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Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center Under Construction

May 23, 2013 – Earlier this month, the Town of Mansfield oversaw the beginning of construction of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center planned in Storrs Center. Gregg Wies & Gardner Architects of New Haven designed the building, and the Town selected W. J. Mountford Company of South Windsor through a competitive bid process to construct the building.

The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center will be a key feature in Storrs Center with its convenient location adjacent to the Storrs Center parking garage. It will be a central stop for local, regional, and intrastate buses, including WRTD and UConn buses. Bus patrons will be able to track bus locations through an integrated technology system and wait for their bus either inside or outside the facility.

The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center will also offer amenities for bicyclists, whether casual riders or commuters. There will be bike lockers for storage, and commuters will be able to sign up to use showers and changing rooms.

Funding for the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center is provided by a \$4.9 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration. The Greater Hartford Transit District is administering the grant.

In addition to buses and bicycles, a shared car program is available to Mansfield residents. The Town and the University of Connecticut began a car-sharing program with Hertz on Demand in 2012. There is no charge to become a member of the program, which now boasts over 800 members. There are two vehicles assigned to the Storrs Center parking garage and four vehicles on the UConn campus. For more information about the car-sharing program, please visit www.hertzondemand.com.

The Storrs Center parking garage also features four electric vehicle charging stations, which are open to the public.

The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center is expected to open in the fall of 2013. Plans for the facility call for it to serve as an informational hub as well as a transit hub. With the opening of the Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center, Mansfield residents will have greater access to a wider variety of alternative transportation modes.

The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center is named for Dennison Nash and Gary Zimmer, two longtime Mansfield residents who were strong advocates for alternative transportation.