



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**



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October 2, 2007

Mr. Mark W. Haddad
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Dear Mr. Haddad:

**Subject: Proposed Improvements to the
Stratford Railroad Station**

The Department of Transportation (Department), Office of Rail, is in receipt of your letter dated September 10, 2007 regarding proposed improvements to the Stratford Railroad Station facility.

The Department approves the request of the Town of Stratford (Town) to administer all projects outlined in the aforementioned letter with the exception of item no. 3, westbound platform canopy installation. While the introduction of a canopy to protect commuters from the weather is an understandable request, the Department is opposed to the proposed design offered by the Town. It is recommended that this item be tabled and mutually re-visited for consideration under a future improvement program.

All project-related expenses, including any required Metro-North Railroad support services costs, are approved for disbursement from the Town-administered Stratford Rail Station Fund. However, the Department respectfully requests that appropriate financial documentation detailing total project costs be submitted for recordkeeping purposes upon project completion.

I have designated Mr. Craig M. Bordiere of the Station Governance Unit to serve as the Department's point of contact on this matter. Mr. Bordiere will keep in contact with you and other Town officials to facilitate the completion of all approved projects. He can be reached in New Haven, Connecticut at (203) 789-7656, extension 126.

Mr. Mark W. Haddad

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October 3, 2007

The Department appreciates the Town's continued efforts to improve the conditions at the Stratford Railroad Station.

Very truly yours,



Eugene J. Colonese
Rail Administrator
Bureau of Public Transportation

cc: Mayor James R. Miron, Town of Stratford