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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
June 22, 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: William Graustein on Community Leadership Program
3. Adoption of May 25, 2011 SCRCOG Minutes- Mayor John Picard, *Secretary* *Pages 2-4*
4. Treasurer’s Report for month ending May 31, 2011– Mayor April Capone, *Treasurer* *Pages 5,6*
5. Transportation Committee Report - Mayor William Dickinson, *Chairman* *Pages 7-11*
Adopt Resolution to approve 2010-2013 TIP Amendment Seventeen *Pages 10,11*
6. Re-Appointment of Thomas Scarpati to Tweed Airport Board of Directors
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*
9. DEMHS Region 2 Report- Roy Piper, *Coordinator*
10. Presentation: Peter Simmons, *Department of Community and Economic Development* on Regional Economic Development Districts
11. REX Development Report by Ginny Kozlowski, *Executive Director* *Page 12,13*
12. RPC Action Table for June *Page 14*
13. Regional Cooperation / Other Business
14. Adjournment

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TO: **SCRCOG Board**
FROM: **Mayor John Picard, SCRCOG Secretary**
DATE: **June 13, 2011**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of May 25, 2011**

Present:

Bethany First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford Terry 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
Meriden Mayor Michael Rohde
Milford Gary Wassmer, **proxy for Mayor James Richetelli**
New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli
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, James Rode, Eugene Livshits
Andrea Pulio, GCC Intern

Guest Presenters: MaryAnn Nusom Haverstock, *CT Department of Environmental Protection*

Other Guests:

Philip Moberg, *Connecticut Department of Transportation Field Coordinator and Liaison to SCRCOG*;
Miriam E. Brody, *League of Women Voters -North Haven*; Louis Mangini, *Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa Delauro*; Ginny Kozlowski, *Executive Director- REX Development*; Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Will Warren, *REX Development*; Roy Piper, *Coordinator, DEMHS Region 2*; Garrett Sheehan, *United Illuminating Co.*; Amy Dickman, *Town of Madison Jean Stimolo, Executive Director of Rideworks*

ITEM 1- Call to Order

Chairman Sheehy called to order the May 25, 2011 meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments at 10:04 A.M. Self introductions of SCRCOG officials and guests then took place.

ITEM 2 – Presentation- MaryAnn Nusom Haverstock

MaryAnn Nusom Haverstock of the state DEP narrated a Power Point presentation on Watershed Management/ Low Impact Development Projects in Connecticut

ITEM 3– SCRCOG Minutes of April 27, 2011

Board Secretary Mayor John Picard noted that the *SCRCOG Minutes* were on pages 3 -5 in the agenda packet. A motion to adopt the *SCRCOG Minutes of April 27, 2011*, as presented, was offered by Mayor Picard and seconded by First Selectman Mazza. Upon unanimous vote, the motion passed.

ITEM 4 - Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending April 30, 2011

SCRCOG Treasurer, Mayor Capone, presented the *Treasurer’s Report*, which was on pages 6 and 7 of the agenda packet. She advised the officials that SCRCOG has assets \$645,005 in cash and investments, with another \$131,357 due from the State Department of Transportation. Eight months through the year, expenses are in line with our fiscal year budget. A motion by Mayor Capone, and seconded by Mayor Jackson, was offered to adopt the *Treasurer’s Report for the month ending April 30, 2011*. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 5-Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Dickinson, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, reported that the Committee recommended approval of TIP Amendment Sixteen at its April 11, 2011 meeting. The amendment is detailed on pages 8-16 of the agenda packet. The resolution is on pages 17 and 18 of the agenda packet. Mayor Dickinson moved approval of TIP Amendment Sixteen. Mayor Picard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ITEM 6- Legislative Reports

Executive Director Amento distributed and reviewed a report of the approved state budget, the status of union concessions, bills that have passed the state Senate and the House, bills still pending and bills that have died due to deadlines. Amento reported that the bill dealing with emergency responder training that would have shifted the cost of such training to municipalities was one of the bills that died.

Lou Mangini, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, reported that the Defense Appropriation bill should be approved soon, and that the federal government is continuing to gear up for battles over the 2012-13 FY federal budget, and the need to increase the federal debt ceiling. Connecticut DOT received \$30 million as a share of the \$2.4 billion High Speed Passenger Rail funds rejected by Florida. However, the Northeast Corridor received \$950 million of High Speed passenger rail funds.

ITEM 7- SCRCOG Executive Director Report

Executive Director Amento reported on an upcoming re-appointment to the Tweed Airport Board, a possible regional public health grant, and reminded everyone that there would be a Collective bargaining Strategy Discussion on health care issues after the SCRCOG meeting. Amento also distributed a spreadsheet showing which members had responded to the Collective Bargaining and Regional Initiatives surveys.

ITEM 8-REX Development Executive Director’s Report

Ginny Kozlowski’s Executive Director’s Report is found on pages 19 and 20 of the agenda packet.

ITEM 9-Review and Approval of CEDS Update

REX Development Executive Developer Ginny Kozlowski reviewed the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update found on pages 21 through 41 of the agenda packet. Mayor Jackson moved for approval of the CEDS Update. Mayor Picard seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

ITEM 10- Discussion of Regional Participation in REX Development and CEDS

Mayor Jackson presented the history of SCRCOG members’ support of REX Development. There are now 5 SCRCOG members who are not dues-paying members of REX Development. Mayor Jackson noted that the REX Strategic Planning Committee recommended continuing to serve all SCRCOG members in the region, and to continue efforts to enlist support from the non-member towns. Mayor Picard put that recommendation in the form of a motion, which was seconded by Mayor DeStefano. REX Development Executive Director Ginny Kozlowski indicated that she would set up meetings with the non-member towns promptly.

ITEM 11- DEMHS Report

Roy Piper reported that DEMHS Region 2 approved its 2010 spending plan at the May REPT meeting. He also reported that DEMHS will be merged with the state Department of Public Safety to create a new state Department of Energy Services and Public Protection (DESPP).

ITEM 12- Regional Planning Commission Report

The Action Tables for May are on pages 42 and 43 of the agenda packet.

ITEM 13- Regional Cooperation/ Other Business

Mayor Capone noted that East Haven is hiring a part-time Economic Development Coordinator.

ITEM 16- Adjournment

Mayor Picard moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Jackson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairman Sheehy adjourned the meeting at 10:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Picard
SCRCOG Secretary

BALANCE SHEET - May, 2011

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	
Bank of America	73,392
First Niagara Bank	288,274
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG	254,344
Total Cash and Investments	616,010
Accounts Receivable	
Connecticut Department of Transportation	129,116
DEMHS - Homeland Security Planning	29
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Federal Share	61,129
Amount for Accrued Leave	10,874
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	40,955
Total Accounts Receivable	242,104
Property and Equipment	
COG Equipment	1,773
Less, Accumulated Depreciation	0
Total Property & Equipment	1,773
TOTAL ASSETS	859,886

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0
Accrued Payroll Taxes	60
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	12,592
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H074(1)	12,893
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H103(1)	4,027
Other Liabilities	0
Total Current Liabilities	29,581
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	3,222
Fund Balance - May, 2011	830,305
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	859,886

Statement of Resources and Expenditures - May, 2011

<i>Resources</i>	<i>FY 11 Budget</i>	<i>Month of May, 2011</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Municipal Contribution	122,400	0	122,400
Municipal Carryover to FY 2012	28,700	12,592	16,109
ConnDOT - Transportation Planning			
<i>U.S. Dept of Transportation</i>	927,744	40,450	486,011
<i>U.S. Dept of Transp - Carryover to FY 12</i>	115,981	0	0
<i>Connecticut Dept of Transportation</i>	229,700	5,056	60,751
<i>CTDOT - Carryover to FY 12</i>	28,700	0	0
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management			
<i>Regional Planning</i>	6,360	0	6,360
Emergency Response Planning			
<i>DEMHS - FY 07 NHASH Grant</i>	22,800	0	15,350
<i>DEMHS - FY 08 NHASH Grant</i>	10,000	0	0
Regional Growth Partnership			
<i>Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support</i>	10,000	0	3,333
Interest	2,500	84	807
TOTAL	1,504,885	58,182	711,121

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 11 Budget</i>	<i>Month of May, 2011</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Labor & Benefits	598,076		525,232
<i>Salaries</i>		27,163	364,810
<i>Fringe Benefits</i>		13,696	160,422
Travel	6,300	285	3,298
Data Process	16,600	25	3,911
General Operations	158,000		132,174
<i>Rent</i>	96,300	8,008	97,519
<i>Postage & Telephone</i>	7,600	216	4,005
<i>Print & Reproduction</i>	2,500	0	100
<i>Office Supplies</i>	3,800	330	1,806
<i>Equipment Maintenance</i>	17,200	1,367	13,504
<i>Publications</i>	4,900	0	621
<i>Insurance & Professional Services</i>	16,600	0	8,955
<i>Meeting Expenses & Advertising</i>	8,500	245	5,027
<i>Miscellaneous & Equipment Use</i>	600	35	636
Consultant - Current Year	366,900	0	9,217
Consultant - Carryover to FY 12	287,100	0	0
Capital Purchase	0	0	0
NHASH Grant	32,800	0	22,708
ROOF - Regional Foreclosure Protection	25,000	0	0
Contingencies	14,109	0	0
TOTAL	1,504,885	51,372	696,640

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 17

Project	0300-0159RS	2011-A17-1	Locomotive Overhauls
Changes	Amendment 17 introduces a new project to fund overhauls on 14 locomotives		
Reason	The Department owns 8 P-40 and 8 GP40 locomotives that range in age from 18 to 40 years. AMTRAK operates and maintains the locomotives currently used in providing commuter rail service on Shoreline East (SLE). Due to the deteriorating condition of the locomotive fleet CDOT has been experiencing an increase in the mechanical failures that cause delays and train cancellations in addition to impacting Amtrak operations		
Project	ENH-TXXX	2001-037	Various Transit Enhancement Improvements
Changes	Amendment 17 moves the balance of 5307 (R) funds to FY11 and adds the new apportionment of 5307 (E) funds to the program.		
Reason	The balance of FY08 funds (\$36,252 Fed) and FY09 funds (\$194,216 Fed) are moved from FY10 to FY11. At the same time the FY10 funds (\$194,216 Fed) are added to allow for the funds to be obligated		

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

Amendment Number 17

State Project 0300-0159RS

SCRCOG # 2011-A17-1

Municipality Regional

Proposed

Project Name Locomotive Overhauls

Description Project will provide funding for the overhaul of 14 locomotives. This work is in line with manufacturer recommendations

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>
5309B	OTH	Federal		16,000			
		State		4,000			
TIP Funds	\$20,000		0	0	20,000	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP Amend 17 introduces a new Project

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

Amendment Number 17

State Project ENH-TXXX

SCRCOG # 2001-037

Municipality Regional

Proposed

Project Name Various Transit Enhancement Improvements

Description 5307 Transit Enhancement fund allotments from FFY08 through FFY11 for several projects to be completed throughout the region.

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>
5307R	CON	Federal	705				
		Local	176				
Total Cost	\$881		881	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>
5307E	CON	Federal		194			
		Local		49			
5307R		Federal		230			
		Local		58			
TIP Funds	\$531		0	531	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP Amend 5 introduces project and adds Carryover Transit Enhancement Funds from FFY 06-FFY09. FFY06 Fed = 165K, LOC=41K, FFY07 Fed=169K,LOC=42K, FFY08 Fed = 182K, LOC=46K, FFY09 Fed = 189K, LOC=47K. FY10 TIP Amend 17 moves carry over amount of 230 Fed and add 2011 amount of 194 fed.



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Resolution

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

- 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—2011 to 2040, (April, 2011)*); 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—2011 to 2040, (April, 2011)*); 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 Seventeen
(Continued)***

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

The *Program Amendment Seventeen* 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 **June 22, 2011**.

Date: June 22, 2011.

By: _____

John Picard, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments



Executive Director's Report – June 15, 2011
Ginny Kozlowski

Brownfield Projects

- Moving forward on the Goodrich/Daisy Street Project – Scheduled for completion by 9/30
- Evaluating two Brownfield Projects for the balance of the EPA Revolving Loan Fund Grant
- Petroleum Grants – Identified 3 possible petroleum sites eligible for EPA Assessment funding in the region
- Updating the region's inventory of Brownfield sites. This is a project in coordination with DECD and University of Connecticut

Business Development

- Update on the EDD application – REX can expect to have its Economic Development Designation by the end of June. The region can expect to start to receive basic funding from EDA in October 2011.
- Expansion of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- Participated in the Medical Design & Manufacturing Trade Show – June 7 – June 11. Met with 11 businesses looking to increase their presence in Connecticut
- Continued efforts on air service development for Tweed Airport – outreach to the business community to increase use of the airport and expanded air service
- The annual update for the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is complete and has been approved by the REX, COG and RLC Boards for the June 30, 2011 submission deadline
- Hosted an informational session with the region's hotels to update them on the State's Quick Start Marketing Campaign

Marketing

- NPR Westchester/Fairfield County/New Haven County Radio Campaign continues
- REX trade show booth produced
- REX lure brochure produced
- Providing marketing services for Central Regional Tourism District
 - Continue to distribute weekly consumer topical e-blasts, refreshing visitNewHaven website and updating social media daily
 - Submitted attractions, events and images for Chinese travel website (no charge)
- Hosted a freelance travel writer, Bobbi Green, 6/11
- Hosting Stephen Keeling from Rough Guides, 7/14
- Coordinating the region's participation in Connecticut's Quick Start Tourism Marketing Campaign. This is public/private partnership, over \$100,000 raised through the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce from this region. The total marketing investment in the campaign will be \$2.4M



Revenue Development

- Renewed agreement with the Central Regional Tourism District through June 30, 2012
- Developing a sustainable funding strategy for REX

June 9, 2011 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	5/4/11	Town of Orange: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to re-establish the Office Park District	Milford, New Haven, West Haven, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region. A proposed map amendment has not been received with this application. If the intent of the proposed Office Park District is to replace the existing LI-5 District, then there may be potential adverse impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound including but not limited to stormwater run-off and the potential increase in the intensity of development permitted. The potential impacts may be caused by the increase of total impervious surface coverage from 15% to 30% and the proposed district being exempt from the steep slope regulations.
2.2	5/10/11	Town of North Branford: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to “Limited sale of used motor vehicles when accessory and subordinate to an establishment that sells automotive parts and equipment”	Branford, East Haven, Guilford, North Haven, Wallingford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments 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.
2.3	5/24/11	Town of Stratford: Proposed Zoning Regulations Amendments to strengthen the fence buffer requirement between commercial/industrial districts and residential districts	Milford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments 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.

2.4		Town of East Haven: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application for the Town's Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund	Branford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven	By resolution, the RPC recommends that the Department of Community and Economic Development award the Town of East Haven a grant to continue to fund this important and successful program as the application proposal meets important housing goals identified in the South Central Regional Plan of Conservation and Development of providing a diverse and affordable housing stock.
2.5	6/1/11	Town of Prospect: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Wind Energy Facility/Systems	Bethany	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments 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.