

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced today that Connecticut has received \$40 million in federal stimulus funding that will be used to add double-tracking to the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail line – the first step toward providing high-speed commuter rail service in that corridor.

“This is great news for one of the most important and ambitious public transportation projects we have undertaken in years,” said Governor Rell. “Indeed, this is more than a transportation project – it is an investment in Connecticut’s economy and will create a great many jobs. I believe that a viable commuter rail system through the center of our state and region is not only important for commuters, but for the opportunities it brings to the communities up and down the line.”

For more information and to view a map of the rail line, please visit <http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?A=3872&q=454662> .