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Commuter rail may come to the city of homes



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SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (WWLP) - A \$300 million commuter rail is already underway in Connecticut that runs from Enfield to New Haven, connecting with the metropolitan New York City . If Massachusetts wants to jump on board, the state will need to invest \$30 million to make Springfield a vital rail link.

Thirty million dollars may seem like a lot, but its es ted construction on the rail system here in Springfield would bring at least \$152 million in economic development to the area, meaning more construction jobs, retail, and a chance to possibly revitalize the downtown area.

If the state does not jump on board the project, the commuter train will come to Springfield but only to turn around. There will be no getting on or o the train.

If you would like to know more about the project you c come to a meeting Thursday night at 7:30 at Starbucks in Springfield on Columbus Ave. You can also click the link to the left.

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