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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

To: Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee
From: William Dickinson Chairman, Transportation Committee
Date: June 3, 2015
Subject: Wednesday, June 10, 2015
Meeting of the Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee at 12:00, in the offices of SCRCOG

Agenda

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2. 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Seven Pages 6-12
Recommend to SCRCOG adoption of Resolution – James Rode
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Stephen Dudley

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Stephen Dudley
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Transportation Committee Minutes – May 13, 2015

Transportation Committee Members

Wallingford, Mayor William Dickinson, Chair
Guilford, FS Joseph Mazza
Branford, Janice Plaziak Proxy for FS James Cosgrove
New Haven, Giovanni Zinn Proxy for Mayor Harp

Guests

Kim Dunham, GNHTD
Edgar Wynkoop, Bart Sweeney, Robert Kennedy, Anthony
Colangelo, CTDOT
Christine Maguire, Kennedy Center
Scott Willis, CTTRANSIT
Najib Habesch, Tony Garro, BETA. Inc.

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Orange, Robert Hiza
Wallingford, John Thompson
West Haven Abdul Quadir
SCRCOG
Carl Amento, Stephen Dudley, James Rode
Christopher Rappa

Mayor Dickinson called the meeting to order at 12:06.

Discussion Item

Meeting began with a presentation and discussion of project #170-3346 *Statewide Roadway Weather Information System (RWIS) Implementation*. R. Kennedy and B. Sweeney gave the presentation, explained the need for the project and answered questions from those in attendance.

Action Item #1: Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2015

J Portley made a motion to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting. K. Weiss seconded the motion, which passed with one abstention from FS Mazza.

Action Item #2: 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Six

J Rode presented Amendment 6 which included 10 projects. The amendment included project #170-3346 *Statewide Roadway Weather Information System (RWIS) Implementation*. G. Zinn made a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 6. J. Portley seconded motion passed on a majority. Mayor Dickinson and K. White voted against.

Action Item #3: FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors Program Priorities Resolution

J Rode reported on the Section 5310 program. Funding for this program is apportioned to the New Haven UZA on an annual basis. By the May 8th Deadline for applications the Region had received 5 applications for 6 vehicles and 2 applications for operating funds. On May 12, SCRCOG met with representatives from RiverCOG, Milford Transit, Greater New Haven Transit and the Estuary Transit District to evaluate and rank these applications. A prioritized list was developed using criteria provided by CTDOT. This list was included in a resolution and recommended for approval by the COG. J. Plaziak made a Motion to accept the recommendation, J. Portley seconded; passed unanimously.



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Action Item #4: Discussion and Possible action on LOTCIP Priorities

S. Dudley provided several handouts to the group with updated information for the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP). The first was status report and list of proposed projects submitted as part of the last solicitation. The second document spelled out procedures for the LOTICIP program. The Third document was a proposed prioritized list of projects. Those present asked questions and made comments. The general consensus was that the priorities seemed fair and the procedures would work. Given that the State Budget was not finalized, no action was taken on program priorities. The last sheet of paper presented was a chart to show status of projects in the LOTICIP Program. S. Dudley explained that this would be updated and included in the agendas each month.

Action Item #5: Resolution to Approve the Final FY2016 and FY2017 UPWP

S. Dudley explained the need for a resolution to approve the final UPWP for FY16 and FY17. There followed a brief discussion. Mayor Dickinson made a motion to recommend approval. J. Portley seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Informational Items #7: Sign Management Program Update

T. Garro from BETA Inc. gave a presentation and update on the Sign Management program that BETA is providing for the region.

Informational Items #8: Regional Mobility Management Program Status Report

The Report was made available and C. Maguire was on hand to answer any questions

J. Plaziak made a motion to adjourn. J. Portley seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2015-2018 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 7

Project	0156-0180	2015-A7-1	I-95 Resurfacing, Bridge and Safety Improvements	Page 7
Changes	Amendment 7 introduces a new project			
Reason	Throughout the project area, I-95 has 3 lanes in each direction, separated by a patchwork of median barrier treatments. The roadside safety hardware is outdated, and the existing wearing surface is in various stages of deterioration. This project is intended to rehabilitate the pavement and reestablish some degree of structural uniformity to facilitate future maintenance.			
Project	0171-0375	2013-A14-2	Replace VMS: I-91, 84, 384, CT2, 5, 15, 20	Page 8
Changes	Amendment 7 increases FD funding			
Reason	This action is necessary based on the latest cost estimates			
Project	0427-0056	2015-A7-2	GNHTD Facility Renovations-Sherman Ave	Page 8
Changes	Amendment 7 introduces a new project			
Reason	The current facility owned by GNHTD is in need of facility improvements and repairs to the parking lot, HVAC system, roof, and contingencies for unknown emergency facility repairs and improvements.			
Project	0427-XXX1	2011-A0-6	GNHTD Rehab Info Sales Booth on the Green	Page 9
Changes	Amendment 7 removes this project from the TIP			
Reason	Project is no longer needed			
Project	0427-XXX2	2011-A0-7	GNHTD- Bus Shelters on New Haven Green	Page 10
Changes	Amendment 7 removes this project from the TIP P			
Reason	Project is no longer needed			

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 FFY2015-FFY2018 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 7

State Project 0156-0180

SCRCOG # 2015-A7-1

Municipality West Haven

Proposed

Project Name I-95 Resurfacing, Bridge and Safety Improvements

Description Resurfacing I-95 in West Haven and Orange reconstruct shoulders, Median & install 45" concrete barrier curb, bridge deck rehab, parapet mod and guiderail updates

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP	PD	Federal	2,700				
		State	300				
	FD	Federal			3,150		
		State			350		
	CON	AC-Entry					0
		Federal					46,800
		State					5,200
TIP Funds	\$58,500	0	3,000	0	3,500	0	52,000

Amendment Notes

FY15 TIP Amend 7 introduces new project

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 FFY2015-FFY2018 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 7

State Project 0171-0375

SCRCOG # 2013-A14-2

Municipality District 1

Proposed

Project Name Replace VMS: I-91, 84, 384, CT2, 5, 15, 20

Description Project to replace existing variable message signs using existing structures on major roadways serving District 1.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CMAQ	PD	Federal	137					
	FD	Federal		319				
	CON	Federal			7,600			
Total Cost	\$8,056		137	319	7,600	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CMAQ	PD	Federal	137					
	FD	Federal		431				
	CON	Federal			7,600			
TIP Funds	\$8,168		137	431	7,600	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY12 TIP Amend 14 introduces new project. FY15 TIP Amend 5 moves funding to FY16 and increases amount. FY15 TIP Amend 7 increases FD funding

State Project 0427-0056

SCRCOG # 2015-A7-2

Municipality Hamden

Proposed

Project Name GNHTD Facility Renovations-Sherman Ave

Description Provide funding for the necessary facility improvements and repairs including, but not limited to: parking lot repair/replacement, HVAC system repairs, roof repairs, and unknown emergency facility repairs and improvements.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>FYI</i>
5307P	CON	Federal		160				
		State		40				
TIP Funds	\$200		0	200	0	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY15 TIP Amend 7 introduces a new project

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 Amendment 7

State Project 0427-XXX1

SCRCOG # 2011-A0-6

Municipality Regional

Proposed

Project Name GNHTD Rehab Info Sales Booth on the Green

Description Project wil provide funds to rehab the aging CTTRANSIT sales booth on the New Haven Green

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>FYI</i>
5307P	ALL	Federal	400				
		State	100				
Total Cost	\$500		0	500	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>FYI</i>
5307P	ALL	Federal	0				
		State	0				
TIP Funds	\$0		0	0	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY12 TIP introduces new # for continuing program. FY15 TIP Amend 2 moves unexpended funds from FY12 to FY15. FY15 TIP Amend 7 removes project from the TIP

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 FFY2015-FFY2018 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 7

State Project 0427-XXX2

SCRCOG # 2011-A0-7

Municipality Regional

Proposed

Project Name GNHTD- Bus Shelters on New Haven Green

Description Project wil provide funds to rehab the aging CTTRANSIT bus shelters on the New Haven Green

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>FYI</i>
5307P	ALL	Federal	192				
		State	48				
Total Cost	\$240		0	240	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>FYI</i>
5307P	ALL	Federal	0				
		State	0				
TIP Funds	\$0		0	0	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY12 TIP introduces new # for continuing program FY15 TIP Amend 2 moves unexpended funds from FY12 to FY15 FY15 TIP Amend 7 removes project from the TIP



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Fiscal Year 2015-Fiscal Year 2018 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 2015-Fiscal Year 2018 Transportation Improvement Program* on October 22, 2014, 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 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Long-Range Transportation Plans—2011 to 2040, (April, 2011)*; and

Whereas: The Council, on *October 22, 2014*, 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 2015-Fiscal Year 2018 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 **June 24, 2015**

Date: **June 24, 2015**

By: _____
Mayor Benjamin Blake, *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG Regional LOTCIP Procedures

5-11-15

In order to allow for orderly, equitable and timely utilization of LOTCIP funds available to the South Central region, the following procedures are adopted:

1. It is the goal of SCRCOG to advance and complete projects for the benefit of the region with the shortest design and construction timeline possible.
2. It is also the goal of SCRCOG to fully utilize the available funding as expeditiously as possible and minimize unexpended balances.
3. Projects advanced for consideration by member municipalities shall be ones that meet LOTCIP criteria and are advanced for consideration with the commitment of the municipality to see the project to completion.
4. The Chief Elected Official or equivalent shall commit to the project in writing.
5. The commitment to design shall be in one of the following forms:
 - a. Completed plans or plans under design substantially complete,
 - b. Commitment to utilize municipal staff and an acceptable schedule for completion of design, or
 - c. A statement of available and authorized municipal funds to cover the estimated costs of design and an acceptable schedule for completion of design.
6. As design is the responsibility of the municipality, SCRCOG shall require a commitment to complete the design from the municipality to accompany the application.
7. Any change in municipal priorities for a project shall require the municipality to immediately notify SCRCOG staff to adjust timing or eliminate the project from further consideration.
8. In order to provide a maximum number of projects and to allow for maximum municipal participation, projects shall have estimated costs no larger than approximately \$3 million.
9. Regional priorities for utilization of the funds shall be established and reviewed every six months.
10. The proposed priorities shall be reviewed by the Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee, recommended to SCRCOG and approved by SCRCOG on at least on an annual basis.
11. Once the priorities are approved, it is the responsibility of the municipality to proceed diligently to complete the project.
12. When funding is available according to the priority ranking, the municipality may submit an application for LOTCIP funding for the project.
13. Each municipality shall report, at least quarterly, to staff and the Transportation Committee and the Transportation Technical Committee, on the progress of the project.
14. If a project is not making substantial progress at any reporting point, the Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee may, after considering the reasons for the delay, recommend appropriate changes in the priorities for consideration by SCRCOG.

South Central Region – Regional Mobility Management
Status Report
May 1, 2015 –May 31, 2015

The Mobility Management website subcommittee met this month to discuss the content that will be placed on website, the color of the logo and to make the final decision on the lay out of the website. The Regional Mobility Manager furnished all documents requested by the web designer, Greyson Schwing. These documents include the transportation provider's database and content to be placed on the website. The next step is to present the completed website to the full Mobility Management committee on June 15, 2015. The website is still projected to launch at the end of June.

The Regional Mobility Manager attended several meetings at SCRCOG's offices during the month of May. In the beginning of May, the Regional Mobility Manager was invited to participate in the review of the 5310 applications that were submitted to the CT Department of Transportation. She also attended the monthly Board of Directors meeting as well as the monthly Transportation Committee meeting. The Regional Mobility Manager is tentatively slated to present at the board meeting in July. On May 14, the Regional Mobility Manager, Director of Mobility Services and the Administrator of Therapeutic Services met with Jim Rode, from SCRCOG to discuss changing the scope of services to add an additional eight (8) towns to the Regional Mobility Managers territory. These 6 towns are: Middletown, Portland, East Hampton, East Haddam, Haddam, Middlefield, Durham and Cromwell.

The Regional Mobility Manager met with Helen Bosch, CEO of Vista Vocational and Life Skills Center, Inc. and Erin Duques, Director of Operations for Vista Vocational and Life Skills Center, Inc. in Madison on May 20. At our meeting we discussed transportation options available to their consumers. However, the main focus was on how to find a safe way to get their consumers from their office on Bradley Street to Wall St, Madison. The agency has approached the town of Madison to see if either a sidewalk can be installed on their side of the street or add a crosswalk. At this time, it was determined that a crosswalk would not be a safe option as the line of site is not good and a sidewalk would be costly. Vista would like to see if 9 Town Transit would be able to change their route Monday through Friday and add a stop at their Madison location. The Regional Mobility Manager will discuss this with Joe Comerford from 9 Town Transit.

The Regional Mobility Manager conducted five presentations in May. She was invited to speak about the Mobility Management program at the Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut. At this time, the Regional Mobility Manager will be completing an application to become a member of this committee.

On May 26, the Regional Mobility Manager presented the Mobility Management program and transportation options to eight (8) senior citizens and three (3) health care companions at the Woodbridge Senior Center. On May 27, the Regional Mobility Manager also presented at the Orange Senior Center, two attendees were present. One was a senior citizen and the other was an intern with the town of Orange. Despite the low attendance in Orange, the Regional Mobility Manager was able to focus on the specific needs of this individual and together they came up with a possible transportation solution for her as her disability is starting to affect her ability to drive. On May 28, the Regional Mobility Manager shadowed a presentation given by the Director of Mobility Services at the Baldwin Apartments in Stratford, 20 participants were in attendance.

On May 20, the Regional Mobility Manager shared a table with 9 Town Transit at the “Celebration of Healthy Aging” held at the Owengego Beach and Tennis Club in Branford. Approximately 80 seniors attended the event. The Regional Mobility Manager was able to tour the event as well and made contacts with several senior living facilities in the New Haven area. She will be contacting these facilities to set up presentations on the Mobility Management program.

Lastly, the Regional Mobility Manager was attended two events focused on Mobility Management in Connecticut and New York. The first event on May 19 was the legislative breakfast presented by the Connecticut’s Legislative Commission on Aging. The topic of this event was the aging population and modes of transportation for this population. This was the first of three presentations that the Commission on Aging will be presenting over the next year. The second event was NYC DOT’s Mobility Management Conference in New York City. The Regional Mobility Manager walked away with several useful tools as well as handouts on how NYC handles the mobility issues that face their senior citizens and people with disabilities.