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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
November 16, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.

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

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1. Call to order- *First Selectman Edward Sheehy, Chairman*
2. **Presentation:** School Finance Reform-*Dianne Kaplan deVries and Rebecca Adams, CT Coalition for Justice in Education Financing (CCJEF)*
3. Adoption of 10/26/11 SCRCOG Minutes- *Mayor John Picard, Secretary* Pages 2-4
4. Treasurer’s Report for month ending 10/31/11 – *Mayor April Capone, Treasurer* Pages 5,6
5. Transportation Committee Report - *Chairman, Mayor William Dickinson* Pages 7-10
 - a) Adopt Resolution to approve 2010-2013 TIP Amendment Twenty Two Pages 9,10
6. Adopt Resolutions Authorizing Applications for Regional Performance Incentive Grants Pages 11-14
7. Appoint Nominating Committee for 2012
8. Congressional Report- *Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide to U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro*
9. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report – *Executive Director Carl Amento*
10. REX Development Report- *Executive Director Ginny Kozlowski* Pages 15,16
11. DESSP/ DEMHS Report- *Robert Kenny, Acting Region 2 Coordinator*
12. RPC Action Tables for November
13. Regional Cooperation / Other Business
14. Adjournment

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TO: **SCRCOG Board**
FROM: **Mayor John Picard, SCRCOG Secretary**
DATE: **November 9, 2011**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of October 26, 2011**

Present:

Bethany First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford First Selectman Anthony DaRos – **Vice Chairman**
Guilford First Selectman Joseph S. Mazza
Hamden Mayor Scott Jackson
Madison First Selectman Fillmore McPherson
Meriden Larry Kendzior, **proxy for Mayor Michael Rohde**
New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson
Woodbridge First Selectman Edward Sheehy - **Chairman**

SCRCOG Staff Carl J. Amento – **Executive Director**
Stephen Dudley, Eugene Livshits

Guest Presenters: Tom Maziarz, Chief of Planning, ConnDOT; Doug Glowacki, DESPP

Other Guests: Grayson Wright, *ConnDOT*; Carlene Kulisch, *Consultant*; Louis Mangini, *Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa Delauro*; Ginny Kozlowski, *Executive Director- REX Development*; William Villano, *Executive Director of Regional Workforce Alliance*; Tom Carriglio, *United Illuminating*; Attorney Nan Birdwistal; Michael Jones, *Aide to Congressman Chris Murphy*; Mark Zaretsky, *New Haven Register*; Freeman Yan, Zou Wenjie, Yu Wenquan and Wu Xiaoying, *officials from Fujian Province, China*.

ITEM 1- Call to Order

Chairman Sheehy called to order the October 26, 2011 meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments held at Four Points by Sheraton in Meriden at 10:05 A.M. Self introductions of SCRCOG officials and guests then took place.

ITEM 2- Presentation: New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail

Tom Maziarz, Chief of Planning, ConnDOT gave a Power Point presentation on the proposed New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail line.

ITEM 3– Presentation- FEMA Grants

Doug Glowacki of DESPP gave a presentation on FEMA grants available to municipalities.

ITEM 4-SCRCOG Minutes of September 28, 2011

Chairman Sheehy, in the absence of Board Secretary Mayor John Picard, noted that the *SCRCOG Minutes* were on pages 4-6 in the agenda packet.

A motion to adopt the *SCRCOG Minutes of September 28, 2011* was offered by First Selectwoman Gorski and seconded by First Selectman Sheehy. The motion passed, with First Selectman Mazza and Mayor Jackson abstaining.

ITEM 5 - Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending September 30, 2011

Chairman Sheehy, in the absence of SCRCOG Treasurer Mayor April Capone, presented the *Treasurer’s Report*, which was on pages 7 and 8 of the agenda packet. He advised the officials that SCRCOG has assets of \$545,000 in cash and investments with another \$250,000 due from the State Department of Transportation. Expenses seemed appropriate for a monthly period. A motion by First Selectman Zeoli, and seconded by First Selectman McPherson, was offered to adopt the *Treasurer’s Report for the month ending September 30, 2011*. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 7-Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Dickinson Chairman of the Transportation Committee reported that the Committee recommended approval of TIP Amendment Twenty One at its October 12, 2011 meeting. The amendment is detailed on pages 9 through 16 of the agenda packet. The resolution is on pages 15 and 16 of the agenda packet. Mayor Dickinson moved approval of TIP Amendment Twenty One. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ITEM 8- Congressional Report

Lou Mangini, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, reported that the Jobs Bill is being split up and voted upon in pieces. The School Renovation Act has resulted in \$233 million being sent to Connecticut for energy conservation and IT upgrades. There are 4 local post offices on the proposed closing list. The Congresswoman is working to avoid those offices closing.

ITEM 9- SCRCOG Executive Director Report

Executive Director Amento reported that SCRCOG received word that we will be receiving a \$300,000 grant from FEMA to conduct a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 10 of our municipalities. 5 towns already have local plans. CL&P representatives met with representatives from 4 of the 5 CL& P-served communities in our region last Friday. In attendance were the Guilford Police Chief, First Selectmen from Bethany, Branford and Madison. CL&P plans to produce a “Lessons Learned” report shortly. UI towns (9 in our region) had individual meetings.

The deadline is December 31st for submission of proposals for Regional Performance Incentive grants. Three years ago, SCRCOG did a Solid Waste study and an economic development website with the first round of grant funds. Amento asked that members contact him with ideas. We expect to present ideas for your approval at the November 16th meeting, because each town has to approve a resolution supporting the grant.

ITEM 10-REX Development Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Ginny Kozlowski’s report was found on pages 18 and 19 of the agenda packet. She indicated that she had received written confirmation that the region’s requested Economic Development District (EDD) designation had been submitted to EDA headquarters for approval.

ITEM 11- DESPP/DEMHS Report

Roy Piper has retired. No report.

ITEM 12- Regional Planning Commission Report

The Action Tables for October were on page 20 of the agenda packet.

ITEM 13- Regional Cooperation/ Other Business

None

ITEM 14- Adjournment

First Selectman Mazza moved to adjourn the meeting. First Selectman Freda seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairman Sheehy adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

John Picard
SCRCOG Secretary

BALANCE SHEET - October, 2011

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	
Bank of America	72,760
New Alliance Bank	146,663
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG	254,605
Total Cash and Investments	474,027
Accounts Receivable	
Municipal Dues - FY 11/12	49,300
Connecticut Department of Transportation	221,216
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management	10,441
DEMHS - Homeland Security Planning	31,775
RPA - Sustainable Communities	10,441
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Federal Share	61,129
Amount for Accrued Leave	10,874
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	27,705
Total Accounts Receivable	422,881
Property and Equipment	
COG Equipment	1,773
Less, Accumulated Depreciation	0
Total Property & Equipment	1,773
TOTAL ASSETS	898,681

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	0
Accrued Payroll Taxes	113
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	100,933
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H074(1)	12,893
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H103(1)	4,027
Other Liabilities	0
Total Current Liabilities	117,967
Fund Balance	
Estimated Fund Balance - July 1, 2011	753,607
Encumbrances - Prior Year	11,359
Amount for Accrued Leave	10,874
Investment in Equipment	1,773
Fund Change	3,101
Fund Balance - October, 2011	780,714
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	898,681

Statement of Resources and Expenditures - October, 2011

<i>Resources</i>	<i>FY 12 Budget</i>	<i>Month of Oct, 2011</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Municipal Contribution	151,400	12,617	50,467
Municipal Carryover from FY 2011	28,700	0	0
ConnDOT - Transportation Planning			
U.S. Dept of Transportation	949,700	56,311	195,609
U.S. Dept of Transp - Carryover from FY 11	118,800	0	0
Connecticut Dept of Transportation	229,700	7,039	24,451
CTDOT - Carryover from FY 11	28,700	0	0
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management			
Regional Planning	30,000	0	0
Federal Emergency Management Agency			
Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan	120,000	0	0
Municipal - In-Kind Contribution	15,000	0	0
Emergency Response Planning			
DEMHS - FY 08 NHASH Grant	30,000	0	0
Sustainable Communities Grant			
Sustainable Communities Reg Planning Grant	48,300	1,109	10,441
Regional Growth Partnership			
Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support	10,000	0	0
Interest	3,200	70	234
TOTAL	1,763,500	77,146	281,203

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 12 Budget</i>	<i>Month of Oct, 2011</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Labor & Benefits	598,800		196,501
Salaries		31,940	130,606
Fringe Benefits		14,418	65,894
Travel	7,900	581	1,188
Data Process	11,200	191	2,827
General Operations	161,500		52,265
Rent	0	8,008	40,238
Postage & Telephone	0	260	859
Print & Reproduction	0	0	0
Office Supplies	0	208	335
Equipment Maintenance	0	846	3,023
Publications	0	349	349
Insurance & Professional Services	0	0	6,201
Meeting Expenses & Advertising	0	195	1,259
Miscellaneous & Equipment Use	0	0	0
Consultants	503,000	10,994	21,390
Consultant - Carryover from FY 11	287,100	0	0
Consultant - Sustainable Communities Grant	10,000	0	0
Capital Purchase	30,200	0	0
FEMA - PreDisaster Mitigation Plan	125,300	0	0
NHASH Grant	28,000	2,510	4,190
Contingencies	500	0	0
TOTAL	1,763,500	70,500	278,360

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 22

Project **0092-0658 2011-A22-1 I-91 Pavement Preservation**

Changes Amendment 22 introduces new project

Reason This project provides the construction phase for the I-91 pavement preservation work in FY2012. 5/8" ultra-thin bonded overlay will be placed on I-91 both North bound and South bound between MP 2.75 in New Haven and MP 4.80 in North Haven

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment Number 22

State Project 0092-0658

SCRCOG # 2011-A22-1

Municipality New Haven

Proposed

Project Name I-91 Pavement Preservation

Description Project for placement of 5/8" ultra-thin bonded HMA overlay on I-91 from MP 2.75 in New Haven to MP 4.80 in North Haven. Project designed under 170-3054

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>
I-M	CON	Federal			2,070		
		State			230		
TIP Funds	\$2,300		0	0	0	2,300	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP amendment 22 introduces new project



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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty Two

- 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 Twenty Two
(continued)***

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

The *Program Amendment Twenty Two* 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 **November 16, 2011**.

Date: **November 16, 2011**.

By: _____

John Picard, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments

Regional Incentive Grant Program Proposal: Regional GIS

The regional GIS program would help integrate the region's planning activities carried out by SCRCOG, such as those related to transportation and land use. In addition, the program would aid in the economic development efforts of Regional Economic Xcelleration (REX), such as market-based research. Municipal benefits include the ability to view data in a regional context, including infrastructure (i.e. roads, utilities), environmental features, and demographic data. A regional web-based GIS would enable municipalities to collaborate more efficiently on projects of regional significance. For the municipalities in the region with limited or no GIS capabilities, they would have access to a robust regional system, which would significantly reduce start-up and operational costs. In cases where municipalities already have GIS capabilities, they would have access to additional data layers. A regional web-based GIS allows for greater accessibility to data for municipal staff and the general public, improving the region's public outreach process. Users, regardless of technical expertise, would be able to take advantage of the regional website for online mapping and data analysis to better understand the local and regional landscape.



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*Resolution Authorizing Application for Regional Performance Incentive Grant
(Regional GIS Program)*

Whereas: Pursuant to Section 4-124s of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 11-61, the CT Legislature has re-instituted a Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program, to be administered by the CT Office of Policy and Management.

Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments is in support of a grant to fund the costs of implementing a web-based regional Geographic Information System (GIS) in the SCRCOG region.

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

The South Central Regional Council of Governments' Executive Director is hereby authorized to apply to the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for a Regional Performance Incentive Grant to fund the costs of implementing a web-based regional Geographic Information System (GIS) in the SCRCOG region.

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John Picard, *Secretary*

South Central Regional Council of Governments

**Regional Performance Incentive Grant Proposal:
Inter-municipal Shared Services Feasibility Study**

The study would identify best opportunities for cost savings through multi-town collaboration in the provision of services and the performance of government operational functions, in particular purchasing. The study would also explore possible cost-saving collaborations between municipalities and Boards of Education, as well as possibilities for inter-municipal equipment sharing. Through cooperation, municipalities can more efficiently use their resources to satisfy the demand for services in difficult economic times. By recognizing regional opportunities for service sharing, municipalities can reduce their costs through economies of scale and scope.



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*Resolution Authorizing Application for Regional Performance Incentive Grant
(Shared Services Study)*

Whereas: Pursuant to Section 4-124s of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 11-61, the CT Legislature has re-instituted a Regional Performance Incentive Grant Program, to be administered by the CT Office of Policy and Management.

Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments is in support of a grant to fund the costs of producing a feasibility study identifying the best opportunities for the provision of Inter-municipal Shared Services in the SCRCOG region.

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

The South Central Regional Council of Governments' Executive Director is hereby authorized to apply to the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for a Regional Performance Incentive Grant to fund the costs of producing a feasibility study identifying the best opportunities for the provision of Inter-municipal Shared Services in the SCRCOG region.

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Executive Director's Report – November 9, 2011
Ginny Kozlowski

Brownfield Projects

- The EPA Petroleum Grant has been extended through 12/31/2011. There are two sites that will receive funding from the grant for a Phase I. The properties are located in North Haven and Wallingford. LEP has been selected and the Phase I is due to be completed by December 5.
- The EPA Revolving Loan Grant and Loan has been extended through December 15, 2011 to permit completion of the Atlantic Wire and Goodrich/Daisy site remediations.
- Coordinating with the State of Connecticut's Department of Brownfield Remediation for funding of Tract E at Science Park - DECD preparing package for developer

Business Development

- Update on the EDD application – EDA is continuing its review of REX's application. EDA has indicated that the application continues to be in the final review phase in Washington, DC
- Continued efforts on air service development for Tweed Airport – outreach to the business community to increase use of the airport and expanded air service
- Business Retention and Expansion Task Force Committee is developing a regional outreach campaign
- Working with a soil processing company from Maryland to locate an additional plant in New England in 2012
- Amazon Environmental is eagerly awaiting Connecticut's RFP to submit a proposal to become the state's latex paint recycling provider, they are looking to locate the recycling plant in the south central Connecticut
- Assisting Subcon, Inc. in identifying community resources in locating qualified individuals to work in the state's 24 rest areas as Subcon takes over operations and either renovates or completely rebuilds the rest area. Subcon will complete the rebuilding of the Milford rest area in December 2011 and with the additional food and retail operators, they will require hundreds of employees to staff the centers. They have an immediate need for bi-lingual managers. Subcon will hire ex-offenders. REX is partnering with Junta for Progressive Action, Workforce Alliance, Gateway Community College, University of New Haven, Platt Tech Vo-tech, Eli Whitney Vo-tech and Columbus House to identify potential employees for these jobs. It should be noted that there are 10 rest areas in the region. Follow up meeting with Workforce Alliance on November 18

Marketing

- Launched a new VisitNewHaven web site -11/1
- Developed tiered marketing packages including enhanced website listings, ads on the website, newsletter features and map sponsorships for Visit New Haven
- Provided over 1500 listings (accommodations, restaurants & attractions) for inclusion in Subcon's kiosk program
- Cultural Guide 2012-2013

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- Media Placement in an upcoming issue of Site Selection Magazine that includes editorial coverage of Connecticut
- Continued enhancements to REX website for easier navigation
- Newsletters, calendar, website update and social media updates – on-going

Revenue Development

- Renewed agreement with the Central Regional Tourism District through June 30, 2012 pending approval of State funding to CRTD, CRTD Budget approved by DECD, contract expected to move forward by November 15, 2011
- Grant Application to EDA for planning funding in process
- Met with municipal representatives from Guilford and Wallingford to discuss their financial participation in REX
- Continue meeting with potential REX funders