



# People to Jobs



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## **It's Working in Bridgeport**

With job access transportation funding, extended evening and weekend services have enabled thousands of residents to find employment in the region. Through People to Jobs, Greater Bridgeport Transit has also been able to address many of the mobility needs of residents which enable them to retain employment. In 2012, **riders boarded job access-funded services 747,185 times.**

## **It's Working in Norwalk**

In 2012, Norwalk Transit District provided **364,714 trips with job access-funded services.** These services, which complement Norwalk's core bus services, continue to help extend service into the evening, to seven days a week, and beyond the city's boundaries so residents can connect with employment opportunities available in the region.



***We ask Legislators to consider fully funding job access transportation services and the Transportation for Employment Independence Program to help respond to the growing demand for employment-related transportation in the region.***

## **It's Working in Stamford**

With the help of People to Jobs, residents in the Stamford region are able to access available employment in the area. Over the years people have grown to depend on job access services, with later evening and weekend service making employment a possibility for many. In 2012, **there were 159,694 boardings** on CTTRANSIT.

## **It's Working in the Valley**

Valley Transit District operates the Bridgeport Avenue Commuter Connection which links riders of Greater Bridgeport Transit (15) and CTTRANSIT New Haven (F6) to employers along the Bridgeport Avenue corridor in Shelton. Working with People to Jobs, Valley Transit continues to provide this essential service which has showed **increased ridership of 35%** in 2012.

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## It's Working Regionally

Coastal Link, a model service that has been in place since 1999, provides seamless, inter-regional service along the Route 1 corridor through Milford, Stratford, Bridgeport, Fairfield, Westport, Norwalk, and multiple links to Metro-North train service. In 2012, Coastal Link provided over 1,200,000 passenger trips. More days and hours of service and increased connectivity enabled thousands of the region's residents to find and keep employment. Extended evening hours also made many opportunities available along major employment corridors in the region.

## A Resource for Regional Growth — Did You Know?

- For more than ten years, the People to Jobs transportation program has helped thousands of Connecticut residents find and keep jobs.
- Today, many are dependent on bus transit services that were designed to meet their employment mobility needs.
- Expanded bus services, funded through the Connecticut Department of Transportation's "Transit Operations" budget and through the Connecticut Department of Social Services "Transportation for Employment Independence Program" have provided this critical link.

## What Can You Do?

- Employees and jobseekers need your help to eliminate transportation as a barrier to employment.
- Preserve Connecticut Department of Transportation and Connecticut Department of Social Services operating investment in bus transit.
- The operating investment (subsidy) for job access transportation is derived from the "**Transit Operations**" line item in the State's transportation budget as well as the "**Transportation for Employment Independence**" line item of the Department of Social Services budget. Funding in these line items continues to be threatened as the State attempts to deal with an increasing budget deficit. Cuts in these line items will lead to cuts in service and job loss for the **more than 10,000 average monthly unduplicated riders who board job access services over 1,500,000 times** throughout the region.