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STV WINS PRAISE FOR CONNECTICUT'S FIRST BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM



NEW YORK, MAY 15, 2015 – Applauded by federal and state officials for coming in on time and under budget, Connecticut’s first bus rapid transit (BRT) system recently went into revenue service with the help of STV, a leading engineering and construction management firm.

The 9.4-mile dedicated bus route runs from New Britain to the state capital in Hartford along an abandoned railway and has been dubbed CTfastrak. STV provided construction engineering and inspection services for a 2.2-mile stretch, which included the route’s longest bridge (638 feet). STV’s portion also included two smaller spans, two passenger rail stations, 16 retaining walls, sound barriers and a multiuse recreational trail.

“We overcame some major challenges in overseeing the construction of a bridge over two active roadways and through two large cemeteries” said Stephen Bombero, P.E., M. ASCE, the resident engineer who oversaw work on STV’s stretch of the corridor. “Our portion of the BRT route bisected two cemeteries with headstones within just a few feet of the abutment requiring special care and monitoring during construction.”

Construction for CTfastrak took less than 36 months and is expected to come in slightly under its estimated \$567 million budget. In marking the opening of the state’s first busway, Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said the project represents a down payment for the state’s future competitiveness as he embarks on a 30-year, \$100 billion program dubbed Let’s Go CT to improve roads, railways, airports and maritime ports.

Connecticut Department of Transportation Commissioner James Redeker hailed the project as a “game changer” for transportation in the state’s capital area and credited the “terrific partnership” with STV and the other contractors involved for its success. The busway will connect passengers to bus routes in Hartford and Waterbury as well as rail service and is expected to ease rush-hour congestion by 10 percent.

About STV: Since its earliest predecessor firm opened more than 100 years ago, STV has become a leader in providing engineering, architectural, planning, environmental services and construction management services for infrastructure, transportation systems, buildings and facilities, and energy. STV is ranked 42nd in Engineering News-Record’s Top 500 Design Firms survey. STV is 100 percent employee-owned. For more information, visit our website at www.stvinc.com or follow @STVGroup on Twitter.

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