

Interpretive Panels New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail Project



Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). The interpretive panels provide citizens with an opportunity to learn about the historic significance of the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield line and the architectural and engineering significance of the various elements that make up the line. Topics included railroad stations in the communities, local industries served by rail, the New Haven Railroad during World War II, women and minority rail workers, electrification of the New Haven line, snow trains for skiers, and other special events trains.

AHS prepared the cultural resource sections of environmental-impact documents for upgrading the New Haven-to-Springfield rail corridor in central Connecticut and western Massachusetts. The project includes restoration of a second track, passing sidings, a new layover yard in Springfield, grade-crossing improvements, new stations, and improvements to existing stations. As part of the enhancement of the route, a series of interpretive and educational exhibits were installed at many of the stations.

Throughout the project, AHS coordinated with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), the State

