

Greater Bridgeport Transit Facility Expansion & Improvement Project

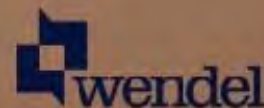
Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA)
Environmental Impact Evaluation

PUBLIC HEARING

November 18, 2010



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Tonight's Agenda

**Welcome &
Introductions**

Mr. Doug Holcomb, Greater Bridgeport Transit

Meeting Purpose

EIE Findings

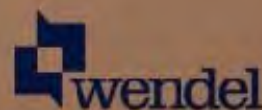
Ms. Laurel Stegina, Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc.

Your Comments

Moderated by Mr. Doug Holcomb



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An aerial photograph of a vast solar farm in a desert. The solar panels are arranged in long, parallel rows that stretch towards the horizon. The ground between the rows is covered with light-colored gravel. The sky is clear and bright. A semi-transparent white banner with a fine grid pattern is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text "Meeting Purpose".

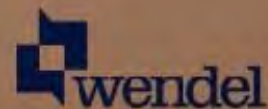
Meeting Purpose

Purpose of the Hearing


- To provide an overview of the project and its design elements
- To provide a summary of the Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) findings – review of possible project impacts and proposed measures to mitigate those impacts
- To hear your comments about the project design and EIE findings



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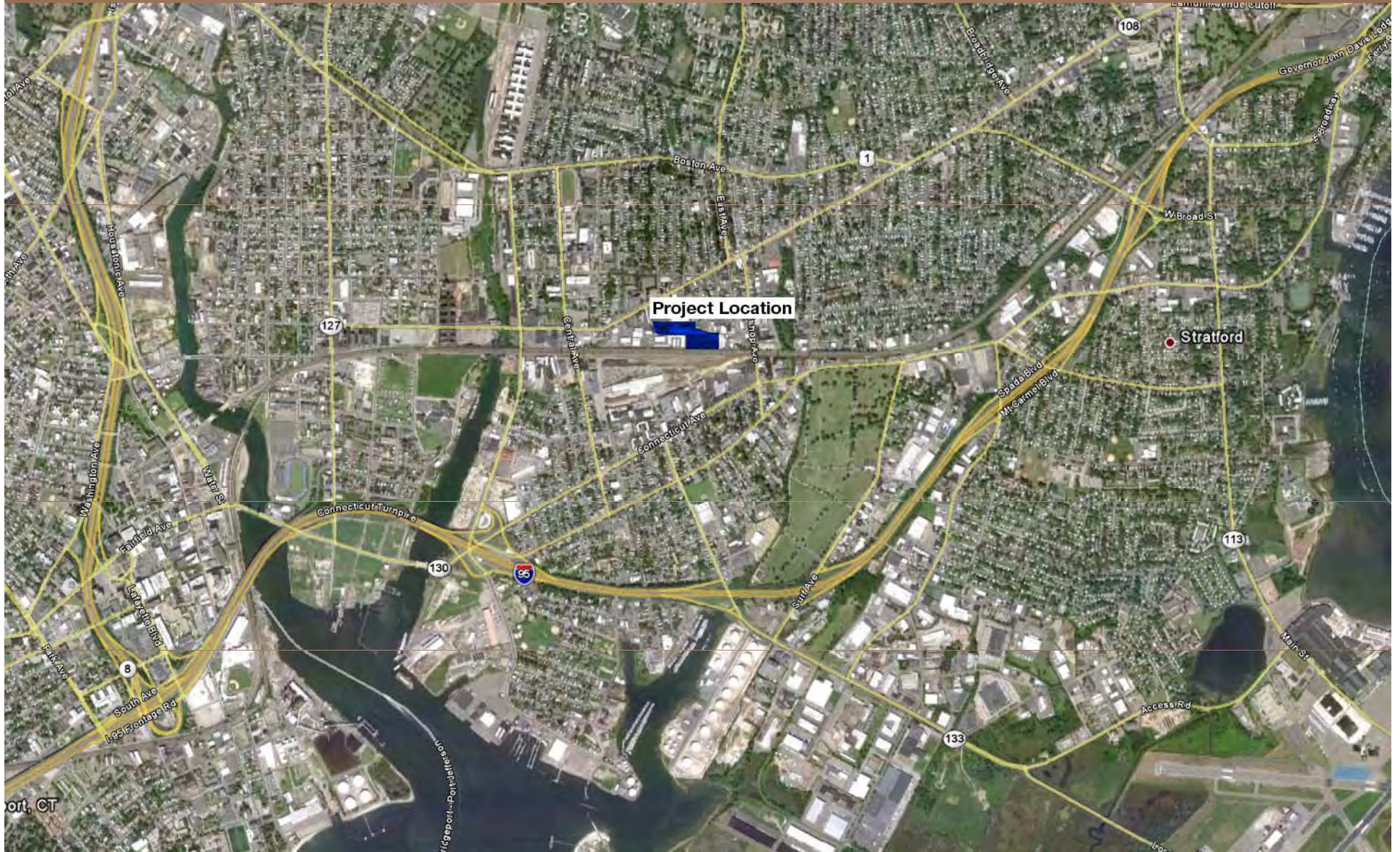


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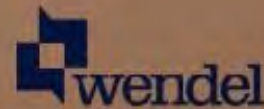
An aerial photograph of a vast solar farm. The image shows a dense grid of photovoltaic panels, each with a distinct blue and brown color scheme. The panels are arranged in long, parallel rows that stretch across the landscape. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the solar array. A semi-transparent white banner with a fine grid pattern is overlaid horizontally across the middle of the image, containing the text "Overview of the Project".

Overview of the Project

Location Map



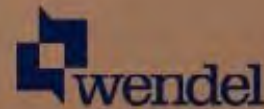
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Project Area



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Overview of the Project Goals and Objectives

Project Description

- This project includes the expansion and improvement of the GBT's administration and maintenance facility located at One Cross Street, Bridgeport Connecticut which houses all of the administrative, bus maintenance and bus storage activities of the GBT.
- The project will provide additional space for vehicle maintenance and indoor storage along with additional training, operations and administrative space to accommodate agency growth. Repairs are also being made to the existing facility.

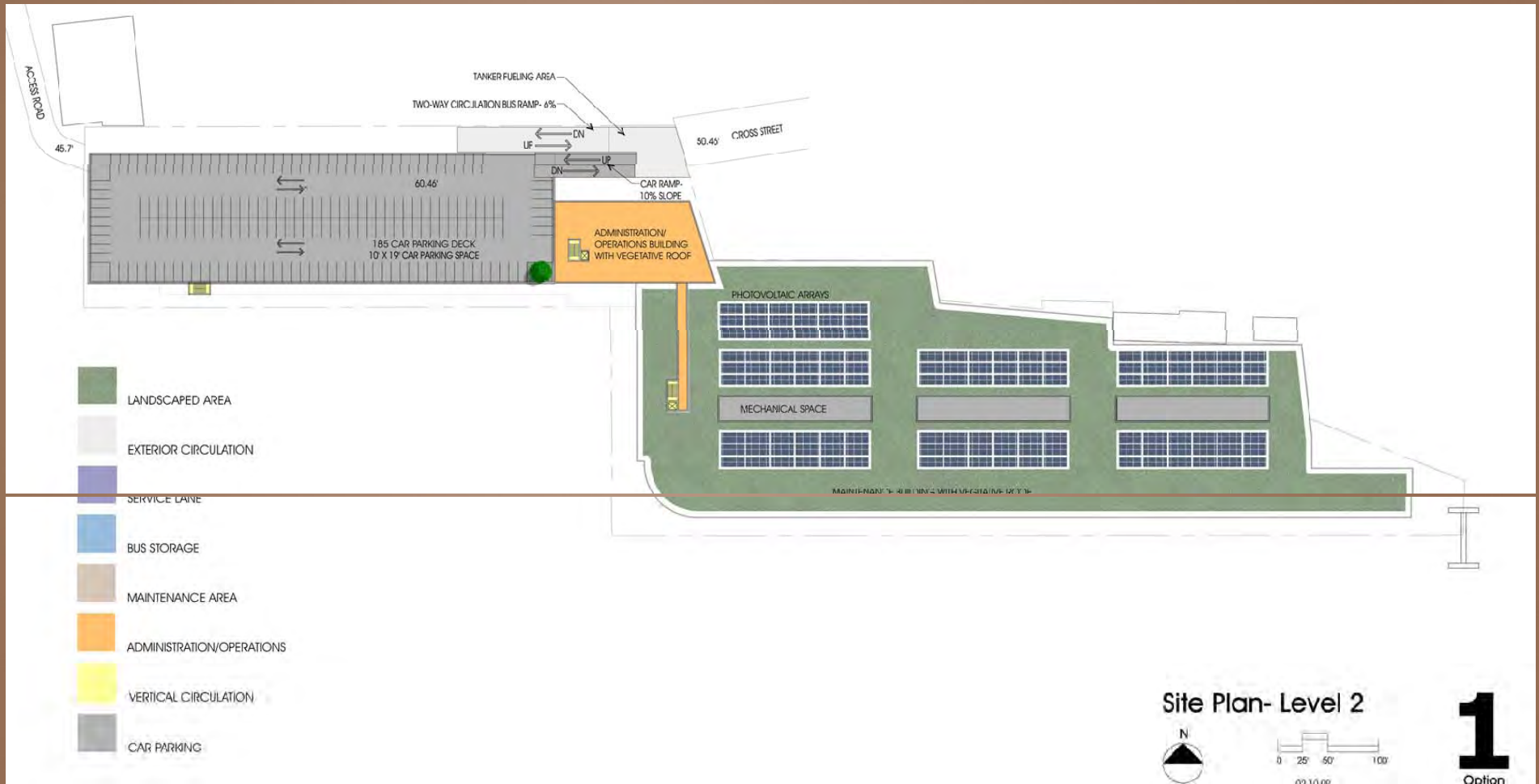


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Project Site Plan



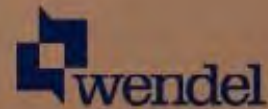
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Proposed Facility



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An aerial photograph of a desert landscape, showing a winding path or road through sparse, low-lying vegetation. The terrain is arid, with patches of green and yellow shrubs scattered across a light brown, sandy ground. The path is a darker, more defined line that curves through the scrubland. The overall scene is a typical representation of a semi-arid or desert environment.

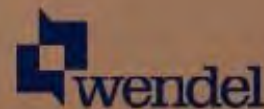
EIE Findings

Why Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE)?

- State funding involved
- Connecticut Environmental Policy Act (CEPA) triggered
- Assessment to identify...
 - Possible project impacts
 - Ways to avoid impacts in project design
 - Measures to offset unavoidable impacts
- To provide opportunity for public input

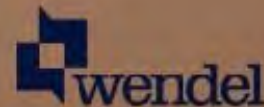


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Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) Process



Resource Evaluation Overview

- Traffic and parking
 - Land use and Zoning
 - Neighborhoods
 - Socioeconomic factors
 - Public safety
 - Utilities
 - Historic and archaeological sites
 - Noise
 - Air Quality
 - Aesthetics
 - Hazardous materials
 - Energy Use
 - Soils and geology
 - Wildlife
 - Water quality
 - Wetlands
 - Groundwater
 - Floodplains
- Both beneficial and adverse impacts identified
 - Impact response:
 - Avoid
 - Minimize
 - Mitigate



Key Findings

Anticipated Beneficial Impacts

- Expanded space for maintenance/administration, vehicle storage, employee parking
- Improve safety for workers and nearby residents
 - Better site access and traffic circulation
 - Fewer vehicle-pedestrian conflicts
- State-of-the art facility
 - More energy efficient and sustainable “green design” building
 - More visually pleasing, with landscaping to buffer the site
- If contaminated soils are found on site, they will be properly disposed of at a licensed facility

Anticipated Adverse Impacts

- Temporary construction impacts relative to noise, air quality, storm water runoff, and potential disruption of public utilities



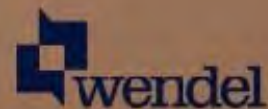
Proposed Mitigation

During Construction Period

- Functional muffler devices on all construction equipment
- Adherence to weekday work schedule
- Contract bid specifications to reduce diesel emissions
- Fugitive dust controls
- Appropriate application of erosion and sedimentation controls
- Coordinate with public utility companies



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Places to Read the EIE Document

- **Bridgeport Library**, Burroughs Building, Main Library, 925 Broad Street, Bridgeport
- **City Clerk's Office**, 45 Lyon Terrace (Room 204), Bridgeport
- **Connecticut Department of Transportation**, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington
- **Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency**, 525 Water Street, Suite One, Bridgeport
- **Greater Bridgeport Transit**, One Cross Street, Bridgeport
- **Connecticut State Library**, 231 Capital Avenue, Hartford



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An aerial photograph of a large-scale solar farm. The image shows a vast field of solar panels arranged in neat, parallel rows. The panels are a deep blue color, and the grid lines between them are clearly visible. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the panels, which creates a strong sense of depth and repetition. The lighting is bright, suggesting a clear day, and the overall color palette is dominated by the blue of the panels and the brownish-tan of the ground between them.

Public Comments

Send Comments to:

Mr. Mark Alexander

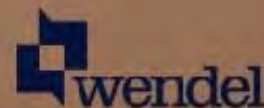
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Written comments must be postmarked by
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Thank You