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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
March 23, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.

**Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West
North Haven, CT 06473**

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1. Call to order and Introductions: -First Selectman Edward Sheehy, *Chairman*
2. **Presentation:** State Comptroller Kevin Lembo
3. **Presentation:** Record of Decision Report I-95 Corridor- Jean Stimolo, Rideworks
4. Adoption of February 23, 2011 SCRCOG Minutes- Mayor John Picard, *Secretary* *Pages 3-5*
5. Treasurer’s Report for month ending February 28, 2011
– Mayor April Capone Almon, *Treasurer* *Pages 6-7*
6. Transportation Committee Report - Mayor William Dickinson, *Chairman* *Pages 8-14*
 - a. Adopt Resolution to approve 2010-2013 TIP Amendment Fourteen *Pages 13-14*
 - b. Adopt a resolution on PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity *Pages 15-16*
 - c. Adopt a resolution Ozone Air Quality Conformity *Pages 17-18*
 - d. Discussion and possible action re: State Street Bridge project
7. Legislative Reports
 - a. State– Carl Amento *Executive Director*
 - b. Federal -Louis Mangini, *Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro*
8. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report – Carl Amento *Executive Director* *Pages 19-20*
9. Discussion and Possible Action Re: ROOF Regional Foreclosure Prevention Proposal
10. REX Development Report by Ginny Kozlowski, *Executive Director* *Page 21*
11. DEMHS Region 2 Report- Roy Piper, *Coordinator*

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12. RPC Action Tables for March

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13. Regional Cooperation / Other Business

14. Adjournment

Note:

Immediately after the adjournment of the SCRCOG meeting, SCRCOG members are invited to stay for a discussion of collective bargaining strategy issues, including specifically in this session: pension issues.

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TO: **SCRCOG Board**
FROM: **Mayor John Picard, SCRCOG Secretary**
DATE: **March 16, 2011**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of February 23, 2011**

Present:

Bethany First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford Terrence Elton, Proxy for First Selectman Anthony DaRos-*Vice Chairman*
East Haven Mayor April Capone – *Treasurer*
Guilford First Selectman Joseph S. Mazza
Hamden Mayor Scott Jackson
Madison First Selectman Fillmore McPherson
New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Branford Mayor Anthony Candelora
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson, Jr.
West Haven Mayor John Picard - *Secretary*
Woodbridge First Selectman Edward Sheehy - *Chairman*
SCRCOG Staff Carl J. Amento – *Executive Director*
Albert Ruggiero, Stephen Dudley, Eugene Livshits, Andrea Pulio (intern)

Guest Presenters: Stephen Repka and Darlene Thompson, *from eBenefits Group*; Louis Mangini, *Legislative Aide for Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro*; Ginny Kozlowski, *Executive Director of REX Development*; Carla Weil, Eva Heintzelman and Jackie Downing, *from Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund and ROOF Project*.

Other Guests:

Jean Stimolo, *Executive Director of Rideworks*; Philip Moberg, *Connecticut Department of Transportation Field Coordinator and Liaison to SCRCOG*; Miriam E. Brody, *League of Women Voters -North Haven*; Mary Bigelow, *GNHTD Board of Directors*; Carlene Kulisch, *Kulisch Consulting*; Thomas Cariglio, *United Illuminating*; Charles Havrda, *Guilford Selectman*; Atty. Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina*.

ITEM 1- Call to Order

Chairman Sheehy called to order the February 23, 2011 meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments at 10:02 A.M. Self introductions of SCRCOG officials and guests then took place. Chairman Sheehy and Executive Director Amento presented a plaque to outgoing Chairman Zeoli for his dedicated service to SCRCOG during the past year.

ITEM 2 – Presentation- SCRCOG Pension Investment Presentation

Stephen Repka from eBenefits Group made a presentation on SCRCOG’s pension programs. He distributed materials illustrating the programs in effect and recommendations for minor changes to the investment options offered to SCRCOG employees. Darlene Thompson from eBenefits Group, who is SCRCOG’s agent for health insurance benefits, was introduced by Mr. Repka.

ITEM 3– SCRCOG Minutes of January 26, 2011

Board Secretary, mayor John Picard noted that the *SCRCOG Minutes* were on pages 3 -6 in the agenda packet. A motion to adopt the *SCRCOG Minutes of January 26, 2011*, as presented, was offered by Mayor Picard and seconded by Mayor Capone. Upon unanimous vote, the motion passed.

ITEM 4 - Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending January 31 2011

SCRCOG Treasurer, Mayor Capone, presented the *Treasurer’s Report*. She advised the officials that SCRCOG has assets \$366,000 in Bank of America and New Alliance Bank, and \$254,000 in our STIF account. Seven months through the year, expenses are in line with our fiscal year budget.

A motion by First Selectman Mazza, and seconded by First Selectwoman Gorski, was offered to adopt the *Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 31, 2011*. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 5-Transportation Committee Report

First Selectman Freda, Acting Chairman of the Transportation Committee in Mayor Dickinson’s absence reported that the Committee approved TIP Amendment Thirteen at its February 9, 2011 meeting. The amendment is detailed on pages 7-10 of the agenda packet. The resolution is on pages 11 and 12 of the agenda packet.

First Selectman Freda moved approval of TIP Amendment Thirteen. Mayor Candelora seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ITEM 6- Adoption of Affirmative Action Resolution

Executive Director Amento pointed out that this resolution is required annually by the State DOT. The resolution is on pages 13 through 15 of the agenda packet.

First Selectman Zeoli moved approval of the resolution. First Selectman McPherson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ITEM 7- Annual SCRCOG Self-Certification

This is a resolution approved each February by SCRCOG, which certifies that SCRCOG’s planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal regulations. The resolution is at pages 16 and 17 of the agenda packet.

First Selectman Mazza moved approval of the resolution. Mayor Candelora seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ITEM 8- Legislative Reports

Executive Director Amento distributed and reviewed a Summary of Governor Malloy’s Budget Proposal, A State Legislative Report, a Washington Update on the extension of the Transportation Authorization through September 30th, and a review from the National Association of development Organizations entitled “President’s FY2012 Budget. Mayor Dickinson pointed out that while the Governor’s proposed budget retained substantial funding for municipalities in general, the elimination of the Manufacturing Property PILOT would cost Wallingford over \$1 million, and that the elimination affects a number of towns negatively throughout the state.

Lou Mangini, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, reported that the federal government is operating on continuing resolutions. The Congresswoman’s meeting last month was cancelled due to weather and has been re-scheduled for this Friday from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at the 91 Diner on Middletown Avenue in New Haven. He also asked the mayors and first selectmen to submit damage information from the January 11-13 snowstorms to the Congresswoman for reimbursement by FEMA under the federal emergency declaration.

ITEM 9- Presentation- Proposed Regional Foreclosure Prevention Project

Carla Weil and Jackie Downing of Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund and Eva Heintzelman of ROOF (Real Options/ Overcoming Foreclosure) presented a proposal to regionalize the current ROOF project. The proposal involves a partnership with SCRCOG and a Regional Housing Committee composed of representatives from the region's cities and towns. The regional project would provide counseling and resources to homeowners at risk of foreclosure. The regional project would have an annual budget of \$131,930, of which the sum of \$50,000 per year is being requested from SCRCOG. The proposed regional proposal is on pages 18 through 21 of the agenda packet.

ITEM 10- Discussion and possible action on Proposed Regional Foreclosure Prevention Project

Consensus among the members was that this was a worthwhile project. Discussion focused on from where SCRCOG might derive the funds to assist in this effort. The options are to remove funds from SCRCOG's reserves or to increase the dues since the rest of SCRCOG's budget is earmarked for transportation purposes. It was determined to refer the matter to the Executive Committee at the March meeting for their consideration and recommendation.

ITEM 11- SCRCOG Executive Director Report

Executive Director Amento distributed a report updating the members on the status of the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, showing a spreadsheet as to which members had responded to the Collective bargaining and Regional Initiatives surveys, and informing the members of the work of two new academic interns from Gateway Community College and Southern Connecticut State University.

ITEM 12-REX Development Executive Director's Report

Ginny Kozlowski reviewed her Executive Director's Report found on page 22 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Freda has become a new member of the REX Development Board. The joint meeting of the Regional Leadership Council and SCRCOG is tomorrow morning.

ITEM 13- DEMHS Report

Roy Piper was not in attendance at the meeting.

ITEM 14- Regional Planning Commission Report

The Action Table for February is on page 23 of the agenda packet.

ITEM 15- Regional Cooperation/ Other Business

A motion was made by Mayor Picard to add to the agenda the appointment of SCRCOG members to the Regional Workforce Alliance Chief Elected Officials (CEO) Executive Committee. First Selectman McPherson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The item having been added to the agenda, Mayor Picard moved that Mayor John DeStefano, Mayor Scott Jackson, Mayor William Dickinson and First Selectman Michael Freda be appointed by SCRCOG to the CEO Executive Committee, and that First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski be appointed as an alternate. First selectman McPherson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

ITEM 16- Adjournment

Mayor Picard moved to adjourn the meeting. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairman Sheehy adjourned the meeting at 11:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John Picard
SCRCOG Secretary

BALANCE SHEET - February, 2011

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	
Bank of America	95,781
New Alliance Bank	277,377
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG	254,202
Total Cash and Investments	627,360
Accounts Receivable	
Connecticut Department of Transportation	163,072
DEMHS - Homeland Security Planning	15,379
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Federal Share	61,129
Amount for Accrued Leave	10,874
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	17,713
Total Accounts Receivable	268,168
Property and Equipment	
COG Equipment	1,773
Less, Accumulated Depreciation	0
Total Property & Equipment	1,773
TOTAL ASSETS	897,301

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	50,367
RPI Grant - Economic Development Web Portal	9
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H074(1)	12,893
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H103(1)	4,027
Other Liabilities	0
Total Current Liabilities	67,296
Fund Balance	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2010	803,078
Encumbrances - Prior Year	11,359
Amount for Accrued Leave	10,874
Investment in Equipment	1,773
Fund Change	2,921
Fund Balance - February, 2011	830,005
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	897,301

Statement of Resources and Expenditures - February, 2011

<i>Resources</i>	<i>FY 11 Budget</i>	<i>Month of Feb, 2011</i>	<i>To Date</i>
<i>Municipal Contribution</i>	151,100	12,592	100,733
<i>ConnDOT - Transportation Planning</i>			
<i>U.S. Dept of Transportation</i>	1,157,444	40,074	347,937
<i>Transportation -- ConnDOT</i>	144,681	5,009	43,492
<i>Emergency Response Planning</i>			
<i>DEMHS - FY 08 NHASH Grant</i>	38,000	0	15,350
<i>DEMHS - FY 07 NHASH Grant</i>	0	0	0
<i>REX Development</i>			
<i>Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support</i>	25,000	0	3,333
<i>Interest</i>	2,500	53	439
<i>TOTAL</i>	1,518,725	57,728	511,286

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 11 Budget</i>	<i>Month of Feb, 2011</i>	<i>To Date</i>
<i>Labor & Benefits</i>	622,016		378,932
<i>Salaries</i>		30,951	269,803
<i>Fringe Benefits</i>		5,815	109,129
<i>Travel</i>	6,300	110	2,152
<i>Data Process</i>	16,600	25	5,628
<i>General Operations</i>	157,700		92,086
<i>Rent</i>	96,300	0	65,388
<i>Postage & Telephone</i>	7,600	185	3,353
<i>Print & Reproduction</i>	2,500	100	100
<i>Office Supplies</i>	3,800	17	1,260
<i>Equipment Maintenance</i>	17,200	1,226	9,268
<i>Publications</i>	4,900	0	476
<i>Insurance & Professional Services</i>	16,600	0	8,955
<i>Meeting Expenses & Advertising</i>	8,500	149	2,756
<i>Miscellaneous & Equipment Use</i>	300	123	531
<i>Consultant</i>	654,000	0	9,217
<i>Capital Purchase</i>	0	0	0
<i>NHASH Grant</i>	38,000	0	15,350
<i>Contingencies</i>	24,109	0	0
<i>TOTAL</i>	1,518,725	38,702	503,466

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 14

- Project** **0061-0149 2011-A14-3 Pavement Rehab Shepard Ave and Hamden Hills Dr**
- Changes** Amendment 14 introduces a new project
- Reason** Shepard Ave exhibits various pavement failures. The recommended improvement is to remove the existing pavement structure and to place a new pavement structure including any base material improvements as needed. Hamden Hills Dr/ Sherman Ave is an excellent candidate for pavement preservation. The recommended 2 inch mill and fill will help to extend serviceability for a minimum of 15 years.
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- Project** **0083-0253 2003-007 Rte 796 (Milford Connector) Sign Replacement**
- Changes** Amendment 14 replaces National Highway Traffic Safety Administration funds (NHTSA) with STP-Anywhere funds.
- Reason** Project is deemed ineligible for NHTSA funds and STPA funding will be used instead.
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- Project** **0167-0100 1999-122 Rte 63: Rte 67 Intersection Improvements**
- Changes** Amendment 14 replaces STP-Rural funds with STP-Anywhere funding and increases amount
- Reason** The amount of funding is adjusted based on the latest cost estimates. Project is deemed ineligible for rural funds and STPA funding will be used instead.
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- Project** **0170-3062 2011-A14-1 Highway Sign Inventory**
- Changes** Amendment 14 introduces new project
- Reason** Revisions to the MUTCD include a standard for a minimum level of sign retroreflectivity that must be maintained for all Connecticut roadway signs. To be in compliance, CTDOT will hire an engineering firm to develop a sign inventory. This inventory will be used to schedule projects to replace sub-standard signs per FHWA mandate.
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- Project** **0170-3063 2011-A14-2 HBP CE Engineering Services List 22-24 Bridges**
- Changes** Amendment 14 introduces a new project.
- Reason** Project will provide funding for engineering services for the design of 28 bridges eligible under the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) which were identified in the Bridge Safety and Evaluations List 22-24. Four bridges in the SCRCOG region include Bridge # 162 in West Haven which carries Interstate 95 over Metro-North, Bridge #1445 in Milford which carries SR 796 over East Rutland Rd. Bridge #5593 in New Haven which carries Route 34 over the West River, and Bridge # 6755 in Milford which carries Rte. 162 over the Turtle Creek
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- Project** **0173-0351 2003-004 I-95: Exit 24 and 47 Sign Upgrade**
- Changes** Amendment 14 replaces NHTSA fund W/ STPA and moves funding to FFY11
- Reason** Project is deemed ineligible for NHTSA funds and STPA funding will be used instead.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment Number 14

State Project 0061-0149

SCRCOG # 2011-A14-3

Municipality Hamden

Proposed

Project Name Pavement Rehab Shepard Ave and Hamden Hills Dr

Description Resurfacing of Shepard Ave from W Todd to a point 1,920 feet north and resurfacing Hamden Hills Dr from Sherman Ave to Evergreen Ave approx 5,040 Ft

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPNH	ENG	Federal		46			
		State		11			
	CON	Federal		887			
		Local		222			
TIP Funds	\$1,166		0	0	1,166	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP Amend 14 introduces a new project

State Project 0083-0253

SCRCOG # 2003-007

Municipality Milford

Proposed

Project Name Rt 796 (Milford Connector) Sign Replacement

Description Replace signs and sign supports between US 1 and Merritt Parkway (Route 15).

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHTSA	CON	Federal		152			
Total Cost	\$152		0	0	152	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	CON	Federal		122			
		State		30			
TIP Funds	\$152		0	0	152	0	0

Amendment Notes

Introduced by FY03 TIP Amend 2. FY03 PE wholly with state funds per FY03 TIP Amend 9. CN via Natl Highway Transportation Safety Admin support per FY05 TIP Amend 2. Project moved into FY10 TIP CON moved from FFY09 - FFY10. FY10 TIP Amend 7 moves CON from FFY10 to FFY11. FY10 TIP Amend 14 replaces NHTSA funds w/ STPA.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment Number 14

State Project 0167-0100

SCRCOG # 1999-122

Municipality Woodbridge

Proposed

Project Name Rt 63: Rt 67 Intersection Improvements

Description Add northbound Rt 63 left hand turn lane at Rt 67 by lowering Rt 63 vertical crest, reconstructing approx 300' of Rt 63 and constructing a retaining wall.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPR	CON	Federal		2,800			
		State		700			
Total Cost	\$3,500		0	3,500	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	CON	Federal		3,440			
		State		860			
TIP Funds	\$4,300		0	4,300	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

CN moved from FY03 to FY04 by FY01 Amend 7; ROW to FY03 per FY01 Amend 10. FY03 ROW moved to 100 percent state by FY03 Amend 4. Design began in fall, 2003. CN moved to FY06 by FY05 TIP Amend 2 and to FY07 by FY05 TIP Amend 9. Introduced to FY07 TIP with CON in FY08, FY07 TIP Amend 8 moves CON to FFY09 and increases cost. FY07 TIP Amend 13 moves CON to FFY10. Project moved into FY10 TIP CON cost increased \$1.7 M FY10 TIP Amend 7 moves CON from FFY10 to FFY11. FY10 TIP Amend 14 replaces STPR funds with STPA and increases amount

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment Number 14

State Project 0170-3062

SCRCOG # 2011-A14-1

Municipality Statewide

Proposed

Project Name Highway Sign Inventory

Description project will fund engineering services to provide a sign inventory to comply with FHWA/MUTCD requirements to maintain minimum levels of retroreflectivity of roadway signs

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	ENG	Federal		539			
		State		135			
TIP Funds	\$674		0	674	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP amend 14 introduces new project

State Project 0170-3063

SCRCOG # 2011-A14-2

Municipality Statewide

Proposed

Project Name HBP CE Engineering Services List 22-24 Bridges

Description Project will provide funding for engineering services for the design of 28 bridges eligible under the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) identified in the bridge safety and evaluations list 22-24

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
BRXZ	CON	AC-Entry		0			
		Federal		800	800	800	5,600
		State		200	200	200	1,400
TIP Funds	\$10,000		0	1,000	1,000	1,000	7,000

Amendment Notes

Fy 10 TIP Amend 14 introduces a new project.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment Number 14

State Project 0173-0351

SCRCOG # 2003-004

Municipality District 3

Proposed

Project Name I-95: Exit 24 and 47 Sign Upgrade

Description Replace/upgrade signs between exit 24 (Fairfield) and exit 47 (New Haven).

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHTSA	CON	Federal		2,933				
Total Cost	\$2,933		0	2,933	0	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	CON	Federal			2,346			
		State			587			
TIP Funds	\$2,933		0	0	2,933	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY05 to National Highway Transportation Safety from Interstate Maintenance support by FY05 TIP Amend 2. Moved from FY05 to FY09 by FY05 TIP Amend 7. Project continues in FY10 TIP. FY10 TIP Amend 14 replaces NHTSA fund W/ STPA and moves funding to FFY11



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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Fourteen

- 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, per 23 *CFR* 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a *Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program* on October 28, 2009, after finding the *Program* conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 *CFR* 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: *Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Long-Range Transportation Plans, May, 2007*); and
- Whereas:* The Council, on October 28, 2009, indicated that periodic *Program* adjustment or amendment was possible; and
- Whereas:* Projects referenced in the *Program* amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s long-range transportation plan (*South Central Regional Long Range Transportation Plan—2007 to 2035, (May, 2007)*); and
- Whereas:* Council *Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning* have been observed during the development of the proposed *Program* amendment (below); and
- Whereas:* By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program* and/or its amendment; and
- Whereas:* Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the *Program*.



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Resolution

***Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Fourteen
(Continued)***

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

The *Program Amendment Fourteen* shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, for inclusion in the *State Transportation Improvement Program*

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional 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 Regional Council of Governments on **March 23, 2011**.

Date: March 23, 2011

By: _____

John Picard, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments



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RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT

OZONE

WHEREAS,

the South Central Regional Council of Governments 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 that the plans and programs approved today, March 23, 2011 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 January 2011); and



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WHEREAS,

The addition of the Conversion of Rt.34 from Expressway to At-Grade Boulevard between I-95 and Park Street, New Haven project, will not impact the emissions analysis previously preformed; and

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 finds that the Regional Long Range Plan (March 2007) and the FFY 2010-2013 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 January 2011 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during thirty-day public comment period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional 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 Regional Council of Governments on March 23, 2011.

Date: March 23, 2011

by: _____

John Picard, Secretary
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RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT

PM 2.5

WHEREAS,

the South Central Regional Council of Governments 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 that the plans and programs approved on March 23, 2011 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 addition of the Conversion of Rt.34 from Expressway to At-Grade Boulevard between I-95 and Park Street, New Haven project, will not impact the emissions analysis previously performed; and

WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the Regional Long Range Plan (March 2007) and the FFY 2010-2013 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 Regional Council of Governments finds that the Regional Long Range Plan (March 2007) and the FFY 2010-2013 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 January 2011 PM2.5 Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during thirty-day public comment period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional 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 Regional Council of Governments on March 23, 2011.

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SCRCOG Executive Director's Report- 3/23/11

HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

Our New York –Connecticut Consortium was awarded the \$3.5 million grant in November. The Consortium has been preparing a budget, work plan and memorandum of agreement in anticipation of the federal funds being released in late Spring. A formal kickoff event for the Consortium and the grant is now scheduled for April 15th at the Regional Planning Agency's Regional Assembly in New York City. Eugene Livshits and I have been participating in several conference calls each week developing plans and strategies for the use of the grant funds.

The grant deliverables will include a regional sustainability plan covering transportation, housing and the environment for the Consortium's mega-region from New York City to SCRCOG. SCRCOG will receive approximately \$70,000 to fill gaps in our existing plans and to create a new SCRCOG regional sustainability plan that then will be merged into the plans of the other members of the Consortium to create one large plan. The City of New Haven will receive approximately \$300,000 to develop implementation planning for the Union Station Transit-Oriented Development project.

Collective Bargaining and Regional Initiative Surveys

There are still several towns who have not responded to the SCRCOG surveys regarding collective bargaining agreements and requesting responses regarding several possible regional initiatives. Attached is a spreadsheet showing the responses we have received to date. We know how busy you are, but please respond as soon as you are able.

Continuing Education

Jim Rode, who is our public transit expert, will be attending the Northeast Passenger Transportation Conference in Hartford on March 30-31. Regional Land Use Planner Eugene Livshits will be attending a training session sponsored by Land Use Leadership Alliance on April 8th. Eugene and I will be attending a half-day Nature Conservancy conference in Old Lyme on Coastal Resilience on March 30th. I will attend the Yale Climate Change Conference on April 9th, and Eugene and I will attend the RPA's Regional Assembly in NYC on April 15th.

	Labor Contracts	Medical Insurance	Revaluation Survey	ROOF Project Representative	Regional Energy Committee Representative	Purchasing Agent Information
Bethany						
Branford	Submitted	Submitted				
East Haven		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
Guilford	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted		Submitted
Hamden			Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
Madison						
Meriden	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted		Submitted	Submitted
Milford	Submitted	Submitted				
Orange	Submitted w/o Police/Fire	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
New Haven	Submitted		Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
North Branford			Submitted			
North Haven			Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted
Wallingford						
West Haven						
Woodbridge	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted	Submitted



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Brownfield Projects

- Moving forward on the Goodrich/Daisy Street Project – RAP Completed – Project scheduled to be completed by 9/15/11
- 195 Front Street, New Haven - project waiting for CTDEP approval
- Atlantic Wire property purchased by private developer in Branford – will be submitting application for Brownfield Assessment Funding
- 190 Dodge Street, East Haven -Brownfield Assessment Application for a grant for The Sound School and Workforce Alliance submitted to REX for review
- EPA/Economic Redevelopment Forum in April 2011 – two municipalities submitted sites for display, Guilford and Meriden

Business Development

- Update on the EDD application – EDA staff has been assigned to review EDD applications
- Participating in the Medical Devices and Manufacturing Trade Show – June 7 – June 11
- Submitted information in response to an inquiry for preliminary information for a manufacturing site for Security Products. The end user requires 150,000 – 200,000 square feet and would generate 100- 250 jobs. This lead was generated through our ad in the January issue of Site Selection magazine.
- Referred entrepreneur to the Small Business Program at SCSU as a direct inquiry from the REX billboard.
- Highland Group reviewing possible acquisition of stalled construction of hotel project at Exit 15 in Wallingford.
- Continued efforts on air service development for Tweed.

Marketing

- Overall a 78.5% increase of REX Web traffic since September 2011, name recognition has migrated from Regional Growth Partnership to REX brand as indicated through keyword search.
- Site Selection Magazine – 2010 Governor's Cup Issue featuring Grow, Baby, Grow Ad
- REX Tradeshow Display in design phase.
- NPR Westchester/Fairfield County/New Haven County Radio Campaign – scheduled to commence 3/21
- Providing marketing services for Central Regional Tourism District.
- Media insertion – Madden Preprint – Spring Tourism Campaign
- Continue to distribute weekly consumer topical e-blasts, refreshing visitNewHaven website and updating social media daily.
- Regional Cultural Guide will be going to print 3/25.

March 2011 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	1/21/11	Town of Stratford: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Section 3.18 pertaining to fences	Milford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.2	1/21/11	Town of Stratford: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Sections 3.3 and 1.24.2 pertaining to Rear Lot Regulations	Milford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.3	2/18/11	Town of Bethany: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Aquifer Protection Area Regulations	Hamden, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.4	3/3/11	Town of East Haven: Proposed Zoning Change Amendments to rezone a R-3 District to a Planned Elderly Facilities District	Branford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Change Amendment in conjunction with the development plans for the parcel do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.