Route 7/15 Norwalk Project –
PAC Sub-committee Meeting on Purpose and Need

Tuesday, September 12th, 101 Merritt, Norwalk
Route 7/15 Norwalk - AGENDA

• Introductions
• Role of subcommittee
• “Purpose” of Purpose and Need
• Review of Draft Purpose and Need
• Comments Received
• Discussion
• Next Steps/Questions
Work collaboratively with Project Team to help refine Purpose and Need Statement
What is Purpose & Need?

1. Defines the transportation problem
2. Limits range of alternatives- “reasonable, prudent and practicable”
3. Guides the alternatives analysis process
4. Clear, well-justified, specific and comprehensive

P&N is the foundation for the selection of a course of action
Route 7/15 Norwalk - DRAFT PURPOSE AND NEED

- Purpose and Need Statement

Goals & Objectives

Transportation Deficiencies

Public and Agency Input

Purpose and Need Statement
Route 7/15 Norwalk - Project Area
Route 7/15 Norwalk - DRAFT PROJECT PURPOSE

- Improve **system linkage** between Route 7 and the Merritt Parkway
- Improve the **mobility** for all users at the Merritt Parkway’s Main Avenue and Route 7 Interchanges
- Improve **safety** in the vicinity of these interchanges
• **System linkage**: need to provide complete connections between Route 7/Merritt Parkway

• **Safety**: current interchanges have safety deficiencies

• **Mobility**: additional linkages need to improve user mobility

• **Congestion**: need to reduce congestion and delays at intersections
Provide **other factors** that will be considered in the alternatives evaluation process

- Ensure long-term serviceability of corridor
- Maximize public investment in corridor
- Ensure better interchange integration with environment and neighborhood context
- Provide for pedestrian and bicycle access
DISCUSSION

• Questions related to Purpose and Need process
• Comments received
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QUESTIONS?