3
Parking Lot Lines	1	No	3

SUSPECT ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS

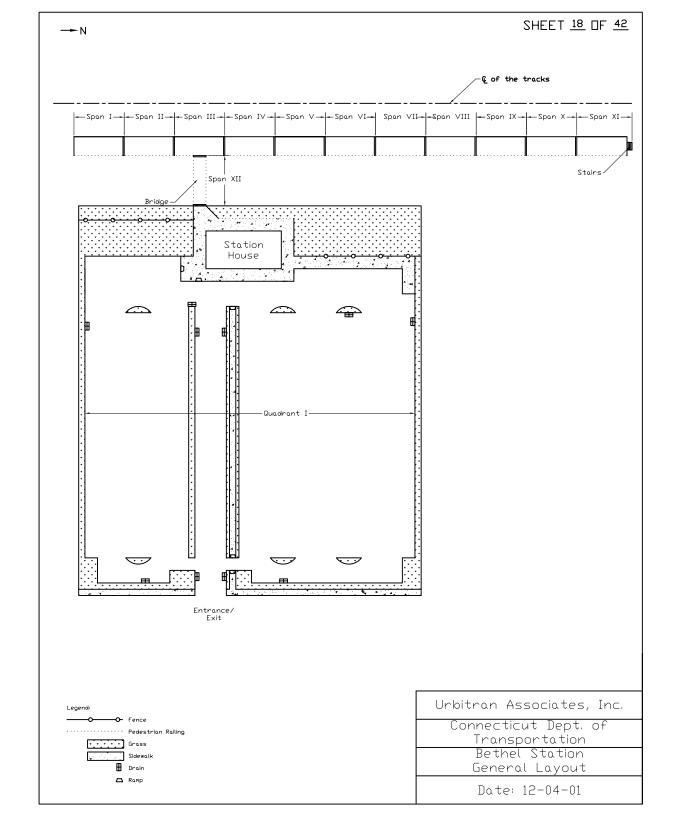
Listed below are suspect asbestos-containing materials that were observed during a visual inspection. Materials were found to be in fair to good condition. Any future disturbance of these materials should be preceded by the collection of samples and laboratory analysis of these samples. This work must be performed by a certified inspector.

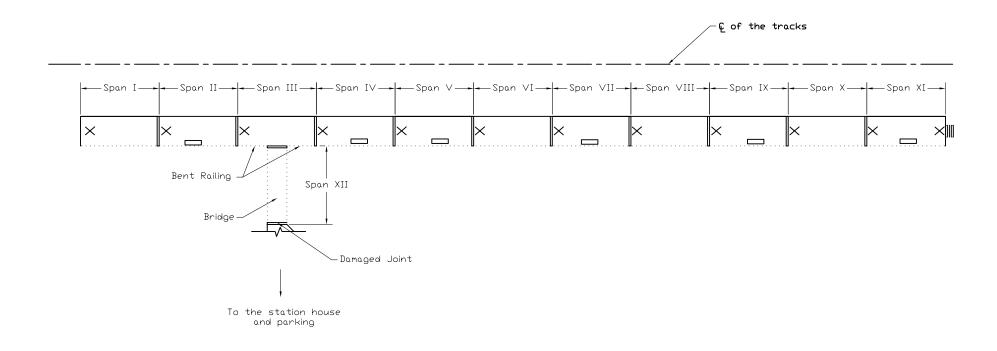
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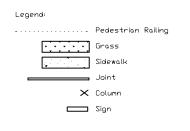
Suspect Materials	Rating
Caulking on Canopy Beams	3
Yellow Warning Strip Line Caulking	3
Caulking at Base of Canopy Metal Columns and Bridge Seams	3

Station House

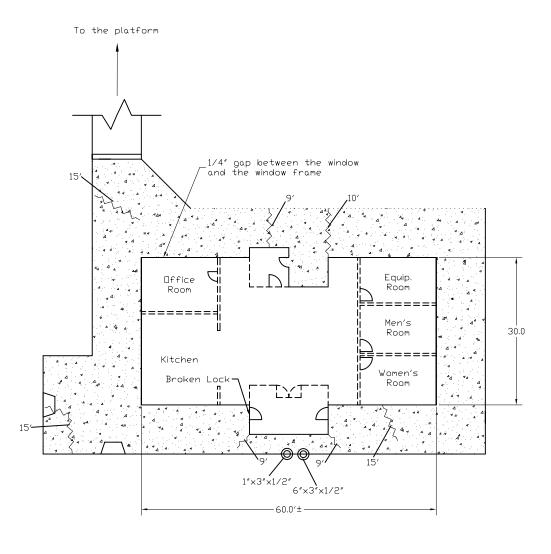
Suspect Materials	Rating
Caulking at the Perimeter Base of Building	3
Roof Shingles	3
2'x2' Ceiling Tiles	4
Window Frame Caulking	4







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Legend:

Pedestrian Railing

Cracks

Sidewalk

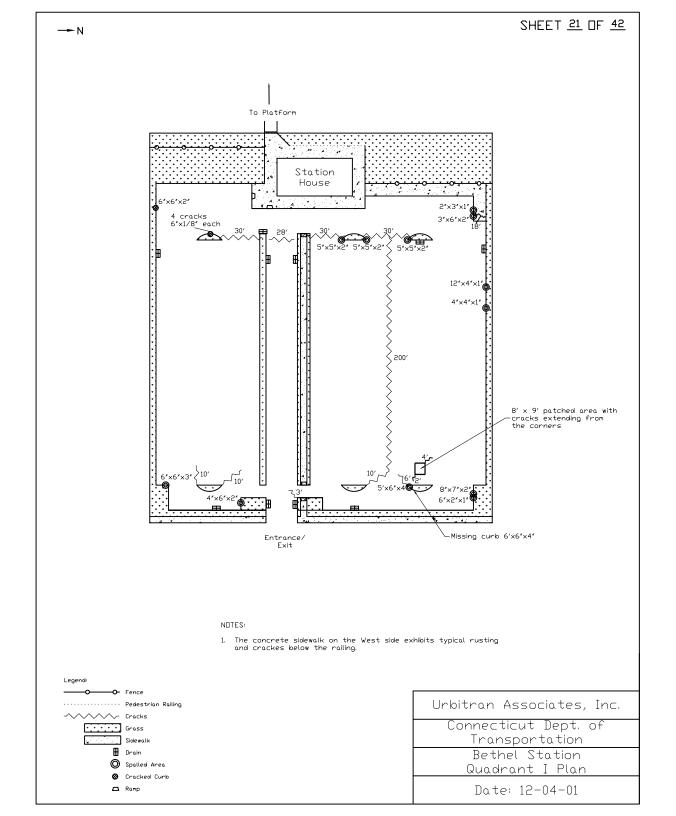
Spalled Concrete

Ramp

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Transportation
Bethel Station
Building Plan

Date: 12-05-01



STATION:	Bethel	CONN. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION
		STATION INSPECTION REPORT
		SHEET <u>22</u> OF <u>42</u>
		

INSPECTORS: WV, RGW DATE: 12/01/01

RA	TINGS	РНОТО			REMARKS:
NEW	PREV	NO.			
3		12	Span III	1 - Th	e railing is bent in two different locations
				_	
3		11	Station h	ouse 26	0 1
				•	and the window frame
2		23	Station h	ouse 33	
					door
		40	Ctation b	20 (The grade of the cidercally arrayed the station
3		19	Station h	ouse 32,	34 - The curb of the sidewalk around the station
					house has two areas of spalled concrete and a hairline crack.
-					a namine crack.
3		14,18	Quad I	Surface	-There are various cracks throughout the
<u>_</u> _		11,10	Quau	Odridoo	parking lot
					parking for
3		15	Quad I	Surface	- There is a patched area of asphalt with cracks
					extending from the corners.
3		17	Quad I	Striping	-The striping is faded in front of the station
					house
3		16	Quad I	Signage	- The handicap signs are leaning
			_		
2		22	Quad I		ere are four separate cracks in the concrete
				curl	along the southwest island
		04	0	Olu O.	alled and analysis decreases a sub-class of the
2		21	Quad I		palled and cracked concrete curb along the
				sou	thside
2	1	13	Quad I	Curb -Alc	ong the northeast island the concrete curb is
		10	Quau i		sing and spalled
				11113	oning and opanica

CONN. DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION STATION INSPECTION

INSPECTION RATING SCALE

The following rating scale is used for inspections:

- **1-** Totally deteriorated, or in failed condition.
- **2-** Serious deterioration, or not functioning as originally designed.
- **3-** Minor deterioration, but functioning as originally designed.
- **4-** New condition. No deterioration.
- **5-** Not applicable.
- **6-** Condition and/or existence unknown.

Bethel Station				
Description	Units	Quantity	Price / Unit	Total Cost
Fill cracked asphalt	ft	400.00	\$2.00	\$800.00
Fill cracked concrete	ft	125.00	\$9.00	\$1,125.00
Repair spalled concrete	ft ²	3.00	\$40.00	\$120.00
Replace missing curb	ft ²	6.00	\$22.00	\$132.00
Maintenance to the 3/4" back flow preventer	LS	-	-	\$600.00
Recaulking platform gutters at the seams	LS	-	-	\$1,200.00
Replace canopy fixture lenses	EACH	2.00	\$200.00	\$400.00
Install fire alarm audio/visual and visual devices to meet the minimal requirements of ADA.	LS	-	-	\$772.00
Mobilization / Demobilization (10%)				\$514.90
Sub-total				\$5,663.90
Contingency (20%)				\$1,132.78
Grand Total				\$6,796.68
Say				\$7,000.00

^{*} The extent of deterioration noted during our inspection is minimal and does not require immediate repair.

The type and extent of deterioration will not affect the station operations or commuters. Therefore, we recommend the that defects noted in this report be included in a future station maintenance rehabilitation contract.

Lease Narrative and Synopsis

URBITRANREPORT



Prepared to

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Submitted by

Urbitran Associates, Inc.

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RAILROAD LEASE AGREEMENT NARRATIVE

STATION NAME: Bethel Railroad Station

STATION OWNER: State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (the "State")

LESSEE: Town of Bethel

The Lease Agreement, dated June 19, 1995 (the "Lease"), between the State and the Town of Bethel provides for the lease of a parcel of land within the railroad right-of-way, on the northeasterly side of the Danbury Branch Rail Line. The parcel of land, containing approximately 3.780 acres, comprises the Bethel Railroad Station (the "Station") and adjacent commuter rail parking area (the "Parking Area"). The term of the Lease is ten (10) years, commencing June 1, 1995, to and including May 31, 2005. Lessee has the right to renew for two (2) additional successive ten (10) year periods.

There is no annual fee under this Lease; however, Lessee is required to pay the difference between Revenues and Expenses into the Reinvestment Fund each year. Fifty percent of the surplus in the Reinvestment Fund is to be paid to the State every five (5) years. This Lease is unique in its enumeration of Lessee's expenses, including: capital improvements; maintenance of the building and Parking Area; administrative, accounting and security costs; utilities; independent auditors; and other mutually agreed upon town-allocated costs, including debt service. The use of one parking space in the Station's Parking Area is reserved for the State. Finally, the Lease specifies that the State retains sole responsibility for maintaining and restoring all fencing bordering the tracks and canopies over the platforms. The Lease also contains a standard provision, naming the State as the party solely responsible for all major structural renovations and repairs and Lessee as the party solely responsibility for the day-to-day maintenance of the Station and the Parking Area.

The Lease is made subject to each and every specification and covenant, unless specifically deleted therefrom, contained in the "Standard Railroad Lease Specifications & Covenants," dated October 1, 1994.

¹ The modified accrual basis of accounting is specified as the method to be used for these records.

² Only two (2) other leases reviewed expressly provide for debt service to be included in the Town's expenses when calculating the deposit into the Reinvestment Fund.

LEASE SYNOPSIS

STATION NAME:	Bethel Railroad Station
Lease Document(s) Reviewed:	Lease Agreement dated 6/19/95
Station Owner	State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (the "State")
Lessee	Town of Bethel
Agreement Number	8.25-04(94)
Effective Date of Lease	6/1/95
Term	10 years
Number of Renewal Periods	2 (at Lessee's option)
Renewal Period	10 years each
Number of Lessee Renewals Executed in Prior Years	0
Number of Renewals Remaining	2
Expiration Date of Lease	5/31/05
Recorded?	Volume 588, Page
Number of Parcels	1
Total Acreage	3.78 acres
How Is Revenue Earned	Rail parking revenue and revenue from other rail-related leases
Are Separate Funds Accounts Required?	Yes. In lieu of an annual fee paid to the State, Lessee shall establish a separate account to accrue surplus funds for the improvement and maintenance of rail station buildings, rail station parking, and rail station services (the "Reinvestment Fund"). All revenue generated from rail parking, rail-related leases and all other sources derived from the use of the property(ies) described in the Lease (including accrued interest), minus mutually agreed upon operating and/or maintenance expenses, shall be deposited annually into the Reinvestment Fund. The State reserves the right to approve or disapprove the use of funds in the Reinvestment Fund to ensure improvement and maintenance of rail station buildings, rail station parking, and rail station services.

Allowable Direct Costs in Calculating Surplus	Capital improvements; maintenance of buildings and parking lots; administrative, accounting and other security costs; utilities; independent auditors; and any other mutually agreed upon, town-allocated applicable costs, including debt service.
Allowable Indirect Costs in Calculating Surplus	Not specified
Is Surplus Deposited in Capital Fund?	Yes
Is Surplus Shared with the State?	Yes. In the event there is any surplus at the end of each 5 year period of the initial term and the 2 renewal periods thereafter, the State shall receive 50 percent of such surplus.
How Often is Surplus Shared?	Surplus is shared every 5 years.
Are Certified Financial Statements Required?	Yes. See <u>Appendix I</u> .
Financial Statement Submission Period	Must be submitted to the State within 90 days following (i) the end of each year of the specified term of lease, or (ii) the termination of the Lease.
Is Annual Budget Required?	No
Is Repayment of Debt Service Required?	No. The Town is permitted to include an allocated amount of its debt service as an Expense under Section 3 of the Lease.
Monthly Debt Repayment Amount	n/a
Does State Pay Lessee a Fee?	No
Amount of Fee Due Lessee	n/a
INSURANCE COVERAGE:	
Property Damage Insurance	\$750,000 individual; \$1,500,000 aggregate
Bodily Injury Coverage	\$750,000 individual; \$1,500,000 aggregate
Other Required Coverage	n/a
Voluntary Coverage	n/a
Is Lessee Self Insured?	Yes
Outside Placement of Insurance	Yes

Is Certificate of Coverage on File?	Yes
Dates of Coverage	n/a
Named Insured	State of Connecticut; Metro-North Commuter Railroad
State Held Harmless?	Yes
Lessee Waives Immunity	Yes
Annual Insurance Premium	n/a
Who Owns the Improvements?	State
MAINTENANCE:	
Description of State's Responsibilities	The State is responsible for (i) maintaining and/or restoring all fencing bordering the tracks and canopies over the platforms, and (ii) all major structural renovations and/or repairs, and may, upon written notice to Lessee, draw funds remaining in the Reinvestment Fund as surplus at the end of each 5 year period to pay for any of the above-cited work.
Description of Lessee's Responsibilities	Lessee is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance, including, but not limited to, any and all platforms, railings, stairs, shelters, and ramps, i.e. general structural repairs, snow removal, and security.
Enhance Aesthetics Appearance	Lessee
Not Erecting Signs on Premises	Lessee
Surface Grade Land	Lessee
Install and Maintain Fencing	Lessee
Install Suitable Drainage	Lessee
Ice Snow Control of Sidewalks	Lessee
Install and Maintain Electrical Systems for Lights	Lessee
Sweeping and Cleaning Litter	Lessee
Station Structures	State: major structural renovations and/or repairs; Lessee: day-to-day maintenance
Platform Gutters	Lessee
Fences	State
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Signs	Lessee
Platform Lights	Lessee
Drains	Lessee
Equipment	Lessee
Electric and Mechanical Systems	Lessee
Live Rail Facilities	Lessee
Platforms	Lessee
Railings	Lessee
Stairs	Lessee
Platform Shelters	Lessee
Platform Canopy	State
Tunnels	Lessee
Parking Lots	Lessee
Waiting Room	Lessee
Ticket Office	Lessee
Baggage Room	Lessee
PARKING:	
No. of Spaces – State	The State reserves 1 parking space in the "day parking" lot at the Bethel Railroad Station.
Parking Fees	Where there is a charge for parking, there is a minimum annual parking fee per vehicle of \$100.00. The State reserves the right to review and approve any and all parking fees which exceed this minimum amount. Lessee shall have the right to establish and publish a Daily, Weekly, Annual and/or other periodic Parking-Fee Schedule(s).
Nondiscrimination Clause	See Appendix II.
COSTS OF LEASEHOLD:	
Water	Lessee

Electricity	Lessee
Other Public Utilities	Lessee
Gas	Lessee
Owns Title to Property	State
Owns Title to Capital Improvements	State
Is Subleasing Allowed?	Not without prior written approval of the State and the appropriate Federal Regulatory Agency, if required
Can Lease be Sold or Assigned?	Not without prior written approval of the State and the appropriate Federal Regulatory Agency, if required
Is Security Bond Required?	No
If so, the Amount	n/a
OTHER:	
Is there a Lease to CT Transit?	No
Termination	The State may terminate this Lease upon one year's notice to the Town for reasons of default or if the property is needed for transportation related purposes.
Employment/Non- Discriminatory Requirement	Yes
Miscellaneous	The Lease is made subject to the "Standard Railroad Lease Specifications & Covenants" dated 10/1/94.

Station Operations Review

URBITRANREPORT



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Submitted by

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BETHEL Bethel Station

Bethel Station is a relatively new building, located just north of downtown. Its governance appears to be very effective as the Town considers itself a major stakeholder in its operations and maintenance of the station.

Agreements

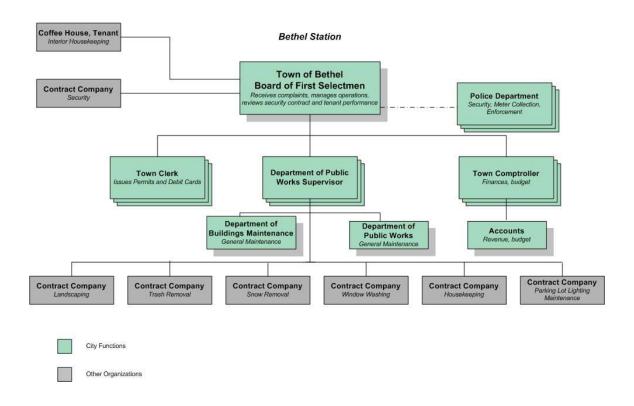
The Bethel station lot is owned by CDOT and leased to the Town. The Town does not necessarily follow the provisions of the lease, per se, but clearly those with whom we spoke feel the Town does what is necessary to keep the station functioning, most likely performing above and beyond the requirements of the lease.

The Bethel station has a tenant who operates a coffee stand, and is responsible for the housekeeping of the station each day. Currently, the monthly rent for this tenant is \$450 and is under negotiation. There are also a number of station maintenance activities that are contracted to private companies including trash removal, housekeeping, parking lot lighting, window cleaning, security, snow removal, and landscaping.

In addition to the Bethel Station currently in use, the Town of Bethel also leases the old station in downtown Bethel from CDOT. This station is in turn leased to nonprofit groups and is currently used as an arts co-op. It is not used for transit purposes. Town officials indicated that the old station is in severe disrepair and needs to be renovated.

Organizational Structure

The Town Clerk, Sheila Zelensky, the Department of Public Works Supervisor, Clarence Rees, and the Town Comptroller, Barry Curina, report to the Town's three Selectmen -- Judith Novachek, Robert Legnard, and James O'Hara. Virtually all of the contracted services, with the exception of the private security contract, are under the management of Mr. Rees in the Department of Public Works. The private security company and the coffee stand tenant report to the Board of First Selectmen. The Police Department does not report directly to any entity regarding the operation of the station; however, they will notify the Department of Public Works and the Board of Selectmen of any criminal incidents that have taken place at the station. The Selectmen are the official managers of the station and all municipal operations. However, it is Mr. Rees of the Department of Public Works who is the main day to day person in charge of the operations and maintenance of the station.



Operating Procedures

Parking permits are issued for commuter parking at the Town Clerk's Office. Permit parking is available at the train station on Durant Street and there is a waitlist for permits in this area. A permit costs the user \$150 a year, and this rate is prorated for tickets purchased after January. In addition to a permit area there are meters where commuters may use debit cards which are issued in twenty dollar amounts. These debit cards can also be purchased from the Town Clerk, and provide a reasonable alternative to non-commuters. The meters accept quarters in addition to the debit cards. Furthermore, there is usually parking available for free on-street in the station area.

The Bethel station has a tenant, a coffee stand, who is responsible for the housekeeping of the station, including the bathrooms, at the end of each day. However, the most frequent complaints from residents include the cleanliness of the Station, and the bathrooms in particular, as well as the poor lighting at the station. The Town is working with its tenant to improve the cleanliness of the station. Furthermore, the Town has recently installed security cameras for surveillance in the area, which has apparently decreased vandalism at the station. In addition to regular maintenance staffing, the Town provides seasonal workers from November to March to keep the Station open for longer hours in response to a local snow ordinance. As noted, there are several contracted services including landscaping, trash removal, snow removal, window washing, housekeeping, and parking lot lighting maintenance. The Department of Public Works and Buildings Maintenance provide day-to-day maintenance on the station and bill their time to the station fund.

The Police Department monitors the lot in addition to the private security company. The police also provide enforcement of the lot's permit regulations and meter collection. The Police Department gives all revenues collected from enforcement fines and meters to the Town Accounts so that the revenue goes to the station fund.

Procedure	Responsible Party
Opening and Closing of Station	Coffee Stand and/or Security
Housekeeping Inside Station	Coffee Stand, private company
Housekeeping Outside Station	DPW, private company
Daily Maintenance	DPW, private company
Preventative Maintenance	DPW
Landscaping	Private company
Security	Police Department, private company
Customer Service	DPW Supervisor, Town Clerk, Board of Selectmen
Tenant Performance	Board of Selectmen
Parking Enforcement	Police Department
Parking Fees and Permits	Town Clerk
Parking Operation Maintenance	DPW

Station Financial Review

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BETHEL FINANCES

ACCOUNTING ENTITY / BASIS

The Town of Bethel accounts for railroad parking in a special revenue fund identified as "Railroad Station" and includes this accounting in its comprehensive annual financial report.

FINANCIAL REPORTING TO STATE

The Town provides only its general-purpose financial statements to the State. These include the special revenue fund for railroad parking operations under the lease. This financial information is presented in summary format. A separate detailed report was not provided.

Financial measurements such as unit values for revenues or costs per space, etc. and units further broken down for each lot, is not required by the lease and not included with the financial information. Specific railroad lease operating or capital budgets are not necessarily a requirement of the lease or submission to the State.

REVENUES

The primary source of revenue is from permit and daily metered parking.

EXPENSES

Generally Classified Expenses – These expenses were not reported in detail by the Town. They are described in the Town's financial statements as "general government" expenses.

Metro-North and ConnDOT – The State also incurs station expenses through its service agreement with Metro-North / Metropolitan Transit Authority. These expenses are accounted for by Metro-North and included in the charge to the State. The expenses generally relate to maintaining the platform at each station.

The finances of the local government however do not include the station expenses paid by the State to Metro-North under the separate service agreement. These expenses include various maintenance responsibilities related to the stations and especially the platform area. Metro-North performs cyclical maintenance and on-call repairs and maintenance as needed. Metro-North also is responsible to maintain any ticketing area on railroad property. Such costs have been identified and included in the financial presentation.

The Metro-North service agreement also provides that the State pay for the allocated cost of station maintenance forces. These allocated indirect costs have not been included in the financial presentation.

The local government is not in direct control of the services rendered by Metro-North. These services are controlled by the service agreement. The service agreement is outside of the State lease agreement with the local government

ConnDOT also incurs expense for its administrative oversight of the operating leases and the physical properties. These expenses were not compiled or presented in the financial presentation.

EXPENSE ALLOCATION

The allocation of indirect expenses is a financial issue that would apply to most of the State lease agreements where the local government has determined that administrative charges are warranted and come under the "mutually determined charges" clause of the lease agreements. The lease is not clear as to exactly what charges are allowable. The allocations generally result from common costs such as administrative expenses or departmental expenses that do not exclusively service the railroad properties but service a number of funds and functional activities. The reasonableness or propriety of the allocation and method was not evaluated to determine if such costs were actually incremental or simply attributed to the leased property under a full absorption costing methodology.

PROFITABILITY / ACCUMULATED SURPLUS

The Town shows an accumulated surplus at June 30, 1999 of \$49,974. However, for fiscal year 2000 operations were reported to produce a deficit of \$8,338 (see observation below regarding special requirements).

The revenues and accumulated surplus excludes covering any of the Metro-North expenses. As previously mentioned Metro-North expenses are outside the lease agreement and not considered by the Town (or the State) as expenses that need to be covered by its parking fees.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS - SURPLUS/RESERVE/DEFICIT

The lease agreement does not specifically address the administration or funding of any deficit resulting from the State properties managed by the local government.

FINANCIAL PRESENTATION IN COMPARISON TO THE PARKING INVENTORY

A parking inventory and utilization report is presented separately as Task 2 in this study. The financial presentation herein and the parking inventory cover only the spaces which are subject to the State's lease with the Town of Bethel.

BETHEL RAILROAD STATION AND PARKING OPERATIONS

YEAR 1996								YEAR 1997							
OPERATING AGREEMENTS								OPERATING AGREEMENTS							
<u>REVENUES</u>	LO	CAL GOV'T	ME	TRO-NORTH		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>%</u>	LC	CAL GOV'T	ME	RO-NORTH	TOTAL	<u>%</u>		
PARKING	\$	26,563	\$	-	\$	26,563	99.8%	\$	45,806	\$	- \$	45,806	88.8%		
RENTS	\$	-	\$	-	\$	· -	0.0%	\$	-	\$	- \$	· -	0.0%		
INVESTED FUNDS	\$	66	\$	-	\$	66	0.2%	\$	5,763	\$	- \$	5,763	11.2%		
OTHER	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	<u> </u>	\$	- \$	-	0.0%		
	\$	26,629	\$		\$	26,629	100.0%	\$	51,569	\$	- \$	51,569	100.0%		
STATION, PLATFORMS AND PARKING EXPENSES															
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$	_	\$	1,466	\$	1.466	7.5%	\$	_	\$	1,686 \$	1,686	6.1%		
UTILITIES	\$	_	\$	-,	\$	-,	0.0%	\$	_	\$	- \$,	0.0%		
RENT	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	0.0%	\$	_		- 9		0.0%		
SECURITY	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	0.0%	\$	-	\$	- 9		0.0%		
INSURANCE AND CLAIMS	\$	-	\$	_	\$	-	0.0%	\$	-	\$	8 \$	8	0.0%		
GENERALLY CLASSIFIED EXPENSES (INCLUDING UNSPECIFIED -	•		·		•			•		·					
DIRECT, -INDIRECT, - ADMINISTRATIVE, -AND GENERAL															
ALLOCATIONS)	\$	17,353	\$	803	\$	18,156	92.5%	\$	25,983	\$	- \$	25,983	93.9%		
CONNECTICUT SALES TAX	\$		\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$		\$	- \$	-	0.0%		
	\$	17,353	\$	2,269	\$	19,622	100.0%	\$	25,983	\$	1,694	27,677	100.0%		
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	\$	9,276	\$	(2,269)	\$	7,007		\$	25,586	\$	(1,694) \$	23,892			
LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S RAILROAD FUND															
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT) LESS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S SHARE	\$	9,276	-					\$	34,862	=					
NET AVAILABLE RAILROAD FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		9,276							34,862	•					
STATE'S AVAILABLE SHARE @ 50%	\$	4,638	=					\$	17,431	=					

BETHEL RAILROAD STATION AND PARKING OPERATIONS

	YEAR 1998								YEAR 1999							
	OPERATING AGREEMENTS								OPERATING	AGRE	EMENTS					
<u>REVENUES</u>	LO	CAL GOV'T	ME	ETRO-NORTH		TOTAL	<u>%</u>	LC	OCAL GOV'T	ME	TRO-NORTH		TOTAL	<u>%</u>		
PARKING	\$	43,097	\$	-	\$	43,097	93.0%	\$	37,539	\$	-	\$	37,539	85.6%		
RENTS	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%		
INVESTED FUNDS	\$	3,236	\$	-	\$	3,236	7.0%	\$	6,307	\$	-	\$	6,307	14.4%		
OTHER	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%		
	\$	46,333	\$	-	\$	46,333	100.0%	\$	43,846	\$	-	\$	43,846	100.0%		
STATION, PLATFORMS AND PARKING EXPENSES																
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$	_	\$	400	\$	400	1.1%	\$	_	\$	3,732	\$	3,732	8.1%		
UTILITIES	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	_	\$		\$	-	0.0%		
RENT	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-	0.0%	\$	-			\$	_	0.0%		
SECURITY	\$	_	\$	_	\$	-	0.0%	\$	-	\$		\$	_	0.0%		
INSURANCE AND CLAIMS	\$	_	\$	-		-	0.0%	\$	-	\$	573	\$	573	1.2%		
GENERALLY CLASSIFIED EXPENSES (INCLUDING UNSPECIFIED -			•		•							•				
DIRECT, -INDIRECT, - ADMINISTRATIVE , -AND GENERAL																
ALLOCATIONS)	\$	35,573	\$	-	\$	35,573	98.9%	\$	39,494	\$	2,401	\$	41,895	90.7%		
CONNECTICUT SALES TAX	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%		
	\$	35,573	\$	400	\$	35,973	100.0%	\$	39,494	\$	6,706	\$	46,200	100.0%		
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	\$	10,760	\$	(400)	\$	10,360		\$	4,352	\$	(6,706)	\$	(2,354)			
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S RAILROAD FUND																
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT) LESS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S SHARE	\$	45,622	-					\$	49,974	-						
NET AVAILABLE RAILROAD FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		45,622	•						49,974	•						
STATE'S AVAILABLE SHARE @ 50%	\$	22,811	=					\$	24,987	=						

		YEAR 2000						
REVENUES	OPERATING AGREEMENTS LOCAL GOV'T METRO-NORTH				TOTAL		<u>%</u>	
REVENUES	LOC	SAL GOV I	METE	KO-NORTH		TOTAL	<u>70</u>	
PARKING	\$	40,422	\$	-	\$	40,422	87.1%	
RENTS	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	
INVESTED FUNDS	\$	6,009	\$	-	\$	6,009	12.9%	
OTHER	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	
	\$	46,431	\$	_	\$	46,431	100.0%	
STATION, PLATFORMS AND PARKING EXPENSES								
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	\$	-	\$	538	\$	538	1.0%	
UTILITIES RENT	\$ \$	-	\$	-	\$	-	0.0%	
SECURITY	э \$	-	\$ \$	-	\$ \$	_	0.0% 0.0%	
INSURANCE AND CLAIMS	\$	_	\$	_	\$	_	0.0%	
GENERALLY CLASSIFIED EXPENSES (INCLUDING UNSPECIFIED -	•		•		•			
DIRECT, -INDIRECT, - ADMINISTRATIVE , -AND GENERAL								
ALLOCATIONS)	\$	54,769	\$		\$	54,848	99.0%	
CONNECTICUT SALES TAX	\$	-	\$	=	\$	-	0.0%	
	\$	54,769	\$	617	\$	55,386	100.0%	
NET PROFIT (LOSS)	\$	(8,338)	¢	(617)	¢	(8,955)		
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S RAILROAD FUND								
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$	41,636						
LESS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S SHARE								
NET AVAILABLE RAILROAD FUND SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		41,636						
STATE'S AVAILABLE SHARE @ 50%	\$	20,818	=					

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