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HUB COMMITTEE EXPLORES OPTIONS FOR FUTURE OF I-84 VIADUCT

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(November 10, 2009)--- The Hub of Hartford Committee is beginning its work to suggest transportation solutions in the Capital Region including future options for the I-84 Viaduct in Downtown Hartford. The Viaduct is an elevated portion of the highway that extends from Exit 46 (Sisson Avenue) to Exit 48 (Asylum/Capitol Avenues). Repair work by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) is addressing emergency and short-term needs but a long-term vision is needed so that Hartford can be the transportation hub as well as the job hub of the state.

“Change won’t come overnight but it is important that the public takes part in this process so that we can add to the City’s vitality by connecting the energy and traffic flow of Downtown commerce and living to our neighborhoods and beyond,” said Mayor Eddie A. Perez. “The work being done here will complement Hartford’s ‘One City, One Plan’ (POCD 2020) guide to public/private development and policy decisions over the next decade.”

The Hub Committee was appointed by Mayor Perez and the study is being administered by its partner in this project, the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). The results of the study will be used by ConnDOT as a starting point for a more detailed technical study and environmental analysis. Hub Committee members, the Mayor, ConnDOT and CRCOG, invite residents and businesses to take part in this process.

“We have a rare opportunity to replace an aging, but highly significant piece of our transportation infrastructure. Our goal is to do so in a manner that serves the regional transportation needs while also strengthening the economic vitality and re-knitting the fabric of the City,” said Tom Maziarz, Director of Transportation at CRCOG.

The study process is scheduled to be completed in May 2010 and will include three public workshops. The first will be held on Thursday, November 19th with an opportunity to view information boards and speak one-on-one with project team and HUB members at the Open House from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and view a presentation and take part in a group discussion during the workshop from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lyceum Resource Center, 227 Lawrence Street in Hartford’s Frog Hollow neighborhood.

For more information on the study, please log on to www.crcog.org/viaduct.html