



Citizen Group Announces Start of Coordinated Rail and Bus Feasibility Study For East End of Long Island, New York

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At a press conference held in Southampton Town Hall, New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Southampton Town Supervisor Patrick "Skip" Heaney and other local elected officials, together with Five Town Rural Transit (5TRT) Executive Director Hank de Cillia, announced the signing of an agreement with the U.S. DOT Volpe National Transportation Systems Center (Volpe Center) in Cambridge, MA to conduct a Feasibility Study for a "Coordinated Rail and Bus Network on the East End of Long Island in New York."

The Study evolved from the East End Shuttle Development Proposal prepared by the 5TRT citizen group in early 2006, calling for a formal evaluation of the Shuttle concept and other possible public transit alternatives by a recognized, third party transit consulting organization. The 5TRT Board is very pleased the Volpe Center has been selected to be the principal contractor for the Study.

The attached 5TRT Fact Sheet and a Work Synopsis from the Volpe Center will provide more details about the project, which will commence in November, 2007 and last for approximately one year.

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Project Name
**Feasibility Study for Creation of
Coordinated Rail and Bus Network
on East End of Long Island**

- Project Sponsors
- **East End Town and Village Governments**
 - **Five Town Rural Transit (5TRT), Inc.**

Project Applicant/Administrator

- **Town of Southampton,
on Behalf of the five East End Towns:
East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island,
Southampton and Southold**

Concept Development

- **Five Town Rural Transit
Proposal for East End Shuttle**

Principal Project Contractor

- **U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Volpe National Transportation Systems Center**

Project Funding (\$400,000 Total)

- **New York State Department of State (NYS/DOS)
Shared Municipal Services Incentive Grant Program (90%)**
- **The Five East End Towns (10%)**

- Project Goals
- 1. Validate East End Shuttle Concept
and/or Alternative(s)**
 - 2. Evaluate Options for Developing and Operating
Any New Transit Services**