



PASSENGER RAIL SURVEY

ABSTRACT

We are looking for input regarding whether you would like to see passenger rail once again in Eastern Connecticut, from New London to points north. We hope you will complete the survey; your opinion is important.

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Please email the completed survey to: maryann.chinatti@putnamct.us, or mail/drop it off at our office in Room 206 of the Putnam Municipal Complex at 200 School St., Putnam, CT 06260. This survey is also available on the Town's website at: www.putnamct.us



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Core Support & Interest

- **How interested are you in having passenger rail service in northeastern Connecticut?**
Strongly interested_____ Interested_____ Not interested_____
- **Do you support efforts to study or pursue passenger rail in our region?** Strongly support_____ Support_____ Oppose_____ Strongly oppose_____
- **Would you personally use passenger rail if it were available?** Yes_____ No_____ Maybe_____

Travel Patterns & Likely Usage

- **How often do you travel to the following destinations? (Providence, Worcester, Hartford, New London/Groton, Norwich, Boston, New York, other)** Daily_____ Weekly_____ Monthly_____ Rarely_____
- **If passenger rail existed, how often do you think you would use it?** Daily_____ Weekly_____ Monthly_____ Rarely_____
- **What types of trips would you use passenger rail for?** Work commute_____ Medical appointments_____ College_____ Shopping_____ Visiting family_____ Tourism_____ Airport access_____ Other_____
- **Which stations or towns would be most convenient for you?** Putnam_____ Plainfield_____ Killingly_____ Norwich_____ Willimantic_____ Other_____

Motivations:

- **What benefits do you think passenger rail could bring to northeastern Connecticut?**
Reduced traffic_____ Economic development_____ Access to jobs_____ Transportation for seniors_____ Environmental benefits_____ Tourism_____ Other_____
- **What is the main reason you would support passenger rail?**

Concerns: Passenger Rail

- **What concerns do you have about establishing passenger rail? (check all that apply)**

Cost/taxes_____ Noise_____ Safety_____ Ridership levels_____

Environmental impact_____ Property impacts_____ Government spending_____

Other_____

- **What would make you less likely to support passenger rail?**

Funding & Public Investment

- **How comfortable are you with public funds being used to support passenger rail?**

Not comfortable_____ → Comfortable_____ Very comfortable_____

- **Would you support passenger rail if it required a small increase in local or state taxes?**

Yes_____ No_____ Unsure_____

- **Would you support passenger rail if it were funded primarily through state or federal grants?**

Yes_____ No_____ Unsure_____

Open-Ended Insight

- **What is the most important factor we should consider when evaluating passenger rail?**

- **Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?**

Demographics

- **Age range:** 18 – 25_____ 26 – 40_____ 41 – 60_____ 61+_____

- **What town/city do you live in?** _____

- **Do you commute out of town?** Yes_____ No_____

- **Do you provide transportation for others (family to medical appts., etc.)?** Yes_____ No_____

Yes

- **Do you currently lack reliable transportation?** Yes_____ No_____