

CCIA HIGHLIGHTS *of the week*

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THE NEW HARTFORD LINE train stations in Windsor and Windsor Locks are undergoing construction and are years away from the major overhauls seen in similar train stations south of Hartford in Berlin, Meriden, and Wallingford, according to an [article](#) in the *Hartford Courant*. Ultimately, ConnDOT plans to build new transit centers near both of the stations. In Windsor Locks, construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2020 to build a new \$65 m. platform but there is no timeline for the construction of the new Windsor platform. The department is also working to complete the laying of double-track north of Hartford; however, there is no funding to finish the double-tracking, or a new station in Windsor, or a key rail bridge over the Connecticut River.

GOVERNOR MALLOY and UConn President Susan Herbst cut the ribbon to the university's new \$95 m. Engineering and Science Building this week, [according](#) to *CT Mirror*. The new building houses the School of Engineering and the Institute for Systems Genomics the undergraduate and graduate students. The project included the multi-story research building, a large housing complex for STEM-field students, and a 3,400-foot road extension to connect the Storrs campus technology park with Route 44 on the campus' northern edge.

GOVERNOR MALLOY and other state officials announced this week that the state has selected FuelCell Energy of Danbury and Deepwater Wind to provide renewable power under a request for clean energy, according to an [article](#) in the *Stamford Advocate*. State officials also selected fuel cell projects based in Colchester and New Britain. The combined fuel cell projects will bring 52 megawatts of clean electricity. Deepwater Wind will provide 200 megawatts from its Revolution Wind project, a 25-turbine wind farm to be built in federal water near Martha's Vineyard. Construction of the wind farm is scheduled to begin in 2021 and power is to be delivered by 2023.

ALL FOUR REPUBLICAN gubernatorial candidates, at a recent debate, see Connecticut's transportation infrastructure and depleted Special Transportation Fund as major challenges, and while each promised better transportation, none committed to new revenue, according to an [article](#) in *CT Mirror*. In response to presumptive Democratic nominee Ned Lamont's openness to electronic tolling, Republicans said the state needs to be more efficient in transportation spending, not impose tolls on motorists. "I believe in nothing that sends more money to Hartford that is unchecked," tech entrepreneur Steve Obsitnik said at the New Haven debate. "When we send more money to Hartford, what happens? It is spent on some other project."

INDEPENDENT GUBERNATORIAL candidate Oz Griebel this week said among his first actions would be to bring back the state's transportation strategy board and established an electronic tolling system on I-84, I-91, and I-95 within three years, according to an [article](#) in the *Hartford Courant*. The re-establishment of the transportation strategy board would go hand-in-hand with Griebel's plan to create

200,000 jobs by 2028, he said. "One of the things that's key to job growth, job retention, is a modern transportation system," said Griebel.

REPUBLICAN GUBERNATORIAL candidate David Sterman touted a proposal this week to upgrade Bridgeport's harbor and the Sikorsky Memorial Airport in Stratford under a transit-infrastructure proposal, according to an [article](#) in the *Stamford Advocate*. In a 16-page outline, Sterman promised a 45-minute train ride to New York City, an expansion of Sikorsky Airport, a "free-flowing" I-95, and high-speed ferry service to Manhattan for a possible new resort casino proposed for Bridgeport.

CONNECTICUT'S PROMISE to live within its means ahead of a \$492 m. debt sale has attracted Wall Street investors eager for lucrative, yet safe investment returns, *Hartford Business Journal* [reports](#). State Treasurer Denise Nappier announced Friday that individual and institutional investors came to Connecticut's debt underwriters with \$1.5 b. worth of orders for the state's issue of general obligation and refunding notes, more than triple the amount available.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATE'S first casino off a tribal reservation is scheduled to begin this fall in East Windsor, and it could open in the spring of 2020, according to an [article](#) in the *Hartford Courant*. New renderings show MMCT Venture LLC, the joint venture formed by the Mashantucket Pequot and Mohegan tribes to develop the \$300 m. project, plans a one-story casino with an attached five-story parking garage. At a public hearing this week before the town's planning and zoning commission, MMCT's engineers and architects estimated that construction would take 18 months and would require improvements to nearby intersections to handle increased traffic.

STATE REGULATORS HAVE passed on a \$750 m. merger agreement between Connecticut Water Service Inc. and California's SJW Group, according to an [article](#) in *Hartford Business Journal*. In a draft decision last week, PURA said the May 4 application for the combined companies is "not ripe for review" and dismissed the request for approval after the Clinton-based water utility announced it would solicit outside bids for 45 days. Connecticut Water

officials said the dismissal was "understandable" given its current open bidding process and added they will file another merger application once it finalizes a deal.

IT COULD COST AROUND \$50 m. over the next 20 years to bring the Easthampton, Massachusetts' aging water, wastewater, and stormwater systems up to modern standards, *MassLive reports*. Plans to replace and upgrade such infrastructure are to be discussed this week when the Board of Public Works hosts a public hearing on a brand-new "integrated water resources management plan." It's been estimated that \$8.35 b. is due in wastewater infrastructure across the state.

EVERSOURCE NOTIFIED the Connecticut Public Utilities Commission that it will submit an updated proposal to replace the company's agreement to purchase capacity on the proposed Access Northeast gas pipeline expansion, *according to the New Hampshire Union Leader*. Access Northeast is a \$3 b. joint venture proposed by Eversource, Spectra Energy, and National Grid to be funded by electricity ratepayers.

CONNDOT ISSUED updated advertising schedules this week, [one](#) that lists projects to be advertised from June 2018 through May 2019, and [another](#) that lists projects to be advertised from June 2018 through November 2018.

CONNDOT BID RESULTS, of June 13, 2018: [Proposal No. 0102-0285](#), Intersection Improvements on U.S. Route 1 at Strawberry Hill Ave. (Norwalk): Waters Construction Co., Inc.: \$4,461,102.00; B&W Paving & Landscaping LLC: \$4,476,862.00; Guerrero Construction Co., Inc.: \$5,118,447.50.

RHODE ISLAND BEGAN charging tractor-trailers to drive on I-95 this week according to an [article](#) in *Transport Topics*. In the three years since state lawmakers began debating the truck toll proposal, the trucking industry has called it unfair and warned legal action is likely once tolls are charged. "The tolling systems are working well," RIDOT spokesman Charles St. Martin wrote in an email. "RIDOT is implementing tractor-trailer-only tolling because trucks cause the greatest amount of damage to our roads and bridges and yet pay a disproportionately small share for the upkeep and repair of those roads."

AGC OF AMERICA has sent out a [legislative alert](#) to members asking them to contact their U.S. Senators and tell them to support bipartisan legislation that would allow Congress to eventually end the sweeping tariffs on steel and aluminum. Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN) has introduced an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2019 that would require congressional approval of such tariffs imposed within the previous two years, which include those currently in effect for steel and aluminum.

DOMINO'S PIZZA has launched "Paving for Pizza," which will allow individuals to nominate their town on a [website](#) by zip code. The towns chosen will get money to

fix their crumbling roads and ensure the integrity of pizza remains intact, the company said. Domino's said it has previously helped towns in Texas, California, Georgia and Delaware fix their roads.

INITIAL ENFORCEMENT of the crystalline silica standard begins June 23, according to an [OSHA memorandum](#). The standard establishes a new 8-hour time-weighted average permissible exposure limit, action level, and associated ancillary requirements. During the first 30 days of enforcement, OSHA will offer compliance assistance for those employers who make good faith efforts to comply with the new standard. OSHA intends to issue interim enforcement guidance until a compliance directive on the new standard is finalized.

HOW OSHA WORKS is the subject of a question and answer [article](#) in *EHS Today*. Two retired OSHA officers, who have a shared 47 years of experience and who now work for a consulting firm, provide inside information about what prompts, and occurs during, an OSHA inspection. The article explores such topics as why OSHA picks certain companies for inspection, what documents are required to be turned over the compliance officer, if a company can require OSHA to obtain a warrant, and whether or not a company can limit the scope of an inspection.

THE 2018 YCF GOLF OUTING will be held on Thurs., July 26, 2018, from 2:30 pm - 6:30 pm, at Lyman Orchards, Middlefield, CT. YCF member cost (\$100 pp) includes nine holes of golf, cart, use of the driving range and putting green, plus reception dinner and beverages. Please register foursome by July 12th by emailing [Jean Barlage](#) or [online](#). Sponsorships are available; reference [printable registration form](#) for details.

SAVE THE DATE: The 2018 Diggers Mixers Fixers Jim Langlois Memorial Golf Outing is on Mon., Sept. 24th 2018 at the Southington Country Club from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Registration and sponsorship opportunities will be announced soon.

CCIA HAS TWO (2) complimentary tickets for any one day to the Travelers Championship golf tournament, June 21-24, 2018 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell. These tickets are available to any CCIA member on a first-come, first-serve basis. If interested, please contact [John Wilhelm](#) at 860-529-6855. Thank you to Travelers for their donation.

FLIERS INCLUDED IN HIGHLIGHTS, 6/15/18: 1) [CCIA June Calendar](#); 2) [AGC/CT & Foundation Golf Tournament](#), 7/16; 3) [YCF Golf Tournament](#); 7/26.

FROM THE INTERNET: On June 15, 1911, the Computing-Tabulating-Recording Co. was incorporated in the state of New York. The company was later renamed International Business Machines (IBM) Corp. The oldest word in the English language is "town." There is no sound in space. The last president that wasn't a Republican or Democrat was Millard Fillmore in 1853.