

**Project Description:**  
Parking Garage at New Haven  
Union Station

**Project No:** 301-114

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**Project Scope:**

This project will create an approximately 670 to 1,000 space garage on the parcel of State-owned land between the historic Union Station and the Church Street Extension overpass over the rail yard. The facility will feature a pedestrian bridge connecting the new garage to the station building at its second level. This will allow separation of pedestrian and vehicular flow. The lowest level of the facility is envisioned to be an area for the circulation of intercity bus and possibly taxi. With Union Station being on the National Register of Historic Place, this project will require coordination with the State Historic Preservation Office. This project is considered Phase 1 of a multi phase project where additional parking to meet future forecasted demand would be built adjacent to the existing parking garage on the opposite side of the station.

**Financial Sources:**

\$4 million of Preliminary Engineering approved at January 27, 2009, State Bond Commission Meeting.

**Budget Analysis:**

The first product of the preliminary engineering phase will be a Connecticut and Federal Environmental planning document which will establish an initial estimate for the construction cost of this facility.

**Schedule Analysis:**

The Department has selected Medina Consultants to perform this assignment. A scope of work has been developed and the Department has completed scoping and negotiations. The Consultant has started work and the schematic design phase should be completed by mid 2012.

**Challenges and Risks:**

Certainly a major challenge is developing a thorough set of documents to ensure preservationists that new parking supply can be added in such close proximity and in fact connect to a historic building. The other major challenge is addressing the temporary relocation of buses, deliveries and normal commuting patterns of patrons during construction.

**Outlook:**

The Department will get a good understanding of the level of regional and community support or criticism of this project when it holds its public hearing for the environmental document. The public hearing would likely take place the first quarter 2012. Following the approval of the environmental document, a supplemental agreement would be negotiated to complete the design effort.

**Recent Activity:**

The consultant and the Department have consummated an agreement and started work. The conceptual design showing three options has been submitted and is being reviewed. The consultant is also reviewing various traffic options.