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To: Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee
From: William Dickinson Chairman, Transportation Committee
Date: September 29, 2014
Subject: Wednesday, October 8, 2014
Meeting of the Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee at 12:00, in the offices of SCRCOG

Agenda

1. Public Information meeting for the 2015 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Action Items:

2. Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2014 Pages 4, 5
3. 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Attached
Recommend to SCRCOG for adoption
 - a. Ozone Air Quality Conformity Resolution Pages 6, 7
 - b. PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Resolution Pages 8, 9
 - c. 2012-2015 TIP Resolution Pages 10, 11

Informational Items:

4. New Haven-Meriden STP-Urban Program and LOTCIP
Stephen Dudley
5. Other Business

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Transportation Committee Minutes - August 13, 2014

Transportation Committee Members

Branford, Janice Plaziak (proxy for FS Cosgrove)
Guilford, FS Joseph Mazza
Madison, FS Fillmore McPherson
Wallingford, John Thompson (proxy for Mayor Dickinson)

Guests

Edgar Wynkoop, CDOT
Lori Richards, Greater NH Transit District
Michael Piscitelli, City of New Haven
Josh LeCar, City of New Haven
Rajat Mathur, City of New Haven

Transportation Technical Committee

Guilford, James Portley
Meriden, Robert Bass
Milford, Gary Wassmer
North Branford, Kurt Weiss
North Haven, Johnathan Bodwell
Orange, Robert Hiza
West Haven, Abdul Quadir

SCRCOG

Stephen Dudley, Christopher Rappa

FS Mazza called the meeting to order at 12:05.

Action Item #1: Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2014

Minutes of the July 9, 2014 meeting were adopted on a motion by FS McPherson. J. Bodwell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Item #2: 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendment Twenty-Eight

S. Dudley presented TIP Amendment Twenty-Eight which included six projects. After a brief discussion, J. Bodwell made a motion to recommend approval, FS McPherson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Action Item #3: FY 15 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Revisions

S. Dudley reviewed the changes made to the FY 15 UPWP based on feedback from CTDOT and FTA. Among the changes was the inclusion of the Transit Alternatives Analysis, which will be conducted by the Greater New Haven Transit District and the City of New Haven, in the Other Planning Activities section. J. Plaziak made a motion to recommend approval, J. Portley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Action Item #4: Master Municipal Agreements for Rights of Way Projects

S. Dudley presented a synopsis of the Master Municipal Agreements for Rights of Way Projects (MMA/ROW) that have been sent to about half of the State's municipalities. S. Dudley reviewed the presentation and discussion about the MMA/ROW that occurred during the August 7 CARPO Meeting. S. Dudley offered to draft comments on behalf of the Region and circulate them among the Committee Members, with the ultimate goal of submitting them to CDOT. J. Mazza suggested that Town Attorneys who wished to comment should communicate directly with S. Dudley.



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Information Item #5: New Haven-Meriden STP-Urban Program and LOTCIP

S. Dudley discussed the recent updates to the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTCIP). On July 25, the State Bond Commission approved the FY 15 funding. S. Dudley requested that Committee members with a project on the FY 15 priority list review their project to ensure that it will be “ready-to-go” by the end of the calendar year. S. Dudley called for volunteers to review the first two municipally-designed projects – Guilford’s West Lake Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation project and Madison’s Green Hill Road Reconstruction project. J. Bodwell and K. Weiss volunteered to review the Guilford project. J. Portley and R. Hiza volunteered to review the Madison project. S. Dudley requested that SCRCOG staff be notified of all meetings between CTDOT and municipal staff regarding the LOTCIP projects.

Information Item #6: Other Business

None

J. Plaziak made a motion to adjourn. J. Portley seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 PM.



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RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT

OZONE

WHEREAS,

The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Regions Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

It is the opinion of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that the plans and programs approved today, October 22, 2014 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Moderate Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Greater Connecticut Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area (Hartford, New London, Tolland, Windham and Litchfield counties), and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in these Nonattainment areas (Ozone Air Quality Conformity Report August, 2014); and



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WHEREAS,

The Connecticut Department of Transportation’s assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission’s guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the South Central Regional Council of Governments

That the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) finds that the Long Range Plan (April, 2011) and the FFY 2015-2018 TIP conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing August 2014 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Council of Governments (SCRCOG) on October 22, 2014.

Date: **October 22, 2014.**

By: _____
First Selectman Fillmore McPherson, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments



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RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT

PM 2.5

WHEREAS,

The South Central Council of Governments (SCRCOG) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Regions Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

It is the opinion of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that the plans and programs approved on October 22, 2014 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 Nonattainment area; and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 nonattainment areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and



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WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the Regional Long Range Plan (April 2011) and the FFY 2015-2018 TIP shows that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the South Central Council of Governments (SCRCOG) finds that the Regional Long Range Plan (April 2011) and the FFY 2015-2018 TIP conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the August 2014 PM2.5 Conformity Determination.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on October 22, 2014.

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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2015 - Fiscal Year 2018 Transportation Improvement Program

Whereas: U.S. Department of Transportation Metropolitan Planning Regulations (23 CFR 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP) conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and SIP-established mobile source emissions budgets; and

Whereas: The Council (SCRCOG), in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and major transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, framed a four-year draft Fiscal Year 2015-Fiscal Year 2018 Transportation Improvement Program addressing projects and programs per the terms of 23 CFR 450.324; and

Whereas: The Council has provided a substantial opportunity for public review and comment during the September, 2014 – October, 2014 period consistent with SCRCOG's Public Participation Guidelines (adopted December, 2012) and has considered public comments per 23 CFR 450; and

Whereas: By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the Council in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan transportation planning requirements are intended to satisfy requirements associated with development of a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and

Whereas: Significant Fiscal Year 2015-Fiscal Year 2018 Transportation Improvement Program proposals reflected in a Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality assessment for serious non-attainment portions of Connecticut (Air Quality Conformity Report for Ozone and PM 2.5 (2014), Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Transportation Plan (January 2012)) and, in the context of all relevant regional transportation improvement programs, have been found to be conforming by ConnDOT and by the Council's current Air Quality Conformity Resolution (attached) per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration guidelines (40 CFR 51 and 93); and



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Fiscal Year 2015-FY 2018 Transportation Improvement Program (Continued)

Whereas: The Council of Governments' transportation planning process that continuously reviews goals, projects and opportunities may result in periodic adjustment or amendment of the TIP.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments

The Fiscal Year 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (October 22, 2014 Final Version for Adoption, attached) is hereby adopted and shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program without change subsequent to an air quality conformity finding by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration and/or the U.S. Federal Transit Administration per 23 CFR 450.328.

Consistent with the intent of 23 *CFR* 3450.324(k) only transit projects explicitly associated with funds allocated to the New Haven-Meriden Urbanized Area per Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act and, in the aggregate, not exceeding authorized federal fiscal year allocations, shall be pursued with those funds.

The region's planning transportation process addressing major regional issues and opportunities is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements established in 23 *CFR* 450.334.

Certificate

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