

#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento, Executive Director

# SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA April 27, 2011 – 10:00 A.M.

Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor West North Haven, CT 06473 Full agenda materials can be found at our website – www.scrcog.org

- 1. Call to order and Introductions: -First Selectman Edward Sheehy, *Chairman*
- 2. **Presentation**: Carla Roehrich, Coordinator of SOAR Program (Sustainable Operations, Alternative and Renewable Energy Initiative), Gateway Community College

| 3. | Adoption of March 23, 2011 SCRCOG Minutes- Mayor John Picard, Secretary   | Pages 3-5   |
|----|---|---|
| 4. | Treasurer's Report for month ending March 31, 2011  – Mayor April Capone Almon, <i>Treasurer</i>  | Pages 6-7   |
| 5. | Transportation Committee Report - Mayor William Dickinson, <i>Chairman</i> a. Adopt Resolution to approve 2010-2013 TIP Amendment Fifteen b. Adopt a resolution to approve Section 5310 Program Priorities c. Adopt a resolution Ozone Air Quality Conformity d Adopt a resolution on PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity e. Adopt a resolution to approve the Long Range Transportation Plan 2011-2040 f Adopt a resolution to amend the FY2012 UPWP | Pages 8-24 Pages 13-15 Pages 16-17 Pages 18-19 Pages 20-21 Pages 22-23 Pages 24 |
| 6. | Proposed Budget Revision #1 re FY 2010-11 SCRCOG Budget- Carl Amento and Albert Ruggiero  | Pages 25-27   |
| 7. | Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Sign Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Memorandum of Agreement- Carl Amento   | Pages 28-38   |
| 8. | Proposal for Funding ROOF Regional Foreclosure Prevention Project- Carl Amento  | Page 39   |
| 9. | Presentation of FY 2011-12 SCRCOG Budget and Work Plan- Carl Amento and Albert Ruggiero   | Pages 40-48   |

- 10. Legislative Reports
  - a. State– Carl Amento Executive Director
  - b. Federal -Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro

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13. DEMHS Region 2 Report- Roy Piper, Coordinator

14. RPC Action Tables for March Pages 54-55

15. Regional Cooperation / Other Business

16. Adjournment

### **Note:**

The next discussion of collective bargaining strategy issues will be held immediately after the adjournment of the next SCRCOG meeting on May 25, 2011. That discussion will focus on health insurance issues, and experts on that subject have been invited to assist in facilitating that discussion.

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Carl Amento, Executive Director

TO: SCRCOG Board

FROM: Mayor John Picard, SCRCOG Secretary

DATE: **April 20, 2011** 

SUBJECT: SCRCOG Minutes of March 23, 2011

Present:

Bethany First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski

Branford 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 Lawrence Kendzior, proxy for Mayor Michael Rohde Milford Lisa Bull DiLullo, proxy for Mayor James Richetelli

New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Branford Mayor Anthony Candelora
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson, Jr.
West Haven Mayor John Picard - Secretary

Woodbridge First Selectman Edward Sheehy - Chairman

SCRCOG Staff Carl J. Amento – *Executive Director* 

Albert Ruggiero, Stephen Dudley, James Rode, Eugene Livshits

<u>Guest Presenters:</u> Kevin Lembo, State Comptroller. Jean Stimolo, Executive Director of Rideworks and Mark D. Rolfe, P.E., District Engineer, District #3, CT DOT

#### Other Guests:

Philip Moberg, Connecticut Department of Transportation Field Coordinator and Liaison to SCRCOG; Miriam E. Brody, League of Women Voters -North Haven; Mary Bigelow, GNHTD Board of Directors; Carlene Kulisch, Kulisch Consulting; Thomas Cariglio, United Illuminating; Richard Lopresti, United Illuminating; Atty. Nan Birdwhistell, Murtha Cullina, Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa Delauro; Richard Branigan, Town Manager, North Branford; Will Warren, REX Development; Roy Piper, Coordinator, DEMHS Region 2; Mark Zaretsky, New Haven Register

#### **ITEM 1- Call to Order**

Chairman Sheehy called to order the March 23, 2011 meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments at 10:05 A.M. Self introductions of SCRCOG officials and guests then took place.

#### ITEM 2 – Presentation- State Comptroller Kevin Lembo

State Comptroller Kevin Lembo presented information regarding the State Comptroller's Office. He described a proposed IRS regulation that municipalities who pay \$100 million total to vendors in a year would have to subject such payments to backup withholding. Mayor Dickinson moved and Mayor Candelora seconded a motion that SCRCOG oppose such a requirement.

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#### ITEM 3-Presentation-Jean Stimolo and Mark D. Rolfe- I-95 Record of Decision

Jean Stimolo, *Executive Director of Rideworks* and Mark D. Rolfe, P.E., *District Engineer, District #3, CT DOT* presented the Record of Decision Transit and Transportation System Management (TSM) Components-Summary Report January 2010- December 2010.

Mayor DeStefano commended Rideworks for its excellent work. He pointed out that the Shoreline East improvements would not have happened if SCRCOG did not vote unanimously time after time to hold up the Q-Bridge project until such plans for alternative transportation were in place. Mayor DeStefano urged the SCRCOG to consider what further measures are needed and not to be afraid to speak up again and hold out for needed improvements. He inquired regarding the status of rail station projects and other capital and service improvements along Shoreline East's route. Mr. Rolfe reported that most station improvements are funded and moving forward, but that the Madison station improvements are still awaiting funding. Executive Director Amento indicated that he would investigate the issue and report back at the next SCRCOG meeting.

#### ITEM 4– SCRCOG Minutes of February 23, 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 February 23, 2011*, as presented, was offered by Mayor Picard and seconded by Mayor Candelora. Upon unanimous vote, the motion passed.

#### ITEM 5 - Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending February 28, 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 \$627,000 in cash and investments, with another \$163,000 due from the State Department of Transportation. Seven months through the year, expenses are in line with our fiscal year budget.

A motion by Mayor Picard, and seconded by First Selectwoman Sheehy, was offered to adopt the *Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 28, 2011*. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### ITEM 6-Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Dickinson Chairman of the Transportation Committee reported that the Committee approved TIP Amendment Fourteen at its March 9, 2011 meeting. The amendment is detailed on pages 8-12 of the agenda packet. The resolution is on pages 13 and 14 of the agenda packet.

Mayor Dickinson moved approval of TIP Amendment Fourteen. Mayor Candelora seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Dickinson presented two resolutions that had been approved by the Transportation Committee. The Resolution on PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity is on pages 15 and 16 of the agenda packet. The Resolution on Ozone Air Quality Conformity is on pages 17 and 18 of the agenda packet. Mayor Dickinson moved for approval of both resolutions. Mayor DeStefano seconded, and both resolutions passed unanimously. Mayor Dickinson asked Executive Director Amento to report on an issue that was discussed at the Transportation Committee involving the State Street Bridge project. At the Transportation Committee meeting New Haven City Engineer expressed concerns that contaminated groundwater at the project site could involve costly environmental remediation before being dumped into the Mill River, which itself consists of contaminated water. SCRCOG staff was asked to follow up and report on the situation. Executive Director Amento and Transportation Planner Steve Dudley pursued the matter and, as it turned out, DEP took a reasonable approach to the matter and allowed dumping the groundwater into the river with monitoring of its quality on an ongoing basis.

#### **ITEM 7- Legislative Reports**

Executive Director Amento distributed and reviewed a report of pending bills before the state General Assembly.

Lou Mangini, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, reported that the federal government is operating on a continuing resolution which expires on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Beyond that battle, further looming battles will be the 2012-13 FY federal budget, and the need to increase the federal debt ceiling. Connecticut DOT is actively pursuing a share of the \$2.4 billion High Speed Passenger Rail funds rejected by Florida.

#### **ITEM 8- SCRCOG Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Amento's report is on pages 19 and 20 of the agenda packet. It updated the members on the status of the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant, contained a spreadsheet as to which members had responded to the Collective Bargaining and Regional Initiatives surveys, and informed the members of the continuing education opportunities of which the SCRCOG staff availed themselves recently. In addition, Amento distributed a resume of Steven Repka, SCRCOG's retirement plan agent, which had been requested at last month's meeting. Amento asked if the members had any objection or comment on his writing a letter of support for Rideworks to continue providing Transportation Demand Management, Shoreline East marketing and telecommute Connecticut services in our region. There was no objection and the consensus was that Amento should write a letter of support on behalf of SCRCOG. Amento noted that experts had been obtained as requested for the Collective Bargaining Strategy discussion that would occur immediately after the SCRCOG meeting. Attorney Jason Stanevich of the labor law firm Littler Mendelsohn and Terry Dematteis and Kathy Riley of Segal Company will attend the discussion and serve as resources for the mayors and first selectmen attending.

#### ITEM 9- Discussion and possible action on Proposed Regional Foreclosure Prevention Project

Chairman Sheehy reported that the Executive Committee had given the Executive Director guidance and had asked him to return with a specific funding proposal for this project at next month's meeting.

#### **ITEM 10-REX Development Executive Director's Report**

Ginny Kozlowski was unable to attend the meeting due to a death in her family. Her Executive Director's Report found on page 21 of the agenda packet.

#### **ITEM 11- DEMHS Report**

Roy Piper reported that FEMA had declared the January 12-13 snowstorm a federal disaster and that the towns should submit their damage reports as soon as possible to be eligible for 75% reimbursement. The REPT 2 CEO's meeting will be held on May  $2^{nd}$ .

#### **ITEM 12- Regional Planning Commission Report**

The Action Table for March is on page 22 of the agenda packet.

#### **ITEM 13- Regional Cooperation/ Other Business**

Mayor DeStefano reiterated that SCRCOG staff should investigate and report back on the status of rail projects along the Shoreline east corridor. Executive Director Amento said that he would follow through on this matter.

#### ITEM 16- Adjournment

First Selectman DaRos moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Candelora seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chairman Sheehy adjourned the meeting at 11:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted, John Picard SCRCOG Secretary

#### BALANCE SHEET - March, 2011

| Cash and Investments                            |         |
|---|---------|
| Bank of America                                 | 93,634  |
| New Alliance Bank                               | 319,661 |
| Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG | 254,250 |
| Total Cash and Investments                      | 667,545 |
| Accounts Receivable                             |         |
| Connecticut Department of Transportation        | 114,362 |
| DEMHS - Homeland Security Planning              | 29      |
| Shoreline Greenways Trail - Federal Share       | 61,129  |
| Amount for Accrued Leave                        | 10,874  |
| Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables            | 15,696  |
| Total Accounts Receivable                       | 202,091 |
| Property and Equipment                          |         |
| COG Equipment                                   | 1,773   |
| Total Property & Equipment                      | 1,773   |

| Liabilities   |         |
|---|---------|
| Accounts Payable                                      | 0       |
| Deferred Revenue - Municipal                          | 37,775  |
| RPI Grant - Economic Development Web Portal           | 9       |
| Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H074(1) | 12,893  |
| Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H103(1) | 4,027   |
| Total Current Liabilities                             | 54,704  |
| 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   | -10,380 |
| Fund Balance - March, 2011                            | 816,704 |

| Resources                         | FY 11 Budget | Month of Mar, 2011 | To Date |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------|
| Municipal Contribution            | 151,100      | 12,592             | 113,325 |
| ConnDOT - Transportation Planning |              |                    |         |
| U.S. Dept of Transportation       | 1,157,444    | 42,442             | 390,379 |
| Transportation ConnDOT            | 144,681      | 5,305              | 48,797  |
| Emergency Response Planning       |              |                    |         |
| DEMHS - FY 08 NHASH Grant         | 38,000       | 0                  | 15,350  |
| Regional Growth Partnership       |              |                    |         |
| Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support  | 25,000       | 0                  | 3,333   |
| Interest                          | 2,500        | 157                | 597     |
| TOTAL                             | 1,518,725    | 60,496             | 571,782 |

| Expenses                          | FY 11 Budget | Month of Mar, 2011 | To Date |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|---------|
| Labor & Benefits                  | 622,016      |                    | 430,883 |
| Salaries                          |              | 31,063             | 300,866 |
| Fringe Benefits                   |              | 20,888             | 130,017 |
| Travel                            | 6,300        | 316                | 2,468   |
| Data Process                      | 16,600       | 25                 | 5,653   |
| General Operations                | 157,700      |                    | 111,237 |
| Rent                              | 96,300       | 16,115             | 81,503  |
| Postage & Telephone               | 7,600        | 217                | 3,569   |
| Print & Reproduction              | 2,500        | 0                  | 100     |
| Office Supplies                   | 3,800        | 121                | 1,381   |
| Equipment Maintenance             | 17,200       | 1,803              | 11,070  |
| Publications                      | 4,900        | 145                | 621     |
| Insurance & Professional Services | 16,600       | 0                  | 8,955   |
| Meeting Expenses & Advertising    | 8,500        | 716                | 3,472   |
| Miscellaneous & Equipment Use     | 300          | 35                 | 566     |
| Consultant                        | 654,000      | 0                  | 9,217   |
| Capital Purchase                  | 0            | 0                  | 0       |
| NHASH Grant                       | 38,000       | 2,354              | 17,704  |
| Contingencies                     | 24,109       | 0                  | 0       |
| TOTAL                             | 1,518,725    | 73,797             | 577,262 |

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

## 2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Amendment Number 15

Project 0014-XXX1 2011-A15-4 Branford Pavement Rehabilitation

Changes Amendment 15 introduces a new project

Reason This project is an STP-Urban project in the schedule for FY2011 funding. In order for us to fully

obligate the FY2011 funds we have been asked to add this project to our TIP in April

Project 0083-0253 2003-007 Rte 796 (Milford Connector) Sign Replacement

Changes Amendment 15 increases funding

Reason Funds are increased based on the latest cost estimates.

Project 0083-XXX1 2011-A15-3 Naugatuck Avenue Drainage

Changes Amendment 15 introduces a new project

Reason Project is for improvements to the city owned and maintained Naugatuck Ave storm drainage

system.

Project 0092-0622 2007-101 2 Lane Connection between I-95 & I-91 -Contract E3

Changes Amendment 15 deletes funds in FYI

Reason Project was fully funded in fiscal year 2010

Project 0092-XXX1 2011-A15-3 New Haven Pavement Rehabilitation

Changes Amendment 15 introduces a new project

Reason This project is an STP-Urban project in the schedule for FY2011 funding. In order for us to fully

obligate the FY2011 funds we have been asked to add this project to our TIP in April

Project 0170-3067 2011-A15-1 Installation of Rumblestrips- NHS Expressways

Changes Amendment 15 introduces a new project

Reason Project is to install rumblestrips in the left and right shoulders of NHS expressways Estimates

are preliminary for FY2012 and actual locations to be determined based on the previous years

resurfacing projects

Project 0170-3068 2011-A15-2 Installation of Rumble Strips- NHS Expressways

Changes Amendment 15 introduces a new project

Reason Project is to install rumblestrips in the left and right shoulders of NHS expressways. Estimates

are preliminary for FY2013 and actual locations to be determined based on the previous years

resurfacing projects

#### Amendment Number 15

State Project 0014-XXX1

SCRCOG # 2011-A15-4

**Municipality** Branford

Proposed

Project Name Branford Pavement Rehabilitation

**Description** Branford Pavement Preservation project for Cedar Street, Pine Orchard Rd, and

Thimble Island Rd.

### **Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

| Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands) |         |         |       |      |       |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-----|--|--|--|
| Funding                             | Phase   |         | Prior | 2010 | 2011  | 2012 | 2013 | FYI |  |  |  |
| STPNH                               | ENG     | Federal |       |      | 46    |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|                                     |         | State   |       |      | 11    |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|                                     | CON     | Federal |       |      | 990   |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|                                     |         | Local   |       |      | 248   |      |      |     |  |  |  |
| TIP Funds                           | \$1,295 |         | 0     | 0    | 1,295 | 0    | 0    | 0   |  |  |  |

#### **Amendment Notes**

FY10 TIP Amend 15 adds a new project

State Project 0083-0253

SCRCOG # 2003-007

**Municipality** Milford

Proposed

Project Name Rt 796 (Milford Connector) Sign Replacement

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

| Current TIP Funding (In Thousands) |           |            |          |      |      |      |      |     |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|----------|------|------|------|------|-----|--|--|
| Funding                            | Phase     |            | Prior    | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | FYI |  |  |
| STPA                               | CON       | Federal    |          |      | 122  |      |      |     |  |  |
|                                    |           | State      |          |      | 30   |      |      |     |  |  |
| Total Cost                         | \$152     |            | 0        | 0    | 152  | 0    | 0    | 0   |  |  |
| <b>Proposed T</b>                  | IP Fundir | ng (In Tho | ousands) |      |      |      |      |     |  |  |
| Funding                            | Phase     |            | Prior    | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | FYI |  |  |
| STPA                               | CON       | Federal    |          |      | 640  |      |      |     |  |  |
|                                    |           | State      |          |      | 160  |      |      |     |  |  |
| TIP Funds                          | \$800     |            | 0        | 0    | 800  | 0    | 0    | 0   |  |  |

#### **Amendment Notes**

Introduced by FY03 TIP Amend 2. FY03 PE wholly with state funds per FY03 TIP Amend 9. CN via Natl Highway Transportation Safety Admin support per FY05 TIP Amend 2. Project moved into FY10 TIP CON moved from FFY09 - FFY10. FY10 TIP Amend 7 moves CON from FFY10 to FFY11. FY10 TIP Amend 14 replaces NHTSA funds w/ STPA. FY10 TIP Amend 15 increases funding

## Amendment Number 15

State Project 0083-XXX1

SCRCOG # 2011-A15-3

**Municipality** Milford

Proposed

Project Name Naugatuck Avenue Drainage

**Description** Project is for improvements to the city owned and maintained Naugatuck Ave storm drainage system

## **Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

| Proposed T | Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands) |         |       |      |      |      |       |     |  |  |  |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-----|--|--|--|
| Funding    | Phase                               |         | Prior | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013  | FYI |  |  |  |
| STPBS      | ENG                                 | Federal |       |      | 376  |      |       |     |  |  |  |
|            |                                     | Local   |       |      | 47   |      |       |     |  |  |  |
|            |                                     | State   |       |      | 47   |      |       |     |  |  |  |
|            | ROW                                 | Federal |       |      |      | 56   |       |     |  |  |  |
|            |                                     | Local   |       |      |      | 7    |       |     |  |  |  |
|            |                                     | State   |       |      |      | 7    |       |     |  |  |  |
|            | CON                                 | Federal |       |      |      |      | 3,040 |     |  |  |  |
|            |                                     | Local   |       |      |      |      | 380   |     |  |  |  |
|            |                                     | State   |       |      |      |      | 380   |     |  |  |  |
| TIP Funds  | \$4,340                             |         | 0     | 0    | 470  | 70   | 3,800 | 0   |  |  |  |

#### **Amendment Notes**

FY 10 TIP Amend 15 introduces a new project

## Amendment Number 15

State Project 0092-0622

SCRCOG # 2007-101

Municipality New Haven

Proposed

Project Name 2 Lane Connection Between I-95 & I-91 -Contract E3

**Description** This project will extend work on the I-91/I-95 interchange to include a 2 lane to 2 lane interchange connection from I-95 south to I-91 north to the vicinity of I-91 Exit 3

| Current TIP Funding (In Thousands) |            |           |        |        |      |      |      |       |  |
|------------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------|--------|------|------|------|-------|--|
| Funding                            | Phase      |           | Prior  | 2010   | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | FYI   |  |
| STPA                               | CON A      | C-Entry   |        | 0      |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                    | 1          | Federal   |        | 15,670 |      |      |      | 5,655 |  |
|                                    |            | State     |        | 1,741  |      |      |      | 845   |  |
| Total Cost                         | \$23,911   |           | 0      | 17,411 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 6,500 |  |
| Proposed T                         | IP Funding | g (In Tho | usands | )      |      |      |      |       |  |
| Funding                            | Phase      |           | Prior  | 2010   | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | FYI   |  |
| STPA                               | CON A      | C-Entry   |        | 0      |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                    | 1          | Federal   |        | 15,670 |      |      |      |       |  |
|                                    |            | State     |        | 1,741  |      |      |      |       |  |
| TIP Funds                          | \$17,411   |           | 0      | 17,411 | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0     |  |

#### **Amendment Notes**

FY07 TIP Amend 23 introduces new project. Project moved into FY10 TIP CON reduced \$1.7 M. FY10 TIP Amend 9 moves funds from FFY11,12&13 to FFY10. FY10 TIP Amend 15 Deletes funds in FYI

### Amendment Number 15

State Project 0092-XXX1

SCRCOG # 2011-A15-3

Municipality New Haven

Proposed

Project Name New Haven Pavement Rehabilitation

**Description** New Haven Pavement Preservation project for Grand, Dixwell and Daveport Ave

### **Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

| Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands) |         |         |       |      |       |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-----|--|--|--|
| Funding                             | Phase   |         | Prior | 2010 | 2011  | 2012 | 2013 | FYI |  |  |  |
| STPNH                               | ENG     | Federal |       |      | 44    |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|                                     |         | State   |       |      | 11    |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|                                     | CON     | Federal |       |      | 2,516 |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|                                     |         | Local   |       |      | 629   |      |      |     |  |  |  |
| TIP Funds                           | \$3,200 |         | 0     | 0    | 3,200 | 0    | 0    | 0   |  |  |  |

#### **Amendment Notes**

FY10 TIP Amend 15 adds a new project

State Project 0170-3067

SCRCOG # 2011-A15-1

Municipality Statewide

Proposed

Project Name Installation of Rumblestrips- NHS Expressways

**Description** Project to install rumblestrips in the left and right shoulders of NHS expressways.

Estimates are preliminary for FY2012 actual locations TBD

## **Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

| Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands) |       |         |       |      |      |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|--|--|--|
| Funding                             | Phase |         | Prior | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | FYI |  |  |  |
| NHS                                 | ENG   | Federal |       |      | 60   |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|                                     |       | State   |       |      | 15   |      |      |     |  |  |  |
|                                     | CON   | Federal |       |      |      | 400  |      |     |  |  |  |
|                                     |       | State   |       |      |      | 100  |      |     |  |  |  |
| TIP Funds                           | \$575 |         | 0     | 0    | 75   | 500  | 0    | 0   |  |  |  |

#### **Amendment Notes**

FY 10 TIP Amend 15 introduces a new project

## Amendment Number 15

State Project 0170-3068

SCRCOG # 2011-A15-2

**Municipality** Statewide

Proposed

Project Name Installation of Rumble Strips- NHS Expressways

**Description** Project to install rumblestrips in the left and right shoulders of NHS expressways.

Estimates are preliminary for FY2013 actual locations TBD

## **Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

| Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands) |       |         |       |      |      |      |      |     |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|------|------|------|------|-----|--|--|
| Funding                             | Phase |         | Prior | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | FYI |  |  |
| NHS                                 | ENG   | Federal |       |      |      | 60   |      |     |  |  |
|                                     |       | State   |       |      |      | 15   |      |     |  |  |
|                                     | CON   | Federal |       |      |      |      | 400  |     |  |  |
|                                     |       | State   |       |      |      |      | 100  |     |  |  |
| TIP Funds                           | \$575 |         | 0     | 0    | 0    | 75   | 500  | 0   |  |  |

#### **Amendment Notes**

FY 10 TIP Amend 15 introduces a new project



#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**Carl Amento Executive Director** 

#### Resolution

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

- Whereas: U.S. Department of Transportation "Metropolitan Planning Regulations" (23 CFR 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP) conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and SIP-established mobile source emissions budgets; and
- Whereas: The Council, per 23 CFR 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program on October 28, 2009, after finding the Program conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 CFR 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and the Region's Long-Range Transportation Plans, May, 2007); and
- Whereas: The Council, on October 28, 2009, indicated that periodic *Program* adjustment or amendment was possible; and
- Whereas: Projects referenced in the Program amendment (below) are consistent with the region's long-range transportation plan (South Central Regional Long Range Transportation Plan—2007 to 2035, (May, 2007); and
- Whereas: Council Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning have been observed during the development of the proposed Program amendment (below); and
- Whereas: By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and/or its amendment; and
- Whereas: Council of Governments' review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the *Program*.



#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento Executive Director

#### Resolution

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

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

The Program Amendment Fifteen 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 April 27, 2011.

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## Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Capital Assistance to Non-Profit Organizations: SCRCOG Priorities

#### The Section 5310 Program

The State of Connecticut has been receiving Federal Section 5310 funding for elderly and disabled transportation annually since 1975. These funds are made available to non-profit organizations serving the elderly and/or people with disabilities and are to be used toward the purchase of a wheelchair accessible van or bus. These Federal Funds will cover 80% of the vehicle cost, up to a maximum of \$40,000.

Connecticut now receives approximately \$1,600,000 in annual (FFY2011) Section 5310 support. Regions advance priorities - ConnDOT makes all final funding decisions.

Using criteria provided by ConnDOT a funding priority list is prepared. It is then forwarded to the SCRCOG's Transportation Committee for their review. With Transportation Committee approval, the Priority List is then forwarded to area Mayors and First Selectmen for endorsement at the April Council of Governments meeting. The final selection of grant recipients is made by the Connecticut Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Transit Administration.

#### **Priorities**

SCRCOG received 6 applications for Section 5310 funding for the purchase of 8 vehicles. The Evaluation Panel met on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> to review the applications and recommend the following regional priorities to the Council for consideration

| Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Inc.         | Request for 1 Bus |
|---|-------------------|
| Marrakech Inc.                                | Request for 1 Van |
| Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus         |                   |
| Clelian Adult Day Center                      | Request for 1 Van |
| Kuhn Employment Opportunities Inc.            | Request for 1 Van |
| Mary Wade Home Inc.                           | Request for 1 Bus |
| United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Connecticut | Request for 1 Van |
| Marrakech Inc.                                | Request for 1 Van |
| Mary Wade Home Inc.                           | Request for 1 Bus |

Proposed priorities reflect vehicle replacement needs, utilization of equipment, and the ability to sustain current door-to-door services.

A resolution follows for your consideration.



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A resolution follows for your consideration.

#### Resolution

FY 2010 Federal Transit Administration Capital Support for Non-Profit Organizations

Whereas: Section 5310 of the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended offers capital support

dedicated to public and non-profit organizations providing paratransit service to elderly persons

and/or persons with disabilities; and

Whereas: The Connecticut Department of Transportation annually invites regions to develop funding

proposals and suggest funding priorities; and

Whereas: Area public paratransit operators and public sector staff, after reviewing applications from

interested non-profit organizations, and based on criteria provided by ConnDOT have suggested

federal fiscal year 2011 capital priorities listed below

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved:* 

That the South Central Regional Council of Governments suggests that the Connecticut Department of Transportation consider the following South Central Connecticut Section 5310 priorities when structuring a statewide program:

| Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Inc.         | Request for I Bus |
|---|-------------------|
| Marrakech Inc.                                | Request for 1 Van |
| Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus         |                   |
| Clelian Adult Day Center                      | Request for 1 Van |
| Kuhn Employment Opportunities Inc.            | Request for 1 Van |
| Mary Wade Home Inc.                           | Request for 1 Bus |
| United Cerebral Palsy of Southern Connecticut | Request for 1 Van |
| Marrakech Inc.                                | Request for 1 Van |
| Mary Wade Home Inc.                           | Request for 1 Bus |
|   |                   |

This Resolution shall be effective April 27, 2011.

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 **April 27, 2011** 

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#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento Executive Director

#### RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT

#### **OZONE**

#### WHEREAS.

the South Central Regional Council of Governments is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Regions Transportation Plan; and

#### WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

- 1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
- 2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
- 3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

#### WHEREAS.

it is the opinion of the South Central Regional Council of Governments that the plans and programs approved today, April 27, 2011 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

#### WHEREAS.

The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Moderate Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Greater Connecticut Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area (Hartford, New London, Tolland, Windham and Litchfield counties), and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in these Nonattainment areas (Ozone Air Quality Conformity Report March 2011); and



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#### WHEREAS.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

#### Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Central Regional Council of Governments finds that the Regional Long Range Plan (April 2011) and the FFY 2010-2013 TIP conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department if Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the March 2011 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination.

#### **CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on April 27, 2011.

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#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento Executive Director

#### RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT

#### PM 2.5

#### WHEREAS.

the South Central Regional Council of Governments is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Regions Transportation Plan; and

#### WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

- 1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions:
- 2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
- 3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

#### WHEREAS,

it is the opinion of the South Central Regional Council of Governments that the plans and programs approved on April 27, 2011 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

#### WHEREAS,

The New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 Nonattainment area; and

#### WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 nonattainment areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and;



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#### WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the Regional Long Range Plan (April 2011) and the FFY 2010-2013 TIP shows that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less that the emissions of the baseline year; and

#### Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the South Central Regional Council of Governments finds that the Regional Long Range Plan (April 2011) and the FFY 2010-2013 TIP conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department if Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the March 2011 PM2.5 Conformity Determination.

#### **CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on April 27, 2011.

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#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento, Executive Director

#### Resolution

South Central Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, 2011-2040

#### Whereas:

The South Central Regional Council of Governments has, per 23 *CFR* 450, reviewed its *Long Range Transportation Plan (South Central Regional Long Range Transportation Plan 2007-2035, May 2007)* through the January-May 2011 period: and,

#### Whereas:

The *Long Range Transportation Plan* review process has conformed to relevant U.S. Department of Transportation regulations including those of 23 *CFR* 450 and 49 *CFR* 613 (transportation planning); and,

#### Whereas:

The *Long Range Transportation Plan* review process has been accomplished in accord with the South Central Regional Council of Governments "Public Participation Guidelines" (December 6, 2005); and,

#### Whereas:

The Long Range Transportation Plan review process has included air quality assessments conducted by the Connecticut Department of Transportation; and,

#### Whereas:

The Connecticut Department of Transportation has notified the Region of air quality conformity, in accord with EPA guidelines, for the draft *Plan*; and,

#### Whereas:

The South Central Regional Council of Governments has, by two resolutions, approved air quality conformity for the *Plan* for ozone and PM2.5; and,

#### Whereas:

The review process has resulted in a financially constrained *South Central Regional Long Range Transportation Plan 2011-2040, April 27,2011*; and,



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#### Whereas:

The draft *Plan*, *April 27*, *2011*, distinguishes needs that lie beyond financial constraints from proposals that are within the financial constraints;

Now There Be It Resolved by the South Central Regional Council of Governments: That the South Central Regional Council of Governments hereby adopts the South Central Regional Long Range Transportation Plan, 2011-2040, April 27, 2011 as the Region's long range transportation plan.

#### Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on April 27, 2011

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#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

#### Carl Amento, Executive Director

## Resolution Approving an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Whereas: The Council of Governments adopted the final Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Unified Planning Work Program on June 23, 2010

Whereas: The Council of Governments desires to amend the Fiscal year 2012 program to address current planning goals and conform to the FY 2012 budget; and

Whereas: The Council's Transportation Committee on April 13, 2011 recommended that SCRCOG adopt the amended work program.

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

That the amended Fiscal Year 2011 and Fiscal Year 2012 Unified Planning Work Program is hereby adopted.

#### Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on April 27, 2011.

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#### Explanation of Budget Revision #1- FY 2010-2011 SCRCOG Operating Budget

#### **REVENUE**

#### 1. Municipal Contribution and Transportation Planning

Normally, the UPWP Planning Projects are concluded by June 30<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal year in which the projects are approved and awarded. However, this fiscal year, there was a significant delay in Connecticut DOT's review process which will cause many of these projects to conclude after June 30, 2011 and during FY 2011-2012. Accordingly, the proposed revision segregates and assigns \$229,700 of federal DOT funds and \$28,700 of state DOT funds to the next fiscal year. In the same manner, \$28,700 of municipal dues are segregated and assigned to the next fiscal year to provide our local match for the federal funds.

#### 2. Regional Planning

The proposed revision adds the sum of \$6,360 of new funds which were received from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management for support of regional planning. This stipend was not expected at the time the FY 2010-2011 budget was approved, since there had been no OPM stipend in FY 2009-2010.

#### 3. Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support

The proposed revision reduces REX's reimbursement to SCRCOG to rent payment only, eliminating the originally contemplated payment for SCRCOG clerical and administrative support.

#### 4. Emergency Response Planning

This proposed revision adjusts the funding period needs for the NHASH and DEMHS grants administered by SCRCOG.

#### **EXPENDITURES**

#### 1. General SCRCOG Operations

The Administrative Assistant position was not filled during the entire current fiscal year, and the Planning Assistant position was vacated by layoff as of March 25, 2010 allowing for a savings in salaries for the current fiscal year.

#### 2. Special Planning Studies & Pass-Through Grants

Consultant Services are proposed to be apportioned over the current fiscal year and the next. The NHASH Homeland Security Grant was reduced to reflect the actual amount received.

The ROOF Regional Foreclosure Prevention Project can be funded from the current year's operating budget due to savings accomplished in other expenditure line items.

#### 3. Contingencies

The line item for Contingencies is proposed to be reduced from by \$10,000 from \$24,109 to \$14,109.

#### **SUMMARY**

The net result of these proposed budget adjustments is a reduction in the SCRCOG FY 2010-2011 operating budget of \$13,840 from \$1,518,725 to \$1,504,885.

## South Central Regional Council of Governments Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Revision # 1

| Revenue                                    | Current Budget | Proposed Change | Revised Budge |
|--|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Muncipal Contribution                      |                |                 |               |
| Municipal Contribution - Current Year      | 151,100        | -28,700         | 122,400       |
| Municipal - Carryover to FY 2012           | 0              | 28,700          | 28,700        |
| Transportation Planning                    |                |                 |               |
| U.S. Dept of Transportation                | 1,157,444      | -229,700        | 927,744       |
| CT Dept of Transportation                  | 144,681        | -28,700         | 115,981       |
| U.S. Dept of Transp - Carryover to FY 2012 | 0              | 229,700         | 229,700       |
| CT Dept of Transp - Carryover to FY 2012   | 0              | 28,700          | 28,700        |
| Regional Planning                          |                |                 |               |
| Connecticut Office of Policy & Management  | 0              | 6,360           | 6,360         |
| REX Development                            |                |                 |               |
| Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support           | 25,000         | -15,000         | 10,000        |
| Investment Income                          | 2,500          | 0               | 2,500         |
| Emergency Response Planning                |                |                 |               |
| NHASH Homeland Security Grant - FY 08      | 38,000         | -28,000         | 10,000        |
| NHASH Homeland Security Grant - FY 07      | 0              | 22,800          | 22,800        |
| TOTAL                                      | 1,518,725      | -13,840         | 1,504,885     |

|         | Expenses                                   | Current Budget | Proposed Change | Proposed Budge |
|---------|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Gener   | al SCRCOG Operations                       |                |                 |                |
| 1.0     | Labor                                      | 622,016        | -23,940         | 598,076        |
| 2.0     | Travel                                     | 6,300          |                 | 6,300          |
| 3.0     | Data Process                               | 16,600         |                 | 16,600         |
| 4.0     | General Overhead                           | 157,700        | 300             | 158,000        |
| Total - | - General SCRCOG Operations                | 802,616        | -23,640         | 778,976        |
| Specia  | al Planning Studies & Pass-Through Grants  |                |                 |                |
| 5.0     | Consultant Services - Current Year         | 654,000        | -287,100        | 366,900        |
| 6.0     | Consultant Services - Carryover to FY 2012 |                | 287,100         | 287,100        |
| 7.0     | NHASH Homeland Security Grant              | 38,000         | -5,200          | 32,800         |
| 8.0     | ROOF - Regional Foreclosure Provention     | 0              | 25,000          | 25,000         |
| Total - | - Special Planning Studies                 | 692,000        | 19,800          | 711,800        |
| 9.0     | COG Capital                                | 0              | 0               | 0              |
| 10.0    | Contingencies                              | 24,109         | -10,000         | 14,109         |
|         | TOTAL                                      | 1,518,725      | -13,840         | 1,504,885      |



#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento, Executive Director

#### Resolution

FY 2010-2011 Budget Revision #1- Adjustments to Various Line Items Decreasing Both Revenues and Expenditures by a Net Amount of \$13,840 from \$1,518,725 to \$1,504,885

Whereas: On April 27, 2011, the South Central Regional Council of Governments adopted

an operating budget for FY 2010-2011, and

Whereas: The FY 2010-2011 requires revision in 10 revenue line items and in 9 expenditure

line items creating a net decrease in total revenues and total expenditures of

\$13,840.

The revisions to revenues and expenditures are shown on the attached spreadsheet.

Now, therefore be it resolved by the South Central Regional Council of Governments:

That the FY 2010-2011 SCRCOG operating budget be revised as indicated on the attached spreadsheet, with 10 revisions to revenue line items and 9 revisions to expenditure line items for a net adjustment to revenues and expenditures decreasing both by \$13,840.

#### Certificate:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on April 27, 2011.

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#### SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl Amento, Executive Director

#### Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Memorandum of Agreement for the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium

WHEREAS: SCRCOG agreed to partner with Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency (GBRPA) South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA), New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), Long Island Regional Planning Council, the City of New York, the Long Island Counties of Nassau and Suffolk, the lower Hudson Valley cities of Mount Vernon, White Plains and Yonkers, the Connecticut Coastal Corridor cities of Norwalk, Stamford, Bridgeport and New Haven in a joint application for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant; WHEREAS: On July 28, 2010, the SCRCOG Board authorized SCRCOG's participation in the grant application; WHEREAS: In November of 2010, HUD awarded a \$3.5 million Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant to the applicants, who have adopted the name "the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium"; and after much planning and negotiation, the Consortium partners have created a WHEREAS: Memorandum of Agreement, which is attached hereto, to govern their activities as a Consortium under the grant. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Central Regional Council of Governments that: SCRCOG's Executive Director, Carl Amento, is authorized to execute on behalf of SCRCOG the attached Memorandum of Agreement with its Consortium partners. Certificate:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on April 27, 2011.

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| •                    |     | John Picard, Secretary                        |
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## Memorandum of Agreement for the New York - Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium

This Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, by and between the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Greater Bridgeport/Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization, the South Central Regional Council of Governments, the Long Island Regional Planning Council, the City of New York, the Long Island counties of Nassau and Suffolk, the lower Hudson Valley cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains and Yonkers, the Connecticut Coastal Corridor cities of Norwalk, Stamford, Bridgeport and New Haven, and the Regional Plan Association.

#### WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program (the Grant Program) and

**WHEREAS**, the HUD NOFA requires that a consortium of cities, metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and non-profit regional councils and planning organizations be established in metropolitan regions seeking to apply for a planning grant through the Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, the HUD NOFA further requires that the planning area for which the planning grant is to be sought be defined by the boundaries of the MPOs who are members of the consortium applying for a planning grant through the Grant Program, and

WHERAS, the HUD NOFA further requires that a consortium applying for a planning grant through the Grant Program include cities in the planning area for which the grant is being sought that contain at least 50% of the residential population of the planning area, and

WHEREAS, the HUD NOFA further requires that a consortium applying for a planning grant through the Grant Program include non-profit regional councils and regional planning organizations in the planning area for which the grant is being sought, and

**WHEREAS**, the HUD NOFA requires that a formal consortium agreement be executed no later than 120 days after the effective start date of the grant agreement with HUD, and

**WHEREAS**, the HUD NOFA requires that the consortium initiate eligible activities within 120 days of the effective date of the grant award, and

**WHEREAS**, the HUD NOFA specifies that the Period of Performance shall not exceed 36 (thirty-six) months and that the grant application must include 3–5 (three-to-five) year benchmark performance targets, and

**WHEREAS**, the HUD NOFA requires that the grantee must liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than 90 (ninety) days after the end of the funding period, and

WHEREAS, the HUD NOFA specifies that all applicants achieving a specified threshold score in submission will qualify for Preferred Sustainability Status and that applicants that meet this criterion will qualify for a broad spectrum of benefits including access to capacity building resources and will secure potential points in a number of funding opportunities managed by other federal agencies, and that applicants receiving Preferred Sustainability Status that do not receive funds in this funding round will be able to preserve certain aspects of their application for next year's round of completion; and

WHEREAS, HUD has issued a notice indicating it is granting \$3.5 million in Federal funds for activities specified in the HUD NOFA in a planning area of the New York City metropolitan region defined by the boundaries of one metropolitan planning organization in New York State and three metropolitan planning organizations in the State of Connecticut.

NOW, THEREFORE, in response to the requirements of the HUD NOFA and to receive and execute the HUD funding under the Grant Program, the parties do hereby agree to join together through this Agreement to form a New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium (the Consortium) whose primary purpose is to organize and execute a Sustainable Communities Planning Program (the Planning Program) leading to a Program and Execution Plan for Sustainable Development that will integrate and guide regional planning activities using funding received from the HUD Grant Program and following the realted requirements laid out in the HUD NOFA.

The parties further agree that the Regional Plan Association (RPA), a not-for-profit regional planning organization, is the member of the Consortium assigned fiduciary responsibilities on behalf of the Consortium, and that, in its role as the fiduciary agent of the Consortium, RPA will act as the grant recipient for HUD funds and will enter into the necessary agreement(s) with HUD to submit the agreed upon deliverables and receive the funds granted on behalf of the Consortium.

Additionally, the parties agree to the following:

- 1. The Consortium will be constituted by the organizations and entities entering into this Agreement.
- 2. The name of the Consortium will be the New York-Connecticut Sustainable Communities Consortium. The Consortium may choose to publicly identify itself and the Planning Program with a brand or simpler identification.
- 3. The Consortium will comply with the terms and conditions specified by HUD for the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program as defined in the Cooperative Agreement Terms and Conditions contained in Schedule B of this Agreement.
- 4. During the course of the Planning Program, the Consortium may wish to encourage multijurisdictional agreements that do not involve the entire Consortium for purposes of executing portions of the Planning Program. Any such agreements will be established independently of this Agreement and will not involve the Consortium as a whole.
- 5. The Consortium will be governed in all matters of its operation by the principal representatives identified by the organizations and entities which are parties to this Agreement. Those principal representatives will include the chairs of the policy boards of the metropolitan planning organizations and non-profit regional council and regional planning organizations and the chief elected officials of the county and city governments.

- 5.1. The Consortium principal representatives will choose co-chairs; one from among their New York members and the other from among their Connecticut members; and a secretary from among their members.
- 5.2. The Consortium principal representatives will designate a Steering Committee consisting of one representative from each of the Consortium members. The Consortium principal representatives will delegate to the Steering Committee responsibility for the development of Consortium policy in carrying out the Planning Program, and day-to-day operations of the Consortium.
  - 5.2.1. The Steering Committee will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Consortium and the Planning Program.
  - 5.2.2. The Steering Committee will be responsible for overseeing all aspects of the overall budget for the Planning Program, as defined in Schedule A, including adjusting any part of the budget for the Planning Program as it progresses.
  - 5.2.3. The Steering Committee will be responsible for staffing for Planning Program coordination and committee support, drawing upon the resources of RPA and of the staffs of the MPOs and regional councils that are Consortium members as part of the in-kind contributions defined in Schedule A.
  - 5.2.4. The Steering Committee will be responsible for overseeing the development of, reviewing and accepting all deliverables defined in Schedule A and authorizing RPA, as the fiduciary agent for the Consortium, to submit the final deliverables per Schedule A to HUD for Federal reimbursement.
  - 5.2.5. The Steering Committee will be responsible for developing criteria based on the Consortium work plan with which to judge the acceptability of deliverables produced through the Planning Program.
  - 5.2.6. The Steering Committee will be responsible for withholding authorization for submission of deliverables to HUD that it deems unacceptable or below standard in the context of the Consortium work plans. In these cases, reimbursement for the deliverables to the responsible Consortium member or members will be delayed until an acceptable deliverable is produced for submission to HUD.
- 5.3. Among its first activities, the Steering Committee will undertake the following:
  - 5.3.1. Appointing co-chairs; one from among the cities' representatives on the committee and one from among the MPOs' representatives; and a secretary from among its members.
  - 5.3.2. Drafting overarching goals and major milestones for the Planning Program, providing an opportunity for public review of and comment on the draft goals and milestones, and recommending a final set of goals and milestones to the Consortium principal representatives for adoption.
  - 5.3.3. Organizing and then maintaining information and resources for the Consortium, including coordinating the Consortium effort to develop and maintain a data repository, website, and network of listening posts, and will ensure full public access to these resources.

- 5.3.4. Convening two advisory subcommittees organized geographically in keeping with the locations of the specific execution projects in the Planning Program: a Northern Sector Subcommittee and an Eastern Sector Subcommittee.
- 5.4. The advisory subcommittees will consist of the member agencies of the MPOs and Long Island Regional Planning Council, in whose planning areas the execution planning is taking place, as well as representatives of agencies, municipalities, non-governmental organizations and community-based organizations identified in those areas.
  - 5.4.1. Each advisory subcommittee will elect a chair to serve on the Advisory Board.
  - 5.4.2. The Steering Committee may revise the structure of the advisory subcommittees as needed during the Planning Program.
- 6. All actions taken and decisions made by the Consortium and its committees and subcommittees, including the Advisory Board described in Section 9 below, will be by consensus of the affected members of those bodies.
  - 6.1. Consensus will be defined as unanimity of affected parties, with the chair or co-chairs judging the extent to which Consortium, committee or subcommittee members are affected by the decision or action in question.
  - 6.2. In cases where consensus on a prospective action or decision cannot be reached, the chair or co-chairs of the relevant body will convene the parties in question to work towards an agreement and achieve consensus.
  - 6.3. Revisions to any provision or section of this Agreement, including changes to the membership of the Consortium either at the suggestion of Consortium members or upon request from prospective members, will be made through the consensus decision of all of the Consortium principals.
- 7. At a minimum, the Consortium principal representatives will meet annually to receive a formal status report on the progress of the Planning Program from the Steering Committee and take any actions or make decisions as needed. Other meetings may be convened by the Consortium co-chairs as needed.
  - 7.1. All meetings of the Consortium principal representatives will be open to the public with appropriate notice given.
  - 7.2. A quorum of the Consortium principal representatives will be required in order to conduct business at meetings of the Consortium principal representatives.
    - 7.2.1. A quorum for any meetings of the Consortium principal representatives will consist of two-thirds of the New York principal representatives and two-thirds of the Connecticut principal representatives.
- 8. At a minimum, the Steering Committee will meet at least quarterly to monitor the progress of the Planning Program and to carry out its responsibility for the development of Consortium policy in carrying out the Planning Program.
  - 8.1. All meetings of the Steering Committee will be open to the public with appropriate notice given.

- 8.2. A quorum of the Steering Committee representatives will be required in order to conduct business at meetings of the Steering Committee.
  - 8.2.1. A quorum for any Steering Committee meeting will be two-thirds of the New York members and two-thirds of the Connecticut members.
- 9. The Consortium principal representatives will convene an Advisory Board of state agencies, regional non-governmental organizations and representatives of the advisory subcommittees described in Section 5 above.
  - 9.1. The Advisory Board will initially include:
    - 9.1.1. Six state agencies: the Connecticut Housing Finance Agency; the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development; the Connecticut Office of Policy Management; the New York State Department of State; the New York State Department of Housing and Community Renewal; and the Empire State Development Corporation.
    - 9.1.2. Six non-governmental organizations: the Local Initiatives Support Corporation; the Urban Land Institute; ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability; WE ACT for Environmental Justice; the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice; and the One Region Fund, a partnership of private funders in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.
    - 9.1.3. The North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, the MPO for northern New Jersey.
    - 9.1.4. The two chairs of the advisory working groups.
    - 9.1.5. Other members to be added at the discretion of the Steering Committee; including potentially other representatives from northern New Jersey and other locations in New York State and Connecticut.
  - 9.2. The role of the Advisory Board will include the following:
    - 9.2.1. At a minimum, the Advisory Board will meet quarterly to advise the Consortium and its committees.
    - 9.2.2. The Advisory Board will work with the Steering Committee to recommend a final set of goals and major milestones for the Planning Program to the Consortium principal representatives for adoption
    - 9.2.3. The Advisory Board will also work with the Steering Committee to monitor the progress of the Planning Program and to carry out its responsibility for the development of Consortium policy in carrying out the Planning Program.
    - 9.2.4. The Advisory Board will also make recommendations for the consideration of the Steering Committee on the final Program and Execution Plan for Sustainable Development which the Steering Committee will recommend to the Consortium principal representatives for adoption.
- 10. The Consortium will maintain the following administrative arrangements:
  - 10.1. RPA will be responsible for receiving and disbursing Federal funding granted by HUD for the purpose of executing the Planning Program.

- 10.1.1. RPA will be responsible for maintaining accounts of all funding received and disbursed and for all financial and progress reporting required by HUD under the grant program.
- 10.1.2. RPA will be responsible for all other aspects of the administration of Federal funding from HUD for the purpose of executing the Planning Program.
- 10.2. All contracts entered into by the Consortium or its individual members for the purpose of executing the Planning Program must be approved by the Steering Committee.
  - 10.2.1. Procurement of professional services for the purpose of executing the Planning Program will follow processes prescribed for the use of Federal funds, per the requirements in the HUD Terms and Conditions (24 CFR 85.39-HUD) and OMB circulars A-87, A-122 and A-133. State and local procurement requirements will be followed as necessary, but will be secondary to the Federal requirements.
  - 10.2.2. A selection committee will be formed for each procurement with the approval of the Steering Committee. The individual selection committees will make recommendations after following processes consistent with the applicable procurement requirements, with final selection of professional service firms determined by the Steering Committee.
  - 10.2.3. At the direction of the Steering Committee, RPA, utilizing Federal funding from HUD, will enter into contracts with other consortium members and/or with private consultants selected by the Steering Committee to execute work for the Planning Program.
- 10.3. The overall budget for the Planning Program, including Federal funding provided through HUD and various forms of matching and leveraged funds and in-kind services provided by the members of the Consortium, is defined in Schedule A of this Agreement.
- 11. The Consortium will undertake the following activities as part of the Planning Program. These activities are detailed in the Consortium work plan. A final report will incorporate actions and recommendations from all activities and will be adopted by the Consortium as the New York-Connecticut Program and Execution Plan for Sustainable Development.
  - 11.1. RPA and the four metropolitan planning organizations will analyze the existing regional plans, as well as related plans developed by housing agencies, economic development entities and environmental agencies and organizations, to identify where these plans could be more fully integrated on either a functional or geographic level, where additional research, analysis or policy development could be productive, and where governmental policies could be better integrated with the goals of the plans.
    - 11.1.1. As part of this analysis, RPA and the four metropolitan planning organizations will conduct public outreach activities throughout the Consortium's planning area that will gather additional input to advise the integration of existing plans and policies. Outreach activities will be undertaken in a geographically balanced fashion in order to solicit the broadest input from the planning area.

- 11.1.2. The goal of the public outreach activities will be to create a network of engaged government officials, civic and community leaders, business leaders, entrepreneurs, planners and private citizens that cuts across geographic, racial, ethnic, income and programmatic boundaries. Activities will be organized around the two advisory subcommittees described in Section 6.4 above.
- 11.2. RPA will conduct an initial comparison of regional housing, transportation, sustainability and other plans to identify gaps, redundancies, inconsistencies and potential areas where plans could be integrated. Each MPO will conduct further analysis of how plans in its jurisdiction could be enhanced or connected to plans in other jurisdictions.
- 11.3. Cities, MPOs and counties will identify changes in environmental permitting, land use regulations, transportation, housing and open space financing mechanisms, etc. that would address implementation barriers and ensure that Federal, State, local and private investments are working in concert. The responsible entities and actions needed to enact these changes will be identified, including those that can be implemented directly by the Consortium members and those that will require coordinated action with other levels of government.
- 11.4. Drawing on the expertise of the Consortium and advisory board members, RPA and the four MPOs will conduct an initial comparison of regional housing, transportation, sustainability and other plans to identify gaps, redundancies, inconsistencies and potential areas where plans could be further integrated. Each MPO will conduct further analysis of how plans in its jurisdiction could be enhanced or connected to plans in other jurisdictions.
- 11.5. The Long Island Regional Planning Council will develop a policy framework to advance the workforce and fair housing goals of its Long Island 2035 Regional Sustainability Plan.
- 11.6. RPA will work with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), a member of the Advisory Board of the Planning Program, and other consortium members to develop oversight responsibilities, management protocols, selection criteria and other specifications for a fund that would provide early seed capital to discrete affordable housing development within ½ mile public transportation. Funding from LISC and federal funding from HUD will cover a series of predevelopment expenses associated with the development of affordable housing, including preliminary plans, engineering and environmental reviews; and legal, marketing and preliminary feasibility assessments.
- 11.7. The New York City Department of City Planning, working in conjunction with the Mayor's Office of Long Term Planning and Sustainability, will conduct citywide strategic planning for building climate resilience. This project will include outreach to a range of stakeholders, include efforts to assess the risks, costs, and potential solutions for building climate resilience; and will outline an ongoing, dynamic, risk-based planning process that the City can employ that can take advantage of new information and projections as they become available.

- 11.8. The City of New Haven will advance plans for a transit oriented development at Union Station, converting an existing commuter train station to a new mixed use community. Project elements include new structured commuter parking, remerchandising/renovation of the train station and a new mixed use community on the Union Station site.
- 11.9. The City of Bridgeport will develop a feasibility plan for a new train station at the core of a 750-acre development corridor which runs from the Steel Pointe Harbor development project north to the Lake Success Business Park.
- 11.10. The City of Norwalk will develop a plan to introduce better bus, bicycle, car, pedestrian and circulator connectivity at the South Norwalk rail station.
- 11.11. The City of Stamford will complete a feasibility study for a new East Side train station.
- 11.12. The City of New Rochelle will complete a station area plan and create a transit-oriented development zone within ½ mile of Station Plaza.
- 11.13. The cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle, in collaboration with the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, will define sustainable communities issues and planning needs in the east-west Cross County Parkway corridor which connects these lower Hudson Valley cities. A corridor profile will be developed for use in the development of NYMTC's next Regional Transportation Plan.
  - 11.13.1. The cities of Yonkers and Mount Vernon will incorporate relevant findings, study data, and implementation strategies from other Consortium execution planning projects into locally-initiated planning activities and documents developed for the Yonkers, Ludlow, Fleetwood, Mount Vernon East and Mount Vernon West Metro-North station areas.
- 11.14. The New York City Department of City Planning, in collaboration with the New York City Department of Transportation and the MTA Metro-North Railroad, will study multiple existing Metro-North stations in the Bronx along with two stations proposed at Hunts Point and Parkchester to identify potential land use, transportation and urban design improvements as part of the plan to bring Metro-North to Penn Station.
- 11.15. The City of White Plains, in collaboration with the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council, and in consultation with other I-287 corridor communities, will define sustainable communities issues and planning needs in the Tappan Zee Bridge/I-287 Corridor, including connections to railway and other transit hubs, existing and planned. A corridor profile will be developed for use in the development of NYMTC's next Regional Transportation Plan.
  - 11.15.1. The City of White Plains will incorporate relevant findings, study data, and implementation strategies from other Consortium execution planning projects into locally-initiated planning activities and documents developed for the White Plains Metro-North Train Station and North White Plains Metro-North Train Station.

- 11.15.2. The New York Metropolitan Transportation Council will work with the City of White Plains and other communities in the Tappan Zee Bridge/Interstate 287 corridor to identify opportunities to update their comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances to institutionalize mixed-income transit-oriented development in conjunction with major transportation improvements under development in the corridor, including both bus rapid transit and train transit.
- 11.16. The New York City Department of City Planning will lead a coordinated, interdisciplinary neighborhood planning study of East New York, Brooklyn to identify and advance strategies for building sustainable communities through land use, transportation, education, employment, urban ecology and green technology.
- 11.17. Nassau County will conduct a feasibility study of sustainable infill development and opportunities to promote transit-oriented development in the vicinity of up to three MTA Long Island Rail Road stations in the Preliminary Regional Nassau Hub Study Area. The County will form a Steering Committee made up of Study Area residents, stakeholders, relevant municipal agencies and County staff to determine the locations to be studied and the types of analyses needed. Among the types of analyses for consideration are economic development and affordable housing opportunities, pedestrian and transportation facility infrastructure improvement and transportation linkages to major potential sites of employment, including the Grumman Property in Bethpage slated for redevelopment.
- 11.18. Suffolk County will develop and implement a Regional Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) study and program that would examine existing local, county and regional TDR programs such as those associated with the Pine Barrens, Suffolk County sanitary credits and local Town programs with particular focus on the 5 Regional Growth Centers identified with the County's study entitled "A Review of Selected Growth and Development Areas." Selected study areas would include, but not be limited to the Route 110 Office-Industrial Corridor, the Sagtikos Regional Development Zone, the Stony Brook High Tech Campus, Yaphank and the Town of Riverhead.
- 12. The Consortium will execute the activities in Section 11 over the full 36 (thirty-six) months of the period of performance defined in the HUD NOFA and until liquidation of all obligations, such as the performance benchmark requirements, as mandated by the HUD NOFA.
  - 12.1. The Consortium will produce all deliverables identified in Schedule A of this Agreement and submit those deliverables to HUD in order to receive Federal reimbursement for the Planning Program per Schedule A.
  - 12.2. Per the requirement of the HUD NOFA, the Consortium will liquidate all obligations incurred under the award not later than 90 (ninety) days after the end of the funding period.
  - 12.3. The Consortium will consider continuing this Agreement at the conclusion of the period of performance subject to the modification provisions of this Agreement in Section 7.3.

12.4. Should the Consortium receive Preferred Sustainability Status, members of the Consortium agree to consider extending this Agreement to timeframes specified in subsequent grant award opportunities subject to the modification provisions of this Agreement in Section 7.3.

### **Proposal for Funding the ROOF Regional Foreclosure Prevention Project**

**Executive Director Carl Amento** 

April 27, 2011

Last month, the Executive Committee requested that I return this month with a specific proposal for funding SCRCOG's contribution to the ROOF Regional Foreclosure Prevention Project that relied as little as possible upon drawing from the SCRCOG reserves and which did not increase municipal dues by more than 1 cent.

I am pleased to report that as a result of Budget Revision #1 which is being presented to the Executive Committee and full Board this month, Principal Planner Al Ruggiero and I were able to determine that \$25,000 in non-transportation earmarked funds can be expended from SCRCOG's current operating budget.

Therefore, our proposal is that the \$25,000 funding from SCRCOG for the ROOOF Regional Foreclosure prevention Project be paid from the current year's operating budget. This can be accomplished by the approval of Budget Revision #1 which is before you for action this month.

### FY2012 Proposed SCRCOG Budget Executive Committee Review April 27, 2011

The 2012 Proposed SCRCOG Budget proposes:

- No municipal dues increase
- A more diversified revenue stream with the addition of two multi-year federal grants (Sustainable Communities regional Planning Grant and FEMA pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant) adding \$168,800 to our FY 2012 work program
- Salaries and overall labor and benefits costs are budgeted at a reduced level from the current fiscal year, and labor and benefits costs are reduced even from FY 2009-2010 levels. The proposed salary and benefit costs include recommended raise for SCRCOG staff.
- Health insurance estimates for next fiscal year project level costs from the current year
  with our high deductible/ health savings account program. Dental and life insurance and
  property insurance are all projected to be the same as in the current year.
- Next year's Unified Planning and Work program will allow for \$790,000 in studies for the benefit of our members. This includes a carry-over from the current year's UPWP plan.
- New initiatives proposed for the next fiscal year include hiring of a new Sustainability
   Planner, replacement of six desktop computers, purchasing a new server, and a new program of reimbursement for data plans (max. \$30/mo.) for employee-owned cell phones.
- Overall operating expenditures will be reduced from \$802,616 to \$779,400.



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# SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS Carl Amento, Executive Director

| Resolution  |  |                                     |  |  |  |  |
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| Fiscal Year 2012 (July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012) South Central Regional Council of Governments   |  |                                     |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Whereas   | South Central Regional Council of Governments By-Law review and approve SCRCOG budgets, and                    | s prescribes that the Council shall |  |  |  |  |
| Whereas   | SCRCOG's Executive Committee has reviewed and recor<br>Fiscal Year 2012 budget totaling \$1,763,500            | mmends acceptance of the proposed   |  |  |  |  |
| Now, the  | Now, therefore be resolved by the South Central Regional Council of Governments:                               |                                     |  |  |  |  |
|   | That a Fiscal Year 2012 Budget is adopted (copy attached), and   |                                     |  |  |  |  |
|   | That a Fiscal Year 2012 SCRCOG municipal dues are est the Department of Public Health's July 2009 Population s |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Certifica   | te:  |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| 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 SCRCOG on April 27, 2011. |  |                                     |  |  |  |  |
| Date:   | April 27, 2011   | By:Secretary, John Picard           |  |  |  |  |
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### <u>Proposed SCRCOG FY2011-12 Goals and Work Program</u> SCRCOG Meeting – April 27, 2010

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE**

**Due Date:** Tasks:

#### July 2011

- Complete personnel evaluations of employees
- Complete re-write of Personnel Management Procedures

#### **August-November 2011**

Legislation Committee meets, develops and adopts legislative agenda

#### September-December 2011

o Executive Director visits mayors and first selectmen

#### **November-December 2011**

o Executive Director meets with legislators and advocate legislative agenda

#### January 2012

Complete personnel evaluations of employees

#### January - May 2012

- o Executive Director advocates legislative agenda during General Assembly session
- Executive Director visits mayors and first selectmen

#### March 2012

o Submit draft FY 2012-13 SCRCOG budget and proposed work program/ goals

### May 2012

Adopt FY 2012-2013 Budget and work program/goals

#### July 2011 - June 2012

Executive Director's and staff's continued participation in Ride to Work, Workforce Alliance,
 Rideworks, Regional Alliance, C-Med Board, Regional Planning Commission, REX Development, Regional Economic Development Directors, Connecticut Association of Regional Planning Organizations and
 Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security – Region 2

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

**Due Date:** Tasks:

#### July-August 2011

o Review RFQ submissions for UPWP studies, conduct interviews, select consultants

#### September 2011

o Obtain SCRCOG approval to execute consultant contracts for UPWP Studies

#### January - February 2012

Solicit new proposals for UPWP studies from municipalities

#### January - March 2012

Update region's locally-coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (LOCHSTP)

#### March - April 2012

o Approve UPWP and submit to DOT for approval

### April 2012

o Submit municipal grant applications for senior and disabled transportation in the region

#### May - June 2012

Solicit consultants for FY 2013 UPWP studies

#### May 2012

Develop Section 5310 funding priorities for purchase of wheelchair accessible vehicles

#### March - June 2012

Work closely with consultants to complete UPWP planning studies

#### July 2011 - June 2012

o Regular maintenance and amendments to Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

#### **LAND USE PLANNING:**

**Due Date:** Tasks:

#### July 2011 - June 2012

- o Preliminary work on five-year update to the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development
- o Work on Regional Climate Change Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Action Plan

#### November 2011 - January 2012

o Plan and hold 2011 Regional Planning Commission Annual Meeting and Dinner

#### **REGIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY INITIATIIVES**

**Due Date:** Tasks:

#### July 2011 - June 2012

 Implement new service delivery initiatives in regional foreclosure prevention, housing, energy, recycling, revaluation and purchasing.

### **REGIONAL PLANNING GRANTS**

<u>Due Date:</u> <u>Tasks:</u>

#### July 2011- June 2012

o Work on HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

#### November 2011-June 2012

o Work on FEMA Regional pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant

### South Central Regional Council of Governments Proposed Budget - Fiscal Year 2012

| Revenue   | Fiscal Year 2011 | Fiscal Year 201 |
|---|------------------|-----------------|
| Muncipal Contribution                               |                  |                 |
| Municipal Contribution                              | 151,100          | 151,400         |
| Municipal Contribution - Carry-Over from FY 11      |                  | 28,700          |
| Transportation Planning                             |                  |                 |
| U.S. Department of Transportation                   | 1,157,444        | 949,700         |
| U.S. Dept of Transportation - Carry-Over from FY 11 |                  | 229,700         |
| CT Department of Transportation                     | 144,681          | 118,800         |
| CT Dept of Transportation - Carry-Over from FY 11   |                  | 28,700          |
| Regional Planning                                   |                  |                 |
| Connecticut Office of Policy & Management           | 0                | 30,000          |
| REX Development                                     |                  |                 |
| Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support                    | 25,000           | 10,000          |
| Investment Income                                   | 2,500            | 3,200           |
| Emergency Response Planning                         |                  |                 |
| NHASH Homeland Security Grant - FY 08               | 38,000           | 30,000          |
| NHASH Homeland Security Grant - FY 07               | 0                | O               |
| Sustainable Communities Grant <sup>1</sup>          |                  |                 |
| Sustainable Communities Reg Planning Grant          | 0                | 48,300          |
| Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan <sup>2</sup>           |                  |                 |
| Federal Emergency Management Agency                 | 0                | 120,000         |
| Municipal - In-Kind Contribution                    |                  | 15,000          |
| TOTAL   | 1,518,725        | 1,763,500       |

|             | Expenses                                      | Fiscal Year 2011 | Fiscal Year 2012 |
|-------------|---|------------------|------------------|
| Gener       | al SCRCOG Operations                          |                  |                  |
| 1.0         | Labor   | 622,016          | 598,800          |
| 2.0         | Travel  | 6,300            | 7,900            |
| 3.0         | Data Process                                  | 16,600           | 11,200           |
| 4.0         | General Overhead                              | 157,700          | 161,500          |
| Total -     | - General SCRCOG Operations                   | 802,616          | 779,400          |
| Specia      | al Planning Studies & Pass-Through Grants     |                  |                  |
| 5.0         | Transportation Consultant Services            | 654,000          | 503,000          |
| 6.0         | Transportation Consultant Services from FY 11 | 0                | 287,100          |
| 7.0         | NHASH Homeland Security Grant                 | 38,000           | 28,000           |
| 8.0         | FEMA - Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan           | 0                | 125,300          |
| 9.0         | Sustainable Communities Consultant            | 0                | 10,000           |
| Total       | - Special Planning Studies                    | 692,000          | 953,400          |
| 8.0         | COG Capital                                   | 0                | 30,200           |
| 9.0         | Contingencies                                 | 24,109           | 500              |
| <del></del> | TOTAL   | 1,518,725        | 1,763,500        |

### South Central Regional Council of Governments Proposed Expenses - Fiscal Year 2012

| 1.10 S | Full & Part-Time Staff Reserve for Salary Adjustment Temporary & Interns  Benefits  Permanent Employees  Social Security Medicare Unemployment Compensation Health Insurance Life Insurance Pension - Contribution Pension - Administration Fee Longevity Reserve for Salary Adjustment | 400,843<br>0<br>261<br><b>401,105</b><br>23,840<br>5,575<br>2,524<br>153,001<br>2,183<br>17,672<br>3,528<br>1,500<br>0 | 443,316<br>0<br>3,700<br>447,016<br>26,300<br>6,200<br>2,700<br>111,400<br>2,300<br>21,300<br>2,600<br>1,500 | 416,700<br>0<br>3,000<br><b>419,700</b><br>25,900<br>6,100<br>4,000<br>116,100<br>2,300<br>20,900<br>2,700 |
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|        | Medicare Unemployment Compensation Health Insurance Life Insurance Pension - Contribution Pension - Administration Fee Longevity  | 5,575<br>2,524<br>153,001<br>2,183<br>17,672<br>3,528<br>1,500   | 6,200<br>2,700<br>111,400<br>2,300<br>21,300<br>2,600  | 6,100<br>4,000<br>116,100<br>2,300<br>20,900   |
|        | Unemployment Compensation Health Insurance Life Insurance Pension - Contribution Pension - Administration Fee Longevity   | 2,524<br>153,001<br>2,183<br>17,672<br>3,528<br>1,500  | 6,200<br>2,700<br>111,400<br>2,300<br>21,300<br>2,600  | 4,000<br>116,100<br>2,300<br>20,900  |
|        | Health Insurance<br>Life Insurance<br>Pension - Contribution<br>Pension - Administration Fee<br>Longevity   | 153,001<br>2,183<br>17,672<br>3,528<br>1,500   | 111,400<br>2,300<br>21,300<br>2,600  | 4,000<br>116,100<br>2,300<br>20,900  |
| _      | Health Insurance<br>Life Insurance<br>Pension - Contribution<br>Pension - Administration Fee<br>Longevity   | 2,183<br>17,672<br>3,528<br>1,500  | 2,300<br>21,300<br>2,600   | 2,300<br>20,900  |
| _      | Pension - Contribution Pension - Administration Fee Longevity   | 17,672<br>3,528<br>1,500   | 2,300<br>21,300<br>2,600   | 20,900   |
| _      | Pension - Administration Fee Longevity  | 3,528<br>1,500   | 21,300<br>2,600  | 20,900   |
| _      | Longevity   | 1,500  |  | 2.700  |
| _      | - ·   | •  | 1 500  | 2,700  |
| _      | Reserve for Salary Adjustment   | 0  | 1,000  | 500  |
| _      |   |  | 0  | 0  |
| J      | Temporary / Intern Employees  |  |  |  |
|        | Social Security   | 16   | 300  | 200  |
|        | Medicare  | 4  | 100  | 100  |
|        | Unemployment Compensation   | 3  | 300  | 300  |
|        |   | 209,846  | 175,000  | 179,100  |
| 7      | Total Labor & Benefits  | 610,951  | 622,016  | 598,800  |
| 2.00 T | Travel  |  |  |  |
| 2.10 T | Travel - In State   | 4,353  | 4,800  | 4,900  |
| 2.20 T | Travel - Out of State   | 863  | 1,500  | 3,000  |
| Т      | Total Travel Expense  | 5,217  | 6,300  | 7,900  |
| 3.00 E | Data Process  |  |  |  |
| 3.10 C | Computer Supplies   | 1,608  | 3,300  | 2,700  |
|        | Computer Software   | 5,227  | 13,300   | 8,500  |
| T      | Total Data Processing   | 6,836  | 16,600   | 11,200   |
| 4.00   | General Operations  |  |  |  |
|        | Rent  | 98,957   | DE 300   | 97,800   |
|        | Postage & Telephone   | 90,95 <i>1</i><br>4,818  | 96,300<br>7,200  | •  |
|        | Print & Reproductions   | 1,452  | 7,200<br>2,500   | 8,000<br>2,200   |
|        | Office Supplies   | 1,875  | 2,500<br>3,800   | 3,700  |
|        | Equipment Lease & Maintenance   | 10,475   | 17,200   | 17,200   |
|        | Publications  | 635  | 4,900  | 4,700  |

|        |   | Fiscal Year 10<br>Actual Expenses | Fiscal Year 11 Current Budget | Fiscal Year 12<br>Proposed Budget |
|--------|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 4.70   | Insurance & Professional Services   | 23,998                            | 16,600                        | 19,100                            |
| 4.80   | Meeting Expenses & Advertising  | 8,459                             | 8,500                         | 7,900                             |
| 4.90   | Miscellaneous Expenses  | 234                               | 300                           | 900                               |
|        | Total General Operations  | 150,904                           | 157,300                       | 161,500                           |
| 5.00   | Transportation Planning Consultants   |                                   |                               | -                                 |
| 5.10   | Transporation Consultants   |                                   |                               |                                   |
| 5.12   | TransCAD Model Enhancements   | 35,000                            | 0                             | 0                                 |
| 5.13   | Regional Buildout Analysis  | 38,430                            | 0                             | 0                                 |
| 5.14   | Congestion Management Planning  | 24,992                            | 50,000                        | 65,000                            |
| 5.15   | New Haven - Whalley Avenue Corridor Study                                     | 68,012                            | 0                             | 0                                 |
| 5.16   | Meriden - Traffic Signal Study  | 53,526                            | 0                             | 0                                 |
| 5.17   | Meriden - Roadway Planning Studies  | 65,474                            | 0                             | 0                                 |
| 5.18   | Wallingford - Route 68 Corridor   | 67,071                            | 0                             | 0                                 |
| 5.19   | East Haven - I-95 / US 1 / RT 100 Study                                       | 7,794                             | 50,000                        | 0                                 |
| 5.20   | Madison - Transportation/Transit Study  | · o                               | 0                             | 22,800                            |
| 5.21   | North Haven - Spring Road Traffic Calming                                     | 0                                 | 0                             | 15,000                            |
| 5.23   | Bethany - Pavement Management System  | 0                                 | Ō                             | 12,500                            |
| 5.24   | Bethany - Transit Opportunities   | Ō                                 | Ō                             | 10,000                            |
| 5.25   | Hamden - East / West Transportation Study                                     | Ō                                 | 35,000                        | 28,600                            |
| 5.26   | Wallingford - Transit Bus Ridership & Routing                                 | 0                                 | 25,000                        | 19,500                            |
| 5.27   | Meriden - Trail System Study  | Ō                                 | 120,000                       | 10,000                            |
| 5.28   | New Haven - Downtown Modal Split Study  | 0                                 | 25,000                        | 21,000                            |
| 5.29   | Sustainable Communities Initiative  | 15,000                            | 20,000                        | 21,000                            |
| 5.30   | Regional School Bus Study   | 0                                 | 44,000                        | 15,000                            |
| 5.31   | Regional Traffic Signal Study   | ő                                 | 30,000                        | 22,700                            |
| 5.32   | Regional Transit Data Acquisition   | 0                                 | 20,000                        | 25,000                            |
| 5.33   | Regional Road Classification Study  | Ö                                 | 35,000                        | 60,000                            |
| 5.34   | East Haven - Hemingway Ave & Coe Ave Study                                    | Ö                                 | 40,000                        | 50,000                            |
| 5.35   | New Haven - Foxon Boulevard Corridor  | Ö                                 | 25,000                        | 70,000                            |
| 5.36   | Wallingford - Traffic Signal Study  | 0                                 | 35,000                        | 45,000                            |
| 5.37   | Update TransCAD Transit Model   | 0                                 | 50,000                        | 98,000                            |
| 5.38   | Multi Community Road Study  | Ö                                 | 100,000                       | 150,000                           |
| 5.39   | Regional Traffic Signal Study   | 0                                 | 00,000                        | 50,000                            |
|        | Total Tranpsortation Planning Consultants                                     | 375,298                           | 654,000                       | 790,100                           |
| 5.40   | Land Use Planning Consultants   |                                   |                               |                                   |
| 5.4100 | <u> </u>  | ^                                 | ^                             | 440.000                           |
| 5.4200 | Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan  Municipal - "In-Kind" Contribution - FEMA Grant | 0                                 | 0                             | 110,300                           |
|        | Sustainable Communities Grant   | 0                                 | 0                             | 15,000                            |
| 5.4300 |   | 0                                 | 0                             | 10,000                            |
|        | Total Land Use Planning Consultants   | 0                                 | 0                             | 135,300                           |
| 5.00   | Total Consultant Expense  | 375,298                           | 654,000                       | 925,400                           |
| 6.00   | Capital   |                                   |                               |                                   |
| 6.10   | Computer Expenditures   | 920                               | 0                             | 30,000                            |
| 6.20   | Office Equipment & Furniture  | 0                                 | ŏ                             | 200                               |
|        | Total Capital   | 920                               | 0                             | 30,200                            |

|       |  | Fiscal Year 10<br>Actual Expenses | Fiscal Year 11<br>Current Budget | Fiscal Year 12<br>Proposed Budget |
|-------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7.00  | NHASH - Homeland Sec Grant             |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| 7.10  | Homeland Security Grant                | 19,833                            | 38,000                           | 28,000                            |
|       | Total NHASH - Homeland Security Grant  | 19,833                            | 38,000                           | 28,000                            |
| 8.00  | Regional Performance Incentive Program |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| 8.10  | Regional Economic Dev Web Portal       | 33,693                            | 0                                | 0                                 |
| 8.20  | Regional Solid Waste Disposal Study    | 0                                 | 0                                | 0                                 |
|       | Total Reg. Performance Incentive Prog. | 33,693                            | 0                                | 0                                 |
| 9.00  | Shoreline Greenways Trails Study       |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| 9.10  | Shorline Greenways Trails Study        | 260,310                           | 0                                | 0                                 |
|       | Shoreline Greenways Trails Study       | 260,310                           | 0                                | 0                                 |
| 10.00 | Contingency                            |                                   |                                  |                                   |
| 10.10 | Contingency                            |                                   | 24,109                           | 0                                 |
|       | Total Contingency                      |                                   | 24,109                           | 0                                 |
|       | Total                                  | 1,463,961                         | 1,518,325                        | 1,763,000                         |

## Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 Municipal Dues

FY 11/12 Dues

|                | F I 11/12        | Dues          |  |  |  |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|--|--|--|
|                | Per Capita (roun | ded to \$100) |  |  |  |
| Municipality   | Population (1)   | 0.27          |  |  |  |
|                |                  |               |  |  |  |
| Bethany        | 5,582            | 1,500         |  |  |  |
| Branford       | 29,014           | 7,800         |  |  |  |
| East Haven     | 28,572           | 7,700         |  |  |  |
| Guilford       | 22,469           | 6,100         |  |  |  |
| Hamden         | 58,119           | 15,700        |  |  |  |
| Madison        | 18,824           | 5,100         |  |  |  |
| Meriden        | 59,186           | 16,000        |  |  |  |
| Milford        | 56,424           | 15,200        |  |  |  |
| New Haven      | 123,330          | 33,300        |  |  |  |
| North Branford | 14,387           | 3,900         |  |  |  |
| North Haven    | 23,916           | 6,500         |  |  |  |
| Orange         | 13,772           | 3,700         |  |  |  |
| Wallingford    | 44,881           | 12,100        |  |  |  |
| West Haven     | 53,007           | 14,300        |  |  |  |
| Woodbridge     | 9,188            | 2,500         |  |  |  |
| Total          | 560,671          | 151,400       |  |  |  |
|                |                  |               |  |  |  |

<sup>(1)</sup> State of Connecticut, Department of of Public Health, Estimated Population in Connecticut Towns As of July 1, 2009 .

### **SCRCOG Executive Director's Report**

Carl Amento

April 27, 2011

NY-CT Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant A kickoff event for the Consortium which was awarded the \$3.5 million grant was held on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. SCRCOG and City of New Haven representatives attended and were recognized. The memorandum of Agreement with the other Consortium partners is before you today for approval. Funding will probably begin in May or June.

<u>FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant</u> SCRCOG expects to be awarded the grant in August and to be able to begin work in November.

<u>Staff Changes</u> Planning Assistant Mona Beavis' last day at work was March 25<sup>th</sup>. We thank Mona for 42.5 years of dedicated service to SCRCOG. Administrative Assistant Barbara Bograd retired as of June 30, 2010 and her position has not and will not be filled. SCRCOG has no clerical staff and our existing staff has absorbed the clerical duties with the assistance of a new telephone system (thank you, REX) and other technology upgrades.

<u>Proposed New Position</u> The proposed budget for next year contemplates a new position of Sustainability Planner. The new position will work on Transportation Planning, Land Use and Environmental Planning and will focus on the two multi-year federal grants from HUD and FEMA, as well as the new regional initiatives. The new position will also assume clerical tasks and will assist Albert Ruggiero with financial and accounting matters.

<u>Auditor RFP</u> We will be issuing an RFP soon for SCRCOG's auditor. As has been our practice, we seek an RFP for auditor services at least every 3 years.

Shoreline East Projects After presentation of the I-95 Q-Bridge record of Decision at last month's meeting, SCRCOG staff was asked to investigate the status of rail projects along Shoreline East and other congestion mitigation projects along the I-95 Corridor east of New Haven. DOT Engineer mark Rolfe sent SCRCOG a letter detailing the projects completed, underway and pending. The letter was forwarded to the shoreline mayors and first selectmen for comment. First Selectman McPherson asked SCRCOG to assist him in expediting the proposed improvements at the Madison Train Station. SCRCOG staff contacted DOT and is awaiting their response.

<u>Regional Initiatives</u> Attached is a matrix indicating which municipalities have responded to SCRCOG's requests for designation of representatives and information concerning collective bargaining and revaluation.

<u>Regions as Partners Legislative Forum</u> I attended the Regions as Partners Forum hosted by the General Assembly's Planning & Development Committee last week. Principal topics discussed were legislative

proposals to increase the hotel tax and distribute it to host towns and regions, as well as a proposal to reduce the number of Regional Planning Organizations in the state from 15 to 8.

<u>Tweed New Haven Board</u> One of SCRCOG's appointments to the Tweed New Haven Board of Directors expires on June 30, 2011. The position is presently held by former Madison First Selectman Thomas Scarpatti, who has indicated his willingness to be re-appointed. Madison First Selectman McPherson has endorsed his re-appointment. We should take up this matter at the May or June SCRCOG meeting.

|                   | Labor<br>Contracts | Medical<br>Insurance | Revaluation<br>Survey | ROOF Project<br>Representative | Regional Energy<br>Committee<br>Representative | Purchasing<br>Agent<br>Information |
|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| Bethany           |                    |                      |                       |                                |  |                                    |
| Branford          | Submitted          | Submitted            |                       |                                |  |                                    |
| East Haven        |                    | Submitted            | Submitted             | Submitted                      | Submitted                                      | Submitted                          |
| Guilford          | Submitted          | Submitted            | Submitted             | Submitted                      |  | Submitted                          |
| Hamden            | Submitted          |                      | Submitted             | Submitted                      | Submitted                                      | Submitted                          |
| Madison           |                    |                      |                       |                                |  |                                    |
| Meriden           | Submitted          | Submitted            | Submitted             |                                | Submitted                                      | Submitted                          |
| Milford           | Submitted          | Submitted            | Submitted             | Submitted                      | Submitted                                      | Submitted                          |
| Orange            | Submitted          | Submitted            | Submitted             | Submitted                      | Submitted                                      | Submitted                          |
| New Haven         | Submitted          |                      | Submitted             | Submitted                      | Submitted                                      | Submitted                          |
| North<br>Branford | Submitted          |                      | Submitted             |                                | Submitted                                      |                                    |
| North Haven       |                    |                      | Submitted             | Submitted                      | Submitted                                      | Submitted                          |
| Wallingford       |                    |                      |                       |                                |  |                                    |
| West Haven        |                    |                      |                       |                                |  |                                    |
| Woodbridge        | Submitted          | Submitted            | Submitted             | Submitted                      | Submitted                                      | Submitted                          |



Executive Director's Report – April 21, 2011 Ginny Kozlowski

### **Brownfield Projects**

- Moving forward on the Goodrich/Daisy Street Project Preparing RFP for remediation
- 195 Front Street, New Haven Received CT DEP permits 4/11/10
- Atlantic Wire property purchased by private developer in Branford will be submitting application for Brownfield Assessment Funding
- Petroleum Grants Identifying possible petroleum sites eligible for EPA Assessment funding in the region

### **Business Development**

- Update on the EDD application Meet with Steve Grady, EDA to discuss the status of the region's Economic Development District Designation, it is currently being reviewed and we can expect recognition in the near future
- Participating in the Medical Devices and Manufacturing Trade Show June 7 June 11
- Continued efforts on air service development for Tweed
- Preparing the Annual Update for the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy due to DECD and EDA by June 30, 2011

### **Marketing**

- NPR Westchester/Fairfield County/New Haven County Radio Campaign
- Regional Cultural Guide published 4/15/2011
- Meeting with Drink Communications for design of conference booth banners and business to business referral program
- Website Enhancements
  - o Added information request forms to the REX website
  - Created a YouTube channel for REX will be creating videos and linking to positive media stories
  - o Top Ten list for selecting South Central Connecticut pdf
  - o Identified future enhancements
    - Maps noting location of major employers in general and by cluster
    - Add "Home of" feature box to highlight the businesses in the region with the most name recognition
    - Revamp the Community page
      - Community leaders bios & interviews
      - REX Blog
      - Surveys



- Press Releases
  - o Tweed Triennial Emergency Preparedness Drill (4/20/2011)
  - o Cultural & Visitor Guide Release (4/25/2011)
- Providing marketing services for Central Regional Tourism District
- Continue to distribute weekly consumer topical e-blasts, refreshing visitNewHaven website and updating social media daily

### **Legislation**

Bill No. 5782 has been jointly approved by the Planning and Development Committee. Bill No. 5782 would provide funding to Economic Development Districts through a portion of the hotel tax. This region would receive approximately \$1M annually. There is currently opposition to section 7 of this bill by a number of Regional Planning Agencies and Regional Planning Organizations. Section 7 requires the current 15 RPA/RPOs to be conterminous for the state's 8 Economic Development Districts thereby eliminating 7 of the existing organizations.

# **April 2011 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Action Table**

| Ref. | Received | Description  | Adjacent RPC                                | Abridged RPC Action   |
|------|----------|--|---|---|
| #    |          |  | Towns                                       |   |
| 2.1  | 3/16/11  | Town of Berlin: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Section XI (H) (3) of the Berlin Zoning Code  | Meriden                                     | By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.  |
| 2.2  | 3/16/11  | Town of Berlin: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Section XI.AA.2.A.6 of the Berlin Zoning Code   | Meriden                                     | By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.  |
| 2.3  | 3/24/11  | Town of Woodbridge: Proposed Zoning Regulations Amendments pertaining to Minimum Lot Size and Outdoor Eating Areas in the Business, Industrial (B-1), General Business and Development 1 Districts | Bethany,<br>Hamden,<br>New Haven,<br>Orange | By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.  |
| 2.4  | 2/23/11  | Regional Water Authority: Proposed Application in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended for the disposition of 60.35 acres of unimproved Class III lands located within North Branford     | N/A   | By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed application for the disposition of 60.35 acres of unimproved Class III land in North Branford does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the Towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound. The proposed action is not inconsistent with the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. |

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| 2.5 | N/A | Town of North Haven: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application for ADA improvements to Town Hall  | East Haven,<br>Hamden,<br>New Haven,<br>North Branford,<br>Wallingford | By resolution, the RPC recommends that the Department of Community and Economic Development award a grant for ADA improvements to the North Haven Town Hall. The application is consistent with the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, as it would alleviate the difficulty individuals with disabilities may have in accessing and utilizing the North Haven Town Hall.            |
|-----|-----|--|--|---|
| 2.6 | N/A | Town of Branford: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application for improvements the Orchard House Regional Adult Day Center                          | East Haven.<br>Guilford,<br>North Branford                             | By resolution, the RPC recommends that the Department of Community and Economic Development award a grant for improvements at the Orchard House Regional Adult Day Center. The application is consistent with the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, as the site is served by public transit and provides supportive services to the elderly and disabled population in the Region. |
| 2.7 | N/A | Town of Wallingford: Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application for improvements and repairs to moderate-income rental housing and elderly housing | Hamden,<br>North Branford,<br>North Haven,<br>Meriden                  | By resolution, the RPC recommends that the Department of Community and Economic Development award a grant for the repairs to the moderate-income rental and elderly housing in the Town of Wallingford. The application is consistent with the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, as it promotes housing choice for all incomes and age groups in the Region.                       |