# MERGER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 7 January 25, 2022

### **GOVERNANCE**

2021

October: Letter of Intent executed by CTDOT—COMPLETED

ETC develops into Merger Oversight Committee--COMPLETED

**November:** Inform State Legislators of status –COMPLETED

Update Power Point presentation COMPLETED

Joint Service Study Committee formed --COMPLETED

**December:** Middletown (completed), Durham (December 13), and Middlefield (Nov. 29)

vote to join ETD (Middletown and Durham COMPLETED) Middlefield Town vote

to be held January 24, 2022

ETD votes to accept MAT member towns as members of ETD, effective date

December 17 Board Meeting-- COMPLETED

HR STUDY RFP issued (COMPLETED)

2022

January: The expanded ETD's Nominating Committee will provide a slate of officers for

the February 11, 2022 Board meeting—(01/25/22)

MTD Towns appoint new Board members to Expanded Board (01/25/22)

Expanded Board agree on revised by-laws and policies -ON SCHEDULE at Jan 7

Revised 1/14/22

meeting—COMPLETED

ETC recommended submitting by-laws and policies to Expanded Board

COMPLETED by ETC

Issue RFP for fare study (\$50,000) COMPLETED Issued 1/7/22

issue RFP for rebranding/marketing study (\$100,000) 01/25/22

Joint Study Committee of ETD and MAT members - COMPLETED

PUBLIC MEDIA EVENT -TBD Comerford, Lee and Strauss will develop a plan for

media event--ON HOLD

**February:** Request FTA approval to transfer MTD assets and awards to ETD COMPLETED

March: Joint Board meeting on FY22-23 budget for merged district and acceptance of

FY2023 dues

HR Study begins

**April:** Rebranding/marketing study begins

Fare study begins

May: Public Media Event (after acquisition of Shoreline property)

June: FY 22-23 budget adopted by new board

Conduct fare hearings

July: CTDOT forgives MAT debt concurrent with new Master Agreement

Operational merger occurs; officially begin operating as one district

Implement unified fares STUDY RELATED

Begin marketing campaign

**October:** Rebrand website, schedules, etc.

Winter: MTD Board votes to dissolve MAT

ETD invites other towns to join

## **FACILITIES**

#### 2021

November: MTD land acquired —COMPLETED

December: Shoreline facility space program - DOT performing information gathering re:

space requirements (01/25/22)

DOT programs funding for land acquisition for shoreline facility— DOT working

on inclusion in 2022 budget (01/25/22)

2022

January: Engage design services consultant for all facilities—DOT working on inclusion

2022 budget (01/25/22)

DOT assigns Facility Master Plan to on-call consultant (01/25/22)

**February:** Determine start date for Shoreline Real Estate Market Review, if necessary

(\$125,000)

Shoreline site negotiation (01/25/22-

Confirm facility programs (01/25/22)

Kickoff facility design (01/25/22)

**March:** Site plans/preliminary facility concepts

Facility program & site master plan charettes

**April:** 30% Middletown maintenance facility design/NEPA

**May:** Final facility program & site master plan

Complete shoreline land acquisition

**July:** 60% Middletown maintenance facility design

Facility Master Plan completed by DOT

August: 30% Shoreline facility design/NEPA

2023

March: 60% Shoreline facility design

**April:** 90% Middletown maintenance facility design

May: 90% Shoreline facility design

Fall: IFB construction Middletown maintenance facility

Winter: Start Middletown Maintenance facility construction

IFB construction for Shoreline facility

2024

Winter: Start construction of Shoreline facility

**PUBLIC MEDIA EVENT** 

2025

Winter: Shoreline facility opens

**PUBLIC MEDIA EVENT** 

Design storage facility upgrades

**Spring:** IFB for Middletown storage facility upgrades

**Summer:** Middletown maintenance facility opens

Begin Middletown storage facility upgrades

2026

**Spring:** Complete Middletown storage facility upgrades

# **OPERATIONS AND STAFFING**

2021

October: Letter to staff and Teamsters (after Letter of Intent is accepted--COMPLETED

Approve procurement of: new buses, support vehicle, service struck, planning

software, AVL system, and radios--COMPLETED

November: CTDOT provides TODs for new HR, Lead Supervisor, and Grants & Procurement

positions—COMPLETED

CTDOT issues TOD's for remaining Special Studies COMPLETED

Potential start date for legal consultation (\$50,000) COMPLETED

Purchase order for Planning Software COMPLETED

Receive FFY21 5307 split agreement (01/25/22)

Receive Covid relief funds split agreement (\$2.5 million)—RECEIVED \$3million

(01/25/22)

**December:** Submit FFY 22 additional capital projects funding request - In progress by

CTDOT(01/25/22)

Issue Operating TODs for capital projects (01/25/22)

Issue Purchase Order for radios (01/25/22)

2022

January: Begin discussions with CTDOT re: FY22 combined TODs (01/25/22

Issue RFP for AVL software

February: Implement new radio system in Middletown DELAYED (01/25/22)

Begin phasing of shared call center and dispatch operations (01/25/22

Potential Start date for any other special studies needed (\$50,000) (01/25/22

**March:** Begin sharing of planning and run-cutting software

**April:** Begin sharing of technology (AVL)

Receive FFY 22 5307 split agreement

**June:** Fill new supervisor and dispatch positions

July: Implement expanded Dial-A-Ride

Move MAT support staff to ETD payroll

Implement joint work rules/operating policies

Fully implement shared call center and dispatching

Implement planning software

Implement new radio system

**October:** Potential start date to rebrand vehicles, signage, website, etc. (\$350,000)

RFP issued for Fare Collection system

**Fall:** Teamsters contract negotiations begin

2023

**January**: Remaining Middletown staff move to ETD payroll

**June:** Potential start date to acquire new fare collection equipment for joint fleet

2024

**Spring:** CTDOT provides TOD's for remaining staff positions

**Winter:** Fill remaining staff positions

Note: Unless otherwise specified, dates are intended as completion on or before.