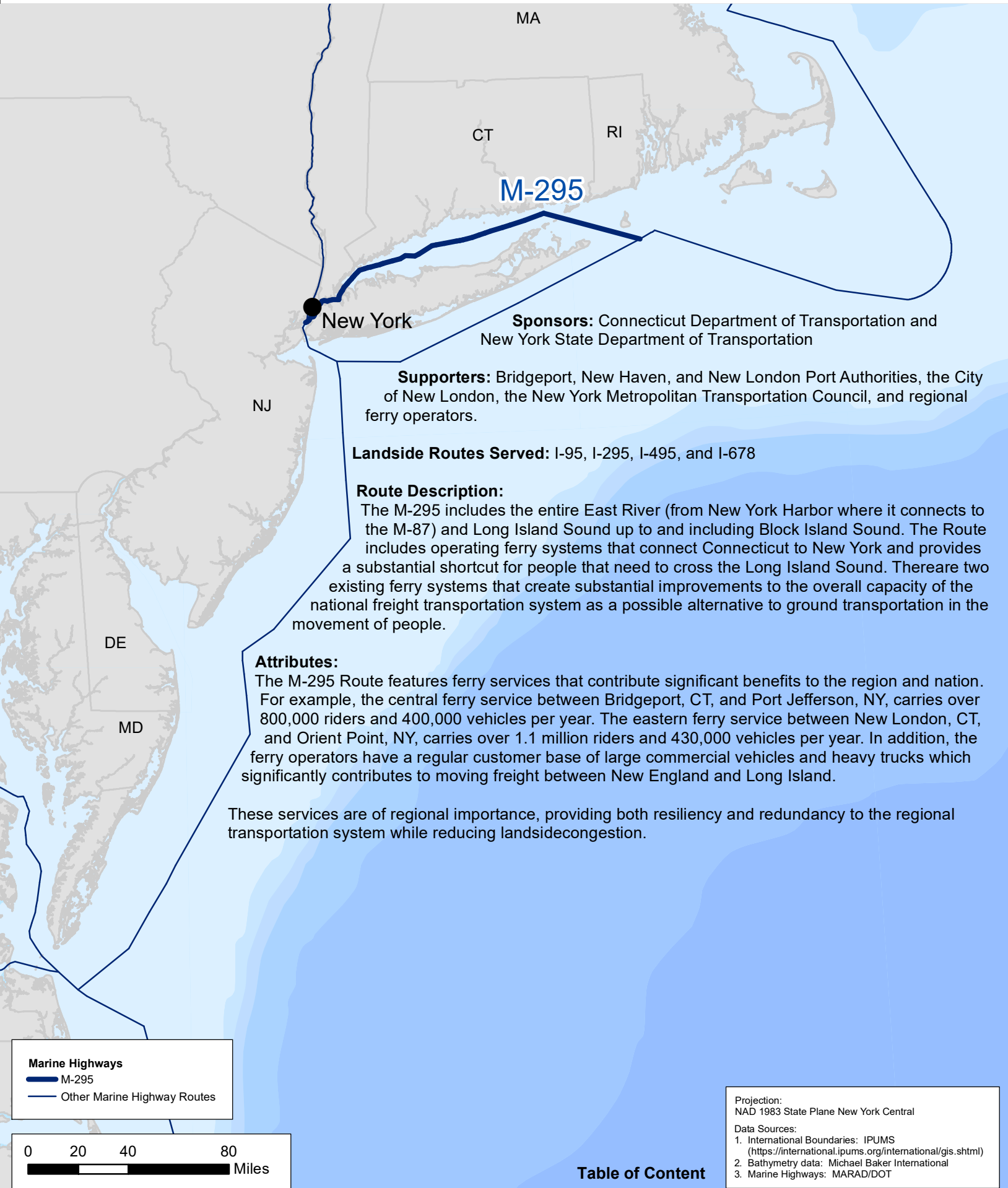


Marine Highway M-295



M-295

New York

Sponsors: Connecticut Department of Transportation and New York State Department of Transportation

Supporters: Bridgeport, New Haven, and New London Port Authorities, the City of New London, the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, and regional ferry operators.

Landside Routes Served: I-95, I-295, I-495, and I-678



Route Description:


The M-295 includes the entire East River (from New York Harbor where it connects to the M-87) and Long Island Sound up to and including Block Island Sound. The Route includes operating ferry systems that connect Connecticut to New York and provides a substantial shortcut for people that need to cross the Long Island Sound. There are two existing ferry systems that create substantial improvements to the overall capacity of the national freight transportation system as a possible alternative to ground transportation in the movement of people.

Attributes:

The M-295 Route features ferry services that contribute significant benefits to the region and nation. For example, the central ferry service between Bridgeport, CT, and Port Jefferson, NY, carries over 800,000 riders and 400,000 vehicles per year. The eastern ferry service between New London, CT, and Orient Point, NY, carries over 1.1 million riders and 430,000 vehicles per year. In addition, the ferry operators have a regular customer base of large commercial vehicles and heavy trucks which significantly contributes to moving freight between New England and Long Island.

These services are of regional importance, providing both resiliency and redundancy to the regional transportation system while reducing landside congestion.

Marine Highways
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 Other Marine Highway Routes

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Projection:
NAD 1983 State Plane New York Central

Data Sources:
 1. International Boundaries: IPUMS
 (<https://international.ipums.org/international/gis.shtml>)
 2. Bathymetry data: Michael Baker International
 3. Marine Highways: MARAD/DOT

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