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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

## **SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA**

**August 22, 2012 – 10:00 A.M.**

**Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor West  
North Haven, CT 06473**

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1. Call to order and Introductions – First Selectman Anthony DaRos, *Chairman*
2. **Presentation: Coastal Resilience and Hazard Mitigation in the South Central Region of CT-**  
**Adam W. Wheelchel, Ph. D., Director of Science, The Nature Conservancy - Connecticut Chapter**
3. Adoption of 7/25/2012 SCRCOG Minutes – Mayor Scott Jackson, *Secretary* Pages 2-4
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  - a. Adopt Resolution to approve 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Seven Pages 11-12
6. Resolution Supporting New Haven Route for Northeast Corridor High Speed Rail and Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit Testimony to Federal Rail Administration – Carl Amento, *Executive Director* Page 13
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9. Congressional Report – Louis Mangini, *Legislative Aide to U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro*
10. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report – Carl Amento, *Executive Director*
11. REX Development Report – Ginny Kozlowski, *REX Executive Director* Page 28
12. DESPP/DEMHS Report – John B. Field, Jr., *Region 2 Coordinator*
13. CT Rides Report – Pamela Hypolite, *Outreach Coordinator*
14. RPC Action Table for August Page 29
15. Regional Cooperation /Other Business
16. Adjournment

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TO: **SCRCOG Board**  
FROM: **Mayor Scott Jackson**  
DATE: **August 16, 2012**  
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of July 25, 2012**

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**Present:**

Branford	First Selectman Anthony DaRos – <b><i>Chairman</i></b>
Guilford	First Selectman Joseph S. Mazza
Hamden	Mayor Scott Jackson— <b><i>Secretary</i></b>
Madison	First Selectman Fillmore McPherson
Meriden	Lawrence Kendzior, proxy for Mayor Michael Rohde
Milford	Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven	Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Branford	Joanne Wentworth, proxy for Mayor Anthony Candelora
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda – <b><i>Treasurer</i></b>
Wallingford	Mayor William Dickinson
West Haven	Mayor John Picard – <b><i>Vice Chairman</i></b>
Woodbridge	Anthony Genovese, proxy for First Selectman Edward Sheehy

SCRCOG Staff      Carl J. Amento – ***Executive Director***  
                                 Steven Dudley, Al Ruggiero, James Rode

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**Other Guests:** Miriam Brody, *Hamden-North Haven League of Voters*; Mary Bigelow, *GNHTD Board of Directors*; Ginny Kozlowski, *REX Development*; Amanda Brown and Pamela Hypolite, *CT Rides*; Edgar Wynkoop, *CTDOT*; Carlene Kulisch, *Consultant*; Lori Vitagliano, *Regional Water Authority*; Tom Cariglio, *United Illuminating*; Bob Kenny and John B. Field, Jr., *DEMHS*; Lou Mangini and William Greco, *Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's Office*; Erik Johnson, *City of New Haven*; Paul Campion, *Adecco Group*; William DeRosa, *Diversified Employment*; Anthony Avallone, *Reitman Personnel*

1. **Call to order and Introductions:**

Chairman DaRos called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Presentation: Regional Foreclosure Prevention Strategies - Mayor John DeStefano**

Mayor DeStefano suggested that representatives from SCRCOG should meet with the Attorney General to familiarize him with our Region's foreclosure prevention program and to seek a share of the settlement funds distributed to the state for foreclosure prevention programs. The Mayor also noted that he has had productive discussions with the banks serving our Region and that they expressed a willingness to reach out to residents facing foreclosure. The Mayor would like to see SCRCOG coordinate meetings between the banks and residents at which residents could negotiate workouts of their delinquent mortgages.

3. **Presentation: Panel Discussion on Temporary Employment - Paul Campion of Adecco Group, William DeRosa of Diversified Employment, and Anthony Avallone of Reitman Personnel**

The panelists discussed temporary employment leading to permanent employment as well as general employment conditions in the Region. The panelists responded to questions from the mayors and first selectmen.

4. **Adoption of June 27, 2012 SCRCOG meeting minutes:**

Mayor Jackson presented the minutes. Executive Director Amento noted that two errors in the minutes had been called to his attention: “Karla Weil” should be corrected to “Carla Weil” and “The Pilot Pen Tennis Tournament” should be corrected to “The New Haven Open at Yale.” Mayor Jackson moved that the minutes as corrected by the two changes presented (noted above) be approved. Mayor Picard seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

5. **Treasurer’s Report for month ending June 30, 2012:**

First Selectman Freda presented the Treasurer’s Report which is found on pages 5 and 6 of the agenda packet. Our balance sheet shows that we have \$523,024 in cash and investments and \$222,980 due from CT DOT for transportation planning. Expenses seemed appropriate for the month. Mayor Picard moved for acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report. Mayor Blake seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

6. **Transportation Committee Report:**

Mayor Dickinson presented the Transportation Committee Report contained on pages 7-13 of the agenda packet. Mayor Dickinson moved for the approval of 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Six. First Selectman McPherson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

7. **Action on Request for Continued Funding for Regional Foreclosure Prevention Project:**

First Selectman McPherson moved for SCRCOG to fund the Regional Foreclosure Prevention Project in the sum of \$10,000 for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, with such funds to be drawn from SCRCOG’s reserves. Mayor Picard seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor except Mayor Dickinson who voted “no.”

8. **Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate and Sign Agreements with Consultants Selected to Perform UPWP Studies:**

Mayor Jackson moved for approval of the Resolution. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. **Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate and Sign An Agreement with the Selected Consultant, Jamie Caplan Consulting, LLC, for Preparation of a Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

Executive Director Amento reported that a panel consisting of five representatives from the SCRCOG cities and towns and three SCRCOG staff members interviewed the three applicants on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The selection panel chose Jamie Caplan Consulting, LLC. City Manager Larry Kendzior moved for approval of the resolution. Mayor Blake seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

10. **Congressional Report:**

Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro, reported that a new Transportation Reauthorization Bill was enacted by Congress called Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21). The bill provides transportation funding for 2 and 1/4 years at a reduced amount from current year funding. An eight page booklet of highlights of MAP 21 was distributed to SCRCOG members.

11. **SCRCOG Executive Director's Report:**

Executive Director Amento noted that SCRCOG staff coordinated the outreach, solicitation, review and ranking of applications for grant funding for paratransit vehicles under the Federal Transit Administration's Section 310 Program. The program awards grants of 80% of the cost of vehicles up to \$40,000. The grants were awarded to Orchard House (Branford), Easter Seals (North Haven), Mary Wade Home (New Haven), Marrakech (Woodbridge) and VNA Community Healthcare (Guilford). Amento also pointed out that representatives are needed from West Haven, Orange, and Bethany for the Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee.

12. **REX Development Report:**

Executive Director Ginny Kozlowski's report is on pages 16 and 17 of the agenda packet. Executive Director Kozlowski reported that meetings will be scheduled with the municipalities regarding the update of the Region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Mayor Jackson reported on the activities of the REX Strategic Planning Committee.

13. **DESPP/ DEMHS Report:**

Bob Kenny reported that he has been serving as Acting Coordinator for Region 2 as well as continuing his duties as Region 1 Coordinator since October 2010. He introduced the new Region 2 Coordinator, John B. Field, Jr, former Fire Chief of the City of Torrington. Kenny and Field discussed the statewide exercise planned for Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, July 23-26. The exercise will test the emergency response to a Category 3 hurricane.

14. **CT Rides Report:**

Amanda Brown introduced Pamela Hypolite who will also be covering this Region as an Outreach Coordinator. Brown reviewed the CTRides Strategic Plan.

15. **RPC Action Table for July:**

The Action Table for July was reviewed.

16. **Regional Cooperation/ Other Business:**

None

17. **Adjournment:**

First Selectman McPherson moved for adjournment. Joanne Wentworth seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Scott Jackson, Secretary

**BALANCE SHEET - July 2012**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Cash and Investments</b>	
First Niagara Bank	97,018
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG	254,880
<b>Total Cash and Investments</b>	<b>351,897</b>
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>	
Municipal Dues - FY 12/13	119,300
Connecticut Department of Transportation	260,321
DESPP - Homeland Security Planning	24,510
RPA - Sustainable Communities	12,592
CT DEEP - Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan	12,462
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Federal Share	4,570
Amount for Accrued Leave	7,120
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	50,621
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>491,494</b>
<b>Property and Equipment</b>	
COG Equipment	228
<b>Total Property &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>228</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>843,620</b>

<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	0
Accrued Payroll Taxes	113
Deferred Revenue - GIA	14,121
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H074(1)	12,893
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H103(1)	4,027
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>169,913</b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>	
Estimated Fund Balance - July 1, 2012	678,950
Amount for Accrued Leave	7,120
Investment in Equipment	228
Fund Change	-12,591
<b>Fund Balance - July, 2012</b>	<b>673,707</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>843,620</b>

*Statement of Resources and Expenditures - July, 2012*

<i>Resources</i>	<i>FY 13 Budget</i>	<i>Month of July, 2012</i>	<i>To Date</i>
<b>Municipal Contribution</b>	<b>154,100</b>	<b>12,842</b>	<b>12,842</b>
<b>ConnDOT - Transportation Planning</b>			
U.S. Dept of Transportation	1,023,305	33,192	33,192
Connecticut Dept of Transportation	127,914	4,149	4,149
<b>Connecticut Office of Policy &amp; Management</b>			
Regional Planning	7,000	0	0
<b>Federal Emergency Management Agency</b>			
Hazard Mitigation Plan	175,500	6,394	6,394
Municipal - In-Kind Contribution	58,500	0	0
<b>Sustainable Communities Grant</b>			
Sustainable Communities Reg Planning Grant	20,000	4,960	4,960
<b>REX Development</b>			
Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support	10,000	0	0
<b>Interest</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,577,519</b>	<b>61,576</b>	<b>61,576</b>

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 13 Budget</i>	<i>Month of July, 2012</i>	<i>To Date</i>
<b>Total Labor - Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>613,200</b>		<b>52,742</b>
Salaries		33,035	33,035
Fringe Benefits		19,707	19,707
<b>Travel</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>950</b>
<b>Data Process</b>	<b>9,400</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>631</b>
<b>General Operations</b>	<b>155,800</b>		
Rent	0	16,435	16,435
Postage & Telephone	0	106	106
Print & Reproduction	0	0	0
Office Supplies	0	0	0
Equipment Maintenance	0	16	16
Publications	0	125	125
Insurance & Professional Services	0	2,560	2,560
Meeting Expenses & Advertising	0	602	602
Miscellaneous & Equipment Use	0	0	0
<b>Consultants</b>	<b>515,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Capital Purchase</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>FEMA - PreDisaster Mitigation Plan</b>	<b>205,750</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Contingencies</b>	<b>69,869</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,577,519</b>	<b>74,167</b>	<b>74,167</b>

**South Central Regional Council of Governments**  
**2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**Amendment Number 7**

<b>Project</b>	<b>0092-0627</b>	<b>2010-001</b>	<b>I-95 Corridor Improvement Project- contract B2</b>
<b>Changes</b>	Amendment 7 moves funds from Fiscal Year 2013 to Fiscal Year 2012		
<b>Reason</b>	Action is necessary to fully obligate the state apportionment of On-System Bridge funds (BRXZ) by the end of the fiscal year.		
<b>Project</b>	<b>0092-0649</b>	<b>2011-A0-9</b>	<b>Long Wharf - Final Revisions and Tie-In To Contract E</b>
<b>Changes</b>	Amendment 7 replaces NHS funds with STPA funds in Fiscal Year 2012		
<b>Reason</b>	Action is necessary to change a source of funding for this project as National Highway System (NHS) funds are not included in Map-21. CDOT will fully fund the project this year using Interstate Maintenance Discretionary grant funds and STPA fund.		
<b>Project</b>	<b>0170-3177</b>	<b>2012-A6-2</b>	<b>Bridge Inspection by State Forces- on/off system</b>
<b>Changes</b>	Amendment 7 introduces new project to continue the funding of an ongoing program		
<b>Reason</b>	Project will provide funding for field inspections and condition evaluations of bridges, overhead sign support structures and other ancillary structures.		
<b>Project</b>	<b>0170-3178</b>	<b>2012-A6-1</b>	<b>STPT Eligible Engineering Activities for CLE</b>
<b>Changes</b>	Amendment 7 introduces new project		
<b>Reason</b>	Project will provide funding for federally eligible engineering activities of the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program including activities of the department's Consultant Liaison Engineer (CLE)		

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FFY2012-FFY2015 Transportation Improvement Program  
Amendment 7

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**State Project** 0092-0627

**SCRCOG #** 2010-001

**Municipality** New Haven

Proposed

**Project Name** I-95 Corridor Improvement Project- contract B2

**Description** Project No. 92-627, Contract B2, involves the construction of the I-95 SB West approach and river piers to the new Pearl Harbor Memorial Bridge. This project will be advertised with Project No. 92-531 Contract E,

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**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i><b>Funding</b></i>	<i><b>Phase</b></i>		<i><b>Prior</b></i>	<i><b>2012</b></i>	<i><b>2013</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>	<i><b>2015</b></i>	<i><b>FYI</b></i>
BRXZ	CON	Federal		7,200	28,000	25,230	12,000	16,197
		State		1,076	3,111	2,803	1,333	1,800
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$98,750</b>		0	8,276	31,111	28,033	13,333	17,997

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i><b>Funding</b></i>	<i><b>Phase</b></i>		<i><b>Prior</b></i>	<i><b>2012</b></i>	<i><b>2013</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>	<i><b>2015</b></i>	<i><b>FYI</b></i>
BRXZ	CON	Federal		20,200	15,000	25,230	12,000	16,197
		State		3,018	2,241	2,803	1,333	1,800
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$99,822</b>		0	23,218	17,241	28,033	13,333	17,997

**Amendment Notes**

FY10 TIP introduces new project. FY10 TIP Amend 5 adds NHS funds, FY10 TIP Amend 9 moves funds into FFY10. FY12 TIP includes ongoing project. FY12 TIP Amend 7 moves funds from FY13 to FY12



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FFY2012-FFY2015 Transportation Improvement Program  
Amendment 7

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**State Project** 0092-0649

**SCRCOG #** 2011-A0-9

**Municipality** New Haven

Proposed

**Project Name** Long Wharf- Final Revisions & Tie In To Contract E

**Description** Project will provide the final walk-away condition for the I-95 NB in the Long Wharf area of New Haven. Project will match into the proposed reconstruction of the interchange under project #92-531

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**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i><b>Funding</b></i>	<i><b>Phase</b></i>	<i><b>Prior</b></i>	<i><b>2012</b></i>	<i><b>2013</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>	<i><b>2015</b></i>	<i><b>FYI</b></i>
NHS	CON AC-Entry		0				
	Federal		5,000	2,000	4,000		
	State		556	222	444		
STPA	AC-Entry		0				
	Federal		5,000	5,000	6,000		
	State		556	556	667		
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$30,001</b>	0	11,112	7,778	11,111	0	0

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i><b>Funding</b></i>	<i><b>Phase</b></i>	<i><b>Prior</b></i>	<i><b>2012</b></i>	<i><b>2013</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>	<i><b>2015</b></i>	<i><b>FYI</b></i>
I-MD	CON Federal		3,250				
	State		361				
STPA	AC-Entry		0				
	Federal		23,750				
	State		2,639				
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	0	30,000	0	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY12 TIP introduces new project. FY12 TIP Amend 7 eliminates NHS funds and introduces IMD.

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**State Project** 0170-3177

**SCRCOG #** 2012-A6-2

**Municipality** Statewide

Proposed

**Project Name** Bridge Inspection by State Forces- on/off system

**Description** project provides funds for Bridge inspection by state forces for both on and off system bridges

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**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i><b>Funding</b></i>	<i><b>Phase</b></i>	<i><b>Prior</b></i>	<i><b>2012</b></i>	<i><b>2013</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>	<i><b>2015</b></i>	<i><b>FYI</b></i>
BRXZ	OTH AC-Entry			0			
	Federal			2,400	5,600	5,600	2,400
	State			600	1,400	1,400	600
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	0	0	3,000	7,000	7,000	3,000

**Amendment Notes**

FY12 Amend 7 introduces new project

**State Project** 0170-3178

**SCRCOG #** 2012-A6-1

**Municipality** Statewide

Proposed

**Project Name** STPT Eligible Engineering Activities for CLE

**Description** Project funds federally eligible engineering activities of the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program including activities of CDOT's Consulting Liaison Engineer (CLE)

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**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i><b>Funding</b></i>	<i><b>Phase</b></i>	<i><b>Prior</b></i>	<i><b>2012</b></i>	<i><b>2013</b></i>	<i><b>2014</b></i>	<i><b>2015</b></i>	<i><b>FYI</b></i>
STPT	PD AC-Entry		0				
	Federal		832	832	832		
	State		208	208	208		
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$3,120</b>	0	1,040	1,040	1,040	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY12 Amend 7 introduces new project



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## ***Resolution***

### ***Fiscal Year 2012-Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Seven***

*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 2012-Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation Improvement Program* on January 25, 2012, 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 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Long-Range Transportation Plans—2011 to 2040, (April, 2011)*; and

*Whereas:* The Council, on January 25, 2012, 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 2012-Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Seven  
(continued)***

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

The *Program Amendment Seven* 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 **August 22, 2012**.

Date: **August 22, 2012**.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Jackson, Secretary  
South Central Regional Council of Governments



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**Resolution Supporting New Haven Route for Northeast Corridor High Speed Rail and Authorizing the Executive Director to Submit Testimony to Federal Rail Administration**

**Whereas:** The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) has initiated a strategic rail planning and environmental impact review program called NEC FUTURE, which is expected to be completed in 2015;

**Whereas:** NEC FUTURE will identify and evaluate investment alternatives to meet the needs of the nation's busiest rail line, the 457-mile railroad line from Boston's South Station to Washington's Union Station known as the Northeast Corridor (NEC);

**Whereas:** NEC FUTURE will evaluate alternatives that accommodate growth of the Corridor's intercity and commuter passenger rail services through 2040; and

**Whereas;** NEC FUTURE will consider in its evaluation of alternative passenger routes Amtrak's Vision for High-Speed Rail in the Northeast Corridor (2010 and 2012 Update Report) which proposes a NEC NextGen High Speed Rail alignment which links New York City to Danbury to Waterbury to Hartford to Providence, completely bypassing the City of New Haven and the existing Connecticut shoreline rail route.

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that:**

SCRCOG urges the NEC FUTURE Study to give serious consideration to priority investment and routing of high speed and high quality rail improvements through the City of New Haven and the existing shoreline rail alignment; and

SCRCOG hereby authorizes its Executive Director to submit written testimony by the September 14, 2012 deadline to the Federal Rail Administration for the NEC FUTURE Study detailing SCRCOG's support for a rail route through the City of New Haven.

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 **August 22, 2012.**

Date: **August 22, 2012**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary  
South Central Regional Council of Governments



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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

***Resolution***

***South Central Regional Council of Governments***

***Authorizing Execution of Agreements with the CT Office of Policy & Management***

*Resolved*, that the Executive Director, Carl Amento, is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the South Central Regional Council of Governments in negotiation and executing all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments with the Connecticut Office of Policy & Management.

Such contracts are for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance to carry on Regional Planning Program in the South Central Region of Connecticut covering the period of July 2, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

*Certificate:*

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certified that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the SCRCOG on August 22, 2012.

Date: August 22, 2012

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Jackson, Secretary  
South Central Regional Council of Governments



## SOUTH CENTRAL REGION MULTI-JURISDICTION HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Kick-off Meeting

August 14, 2012



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### CONSULTING TEAM INTRODUCTION



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## AGENDA FOR TODAY

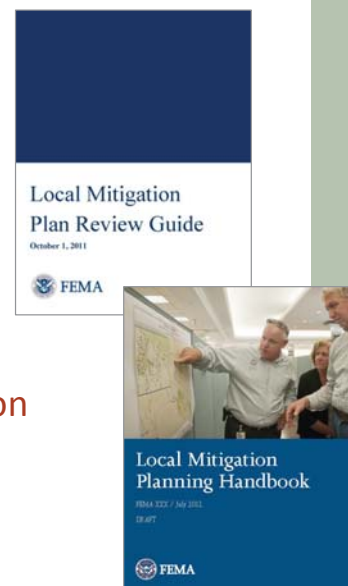
- Purpose for today's meeting:
  - Introduce the project and the planning process
  - Answer any questions you may have
  - Gather feedback
  - Determine next steps
- Introductions
- Hazard Mitigation Planning Overview
- Hazard Mitigation Planning Tasks and Planning Timeline
- Discussion and Next Steps



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## PROJECT PURPOSE

- FEMA approved mitigation plan – each jurisdiction eligible for mitigation program funding
  - New guidance effective 10/1/12
    - *Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide*
    - *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook*
- 10 Diverse Communities – 1 Multi-Jurisdiction Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan



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## WHAT ARE MULTI-HAZARD MITIGATION PLANS?

- **Hazard mitigation** is sustained action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and their property from hazards.
- **Hazard Mitigation Plans** form the foundation for a community's long-term strategy to reduce disaster losses and break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. **The planning process is as important as the plan itself.** It creates a framework for risk-based decision making to reduce damages to lives, property, and the economy from future disasters.



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## MITIGATION EXAMPLES

- Local Planning and Regulations
- Structure and Infrastructure Projects
- Natural Systems Protection
- Education and Awareness Programs



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## DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000

- **Purpose:**
  - Streamline the administration of disaster relief
  - Control the Federal costs of disaster assistance, with an increased emphasis on mitigation planning
  - Authorize a program for pre-disaster mitigation funding
- **Amended Federal legislation (Stafford Act) to require hazard mitigation plans as a condition for states and local communities to remain eligible for certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for hazard mitigation projects.**
  - FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance programs
    - HMGP, PDM, FMA, RFC, SRL



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## BENEFITS OF MITIGATION PLANNING

- Identify hazards and prioritize risk reduction efforts
- Increase public awareness of hazards
- Build partnerships between jurisdictions
- Align risk reduction with other community objectives
- Become eligible for State and Federal funding
- Speed recovery following disaster events
- Maximize credit points under the National Flood Insurance Program's Community Rating System (CRS)



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## BENEFITS OF MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL MITIGATION PLANNING

- Pool resources
- Engage in comprehensive risk management (hazards don't abide by political boundaries)
- Reduce level of effort by each municipality – achieve economies of scale and avoid duplication of effort
- Promotes consistency throughout the planning area
- Enhances grant funding opportunities
- FEMA and CT encourage the partnership approach



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## MITIGATION PLANNING SCOPE OF WORK

### Key Project Tasks:

1. Planning Process
2. Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
3. Capability Assessment
4. Mitigation Strategy
5. Plan Maintenance Process
6. Plan Adoption and Approval

Theme: Municipalities are individual entities with specific characteristics/risks that need to be addressed.



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## PLANNING PROCESS

- **Public Outreach Strategy**
  - Who should participate?
  - How will we involve these people?
  - What do we hope to accomplish?
- **Advisory Committee**
  - Representatives from each participating municipality
- **Conduct Public Outreach**
  - SCRCOG Website
  - Public Workshops
  - “Toolkit” for Floodplain Mapping
  - Questionnaires
  - Visit and meet with representatives from each municipality
- **Document the Planning Process**



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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – WORKSHOPS AND MUNICIPALITY VISITS

- **Municipality Visits with Key Stakeholders**
  - Identify essential facilities
  - Locate possible risk areas
  - Discuss past areas that have been damaged
- **Possible Outreach Methods**
  - Municipality meetings
  - Community workshops
  - Interviews/meetings
  - News media
  - Presentations to government bodies or business groups
  - Questionnaires/Surveys
  - SCRCOG website



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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE

- Participate in 8 Advisory Committee meetings
- Coordinate and assist with local workshops
- Identify stakeholders in each municipality, assist with local meetings
- Make decisions on plan process and content
- Submit mitigation action implementation worksheets
- Review draft plan deliverables
- Be a resource to the SCRCOG and contractors



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## HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

- Focus of Plan is on Natural Hazards

Potential Hazards (SCRCOG)	Connecticut's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (2010)
River/Coastal Flooding	Tropical Cyclones (Hurricane & Tropical Storm)
Severe Thunderstorm/Tornado	Winter Storms
Hurricane/Tropical Storm	Flooding
Nor'easter	Ice Jams
Severe Winter Storm	Dam Failures
Ice Jam	Wildland Fires
	Tornadoes
	Drought
	Earthquakes
	Tsunami



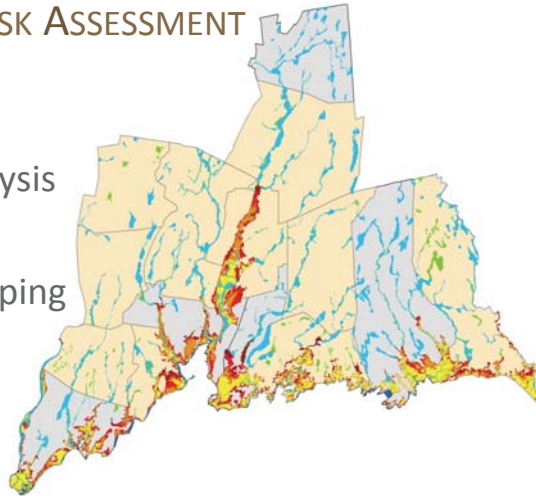
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## HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

### ■ Key Steps

1. Data Collection and Analysis
2. Hazard Identification
3. Hazard Profiles and Mapping
  - ✓ Location
  - ✓ Extent
  - ✓ Previous occurrences
  - ✓ Probability of future occurrences
4. Inventory of Community Assets
5. Vulnerability Assessment



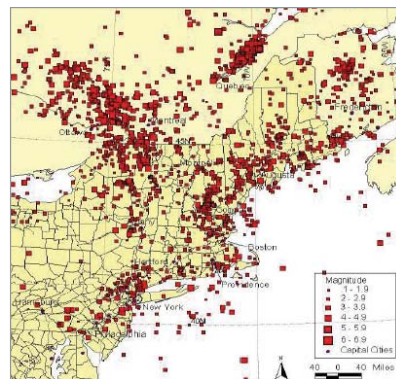
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## RISK ASSESSMENT APPROACH

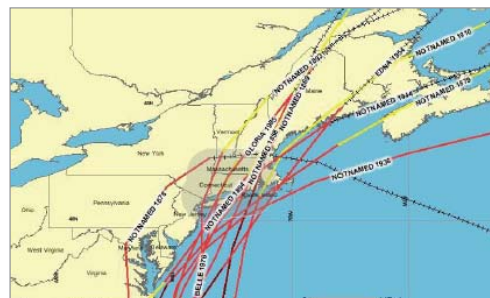
### ■ Quantitative Analysis

- Use of best available data and technology
- Deterministic and probabilistic modeling (Hazus-MH and statistical methods)



### ■ Qualitative Analysis

- Local knowledge and stakeholder collaboration
- Priority Risk Index



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## HAZUS-MH – FEMA’S LOSS ESTIMATION METHODOLOGY

- **Our Approach:**
  - “Level 2” Analysis - replace FEMA’s national default inventory data with best available local data
- **Results:**
  - Physical, economic and social impacts will be quantified for the South Central Region as well as each municipal jurisdiction



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## DATA “WISH LIST”

- GIS Data Inventory spreadsheet will be completed in cooperation with SCRCOG and municipalities
- Any other existing plans, studies, reports that can help inform the risk assessment?
  - Emergency operations plans, floodplain management plans, land use plans, etc.
  - Post-disaster assessments, after-action reports, etc.
  - Previous mitigation projects, grant applications, etc.

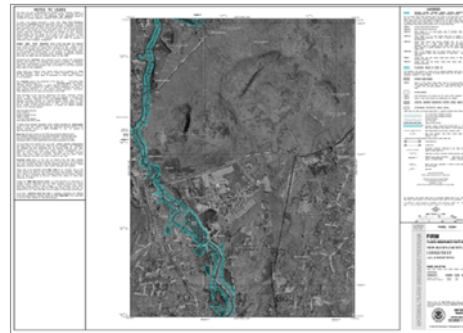


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## “TOOLKIT” FOR FLOODPLAIN MAPPING

- To be produced for public workshops held as part of this project
- To include non-technical guidance and visuals for property owners on:
  - FEMA floodplain mapping process
  - Differences in flood zones
  - Insurance requirements
  - Procedures for appeals, map amendments or revisions



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## CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT

- Review the region’s capacity to mitigate natural hazards.
- Types of capabilities:
  - Planning and regulatory
  - Administrative and technical staff
  - Financial
  - Education and outreach
- **Advisory Committee:** Contribute resources to capability assessment. Review risk assessment and capability assessment. Develop mitigation goals and objectives.



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## MITIGATION STRATEGY

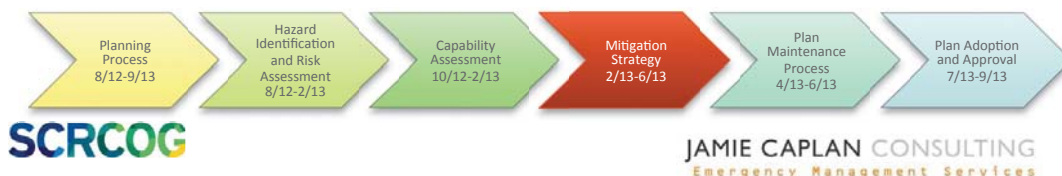
- Mitigation Strategy is the long-term blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment. The strategy describes how the community will accomplish the overall purpose, or mission, of the planning process.
- Develop Goals and Objectives.
- Prioritize mitigation actions for each municipality.
- Use risk assessment to justify as well as identify possible actions.
- **Advisory Committee:** Assist with development of mitigation action plans for each municipality.



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## CONSISTENCY WITH STATE HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

- State of CT 2010 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, Mission to mitigate effects of natural hazards by minimizing loss of life and property damage.
  1. Promote implementation of sound floodplain management and other natural hazard mitigation principles on a state and local level;
  2. Encourage research to support management and planning activities for natural hazard mitigation and State investment policies; and
  3. Promote implementation of effective natural hazard mitigation projects on a state and local level.



## PLAN MAINTENANCE PROCESS

- Develop a plan to update and maintain the mitigation plan on a regular basis.
  - Required to update it every 5 years for State and FEMA review.
- Include a plan to implement the mitigation plan strategy.
- **Advisory Committee:** Review Draft Plan. Finalize prioritization of mitigation actions and projects, and make decisions regarding plan implementation and maintenance.



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## PLAN ADOPTION AND APPROVAL

- All SCRCOG participating jurisdictions will formally adopt the plan.
- SCRCOG will formally adopt the plan.
- CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) will review and approve the plan.
- FEMA will review and approve the plan.
- **Advisory Committee:** Review Final Plan and prepare for local plan adoption.

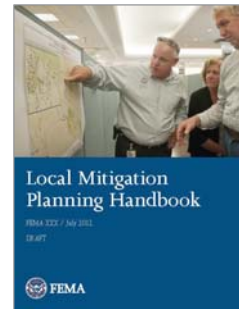


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## RESOURCES

### ■ FEMA

- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 44 Part 201.6: Local Mitigation Plans
- *Local Mitigation Plan Review Guide*, October 2011
- *Local Mitigation Planning Handbook*, July 2012 Draft – not released yet
- FEMA Mitigation Planning *How-To Guides*



### ■ Connecticut

- Connecticut's 2010 Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update, December 2010



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## NEXT STEPS

### ■ Contract Team

- Finalize Work Plan and Schedule
- Develop Public Outreach Strategy
- Begin data collection & analysis

### ■ SCRCOG

- Assist with data collection
- Webpage

### ■ Advisory Committee

- Assist with data collection
- Identify local stakeholders

### ■ Schedule Next Meeting



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### **Brownfield Projects**

- Additional \$150,000 in Revolving Loan Funding awarded to REX in August for FY 12, increasing the additional RLF amount to \$500,000
- Additional Loan to Atlantic Wire and grant to Hamden Business Incubator
- Attended DEEP Workshop for Region 1 RLF Awardees

### **Business Development**

- As part of the 2013 Annual Update for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, a Committee Member has met in person or over the phone with almost twenty businesses from the Region. He has met with both large and small businesses to gain their perspective on the health of the Region's economy. This process has been on going.
- Preparing for regional Outreach Sessions in September and October, continuing in preparing a draft of the Economic Analysis
- Executing a regional Cash Mob program to support local retailers – Sweet Cioccolata, Wallingford – August 11, and we are reaching out to East Haven for September, voting is currently taking place for the program
- Working with the Town of Bethany on developing a State-owned property on Amity Road to a private business
- Assisting the with the Town of North Haven to identify potential business to locate in the recently closed Otis Spunkmayer facility on Universal Drive

### **Marketing**

- Sarah Washburn will be starting September 4 as our Tourism Sales Representative
- New Haven Open at Yale has been featured on the Travel with Kal radio show
- Other July media hits include
  - Amtrak Arrive Magazine
  - The Chronicle
  - citybitsapp.com
  - Meetings Focus
  - NBC30
  - New York Times
- Hosting travel writer Sylvia Nause-Meier from Amsterdam on 8/27
- Hosting travel writers Albert Jennings and Kathrin Bern of Germany on 8/21
- Newsletters, calendar, website update and social media updates – on-going

### **Revenue Development**

- Continuing to explore additional long-term funding models
- Continue meeting with potential REX funders

**August 9, 2012 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Action Table**

<b>Ref. #</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Adjacent RPC Towns</b>	<b>Abridged RPC Action</b>
<b>2.1</b>	7/16/12	Town of Orange: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Special Uses in the Light Industrial LI-2 District	Milford, West Haven, New Haven, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
<b>2.2</b>	7/18/12	Town of Southington: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Sections 9-01, 12-10.1, 12-10.2, 12-10.3 and 14-02	Meriden	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.