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NATIONAL TRAIN DAY TAKES ON NEW SIGNIFICANCE AND MEANING

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(May 6, 2011) --- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra says Hartford's efforts to improve the City's transportation system provide the perfect platform for this year's National Train Day celebration. May 7th marks the fourth annual event to promote and showcase rail travel as an integral part of the current and future transportation system.

"Hartford's transit vision is included in our '*One City, One Plan*' for conservation and development. There's the busway, the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield high speed rail line, and the pedestrian iQuilt vision that will all help transform Hartford into a transportation center for the region and a destination of choice that will ultimately benefit the entire state," said Mayor Segarra.

Hartford's historic Union Station is the destination for more than 700,000 passengers and visitors each year. Part of the "big picture thinking" of OCOP 2020 is to enhance this transit hub to spur economic growth in Connecticut's Capital City which in turn will create jobs, cut down on traffic and reduce pollution.

Mayor Segarra thanks Governor Malloy for his leadership at the state level and pledges his support and commitment to the transportation issue as a driver of the local economy.

In drafts of President Obama's FY 2012 Surface Transportation Bill, the President prominently acknowledges the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail line as a priority for the Northeast Corridor.