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SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

June 27, 2012 – 10:00 A.M.

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

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1. Call to order and Introductions – First Selectman Anthony DaRos, *Chairman*
2. **Presentation:** Update and Record of Decision on I-95 New Haven Harbor Crossing Corridor Improvement Program
3. **Presentation:** Regional Foreclosure Prevention Program
4. Adoption of 5/23/2012 SCRCOG Minutes – Mayor Scott Jackson, *Secretary* Pages 2-4
5. Treasurer's Report for month ending 5/31/12 – First Selectman Michael Freda, *Treasurer* Pages 5-6
6. Transportation Committee Report – Mayor William Dickinson, *Chairman* Pages 7-12
 - a. Adopt Resolution to approve 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Five Pages 11, 12
7. Approve 2012 CEDS Progress Report and Update –
Mayor Scott Jackson, *Chairman, REX Strategic Planning Committee* Pages 13-30
8. Adopt the FY 2012-13 SCRCOG Budget – Carl Amento, Executive Director Pages 31-36
9. Congressional Report – Louis Mangini, *Legislative Aide to U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro*
10. State Legislative Report – Carl Amento, *Executive Director*
11. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report – Carl Amento, *Executive Director*
12. REX Development Report – Ginny Kozlowski, *REX Executive Director* Page 37,38
13. DESPP/DEMHS Report – Robert Kenny, *Acting Region 2 Coordinator*
14. CT Rides Report- Amanda Brown, *Outreach Coordinator*
15. RPC Action Tables for May Page 39,40
16. Regional Cooperation /Other Business
17. Adjournment

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TO: **SCRCOG Board**
FROM: **First Selectman Anthony DaRos, Chairman**
DATE: **June 20, 2012**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of May 23, 2012**

Present:

Bethany	First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford	First Selectman Anthony DaRos – <i>Chairman</i>
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Maturo
Guilford	First Selectman Joseph S. Mazza
Meriden	Lawrence Kendzior, proxy for Mayor Michael Rohde
Milford	Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven	Michael Piscitelli, proxy for Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Branford	Mayor Anthony Candelora
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda – <i>Treasurer</i>
Orange	First Selectman James Zeoli
Wallingford	Mayor William Dickinson
Woodbridge	First Selectman Edward Sheehy

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

Other Guests: Miriam Brody, *Hamden-North Haven League of Voters*; Mary Bigelow, *GNHTD Board of Directors*; Ginn Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Attorney Nan Birdwhistell; Louis Mangini, *Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro*; Will Greco, *Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's Office*; Amanda Brown, *CT Rides*; Bob Kenny, *Acting Region 2 Coordinator for DESSP*; Fire Chief Bill Stewart of *North Branford*; Town Manager Richard Branigan of *North Branford*; Shelley Saczynski. *United Illuminating*.

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

Chairman DaRos called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Presentation: C-MED Report:**

C-MED Executive Director Gary Stango gave an overview of C-MED operations.

3. **Presentation: CT Rides:**

Amanda Brown introduced herself and explained the role of CT Rides which was awarded a state contract replacing Rideworks.

4. **Presentation: DESSP**

Bob Kenny, Acting Coordinator for Region 2, reported on staff issues and that work is progressing on greater coordination between utilities and local public works departments to keep roads open during a weather

emergency. A Statewide Exercise is scheduled for July 28-31, 2012. All towns are being asked to participate in two of the four days of the Statewide Exercise.

5. **Adoption of May 23, 2012 SCRCOG meeting minutes:**

Chairman DaRos presented the minutes. First Selectman Sheehy moved that the minutes as presented on pages 3-5 of the agenda packet be approved. Mayor Maturroa seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

6. **Treasurer's Report for month ending March 31, 2012:**

First Selectman Freda presented the Treasurer's Report which is found on pages 6 and 7 of the agenda packet. Our balance sheet shows that we have \$432,334 in cash and investments and \$309,335 due from CT DOT for transportation planning. Expenses seemed appropriate for the month. Mayor Maturro moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. First Selectman Sheehy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

7. **Transportation Committee Report:**

Mayor Dickinson presented the Transportation Committee Report contained on pages 8-19 of the agenda packet. Mayor Dickinson moved the approval of 2010-2013 TIP Amendment Twenty-Seven. Mayor Maturro seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Mayor Dickinson moved for the approval of 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Four. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Mayor Dickinson moved for the approval of FY 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 UPWP. Mayor Maturro seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

8. **Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Execution of Agreements with CTDOT**

First Selectman Sheehy moved for approval of the Resolution on page 20 of the agenda packet. Mayor Maturro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. **Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Meriden and SCRCOG**

Mayor Maturro moved for approval of the Memorandum of Understanding shown on pages 21-33 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Zeoli seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

10. **Public Participation, Outreach, Title VI Request**

Senior Transportation Planner Stephen Dudley explained that this was an information item seeking assistance from the member towns in identifying those organizations which could be utilized to expand outreach to all segments of the community. The outreach effort is explained further on page 34 of the agenda packet.

11. **Adopt the FY 2012-13 SCRCOG Budget**

Chairman DaRos noted that since the joint Executive/ Personnel Committees made no recommendation today, this matter will be deferred to the next SCRCOG meeting.

12. **Congressional Report:**

Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro, noted that the latest temporary Transportation reauthorization will expire at the end of June. There will probably be another short term extension. It appears that rather than shutting post offices, rural facilities will cut hours to trim the Post Office budget. The Wallingford sorting facility should be funded at least through 2014. It is expected that block grants to states and cities will be cut.

13. **State Legislative Report:**

Executive Director Amento distributed and reviewed a list of bills approved by the General Assembly of interest to the region and its municipalities.

14. **SCROG Executive Director's Report:**

Executive Director Amento noted that there are 12 UPWP transportation studies that will be undertaken in the next fiscal year for our member towns. The budget for the studies is \$515,000. The RFQ for consultants is out and interviews will be conducted on June 19th. Stephen Dudley is serving on a statewide Corridor Study Focus Group organized by CTDOT. A Regional Hazard Mitigation Advisory Group, made up of representatives of the member towns, had its first meeting as work begins on the FEMA grant.

15. **REX Development Report:**

Executive Director Ginny Kozlowski's report is on page 40 of the agenda packet.

16. **RPC Action Table for May:**

The Action Table was reviewed.

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

None

18. **Adjournment:**

Mayor Maturo moved for adjournment. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman Anthony DaRos, Chairman

BALANCE SHEET - May, 2012

ASSETS	
<i>Cash and Investments</i>	
First Niagara Bank	319,088
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG	254,816
Total Cash and Investments	573,904
<i>Accounts Receivable</i>	
Connecticut Department of Transportation	192,718
DEMHS - Homeland Security Planning	-35
RPA - Sustainable Communities	7,453
CT DEP - Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan	1,643
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Federal Share	4,570
Amount for Accrued Leave	7,120
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	53,121
Total Accounts Receivable	266,589
<i>Property and Equipment</i>	
COG Equipment	228
Total Property & Equipment	228
TOTAL ASSETS	840,721

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Accrued Payroll Taxes	113
Health Savings Account	0
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	12,617
Deferred Revenue - GIA	14,121
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H074(1)	12,893
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H103(1)	4,027
Total Current Liabilities	43,771
<i>Fund Balance</i>	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2011	789,001
Amount for Accrued Leave	7,120
Investment in Equipment	228
Fund Change	600
Fund Balance - May, 2012	796,949
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	840,721

Statement of Resources and Expenditures - May, 2012

Resources	FY 12 Budget	Month of May, 2012	To Date
Municipal Contribution	151,400	12,617	138,783
Municipal Carryover from FY 2011	28,700	0	0
ConnDOT - Transportation Planning			
U.S. Dept of Transportation	949,700	72,630	647,346
U.S. Dept of Transp - Carryover from FY 11	118,800	0	0
Connecticut Dept of Transportation	229,700	9,079	80,918
CTDOT - Carryover from FY 11	28,700	0	0
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management			
Regional Planning	30,000	0	0
Federal Emergency Management Agency			
Pre Disaster Mitigation Plan	120,000	644	644
Municipal - In-Kind Contribution	15,000	999	999
Emergency Response Planning			
DEMHS - FY 08 NHASH Grant	30,000	0	13,870
DEMHS - FY 08 NHASH - Training Grant	7,500	0	0
DEMHS - FY 09 NHASH - Training Grant	5,000	0	0
Sustainable Communities Grant			
Sustainable Communities Reg Planning Grant	48,300	2,009	20,119
REX Development			
Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support	10,000	0	0
Interest	3,200	22	467
TOTAL	1,776,000	97,999	903,147

Expenses	FY 12 Budget	Month of May, 2012	To Date
Labor & Benefits	598,800		527,082
Salaries		31,940	370,325
Fringe Benefits		11,523	156,757
Travel	7,900	489	5,180
Data Process	11,200	46	8,572
General Operations	161,500		128,039
Rent	0	8,168	97,613
Postage & Telephone	0	425	3,254
Print & Reproduction	0	653	699
Office Supplies	0	76	1,324
Equipment Maintenance	0	1,022	9,098
Publications	0	0	1,779
Insurance & Professional Services	0	0	6,201
Meeting Expenses & Advertising	0	630	7,841
Miscellaneous & Equipment Use	0	5	230
Consultants	503,000	30,770	125,898
Consultant - Carryover from FY 11	287,100	0	0
Consultant - Sustainable Communities Grant	10,000	0	0
Capital Purchase	30,200	0	29,910
FEMA - PreDisaster Mitigation Plan	125,300	999	999
NHASH Grant	39,875	91	13,996
REX Development	0	0	50,000
Contingencies	1,125	0	0
TOTAL	1,776,000	86,836	890,374

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 5

Project **0014-0177 2011-A21-1 Replace Bridge 02675 over Sybil Creek**

Changes Amendment 5 increases ROW funds

Reason funds are increased based on latest cost estimates

Project **0092-0661 2012-028-4 Wayfinding Sign System**

Changes Amendment 5 introduces new project

Reason Project is for the installation of a new multi-modal wayfinding sign system in downtown New Haven and at major gateways to the city.

Project **0300-XXX2 2012-A28-1 NH Line RR Signal Replacement - TIGER Grant**

Changes Amendment 5 introduces new project

Reason The department has submitted a TIGER 4 Discretionary grant for the New Haven Line Railroad Signal replacement. TIGER funds requested total \$46,450,000

Project **0400-XXX5 2012-A28-2 CTRANSIT Replace 32 2001 40-FT Buses**

Changes Amendment 5 introduces a new project

Reason The Department has applied for a State of Good Repair Discretionary Grant. This project will fund a replacement of 32, 2001 Model year diesel buses which have reached the end of their useful life.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2012-FFY2015 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 5

State Project 0014-0177

SCRCOG # 2011-A21-1

Municipality Branford

Proposed

Project Name Replace Bridge 02675 over Sybil Creek

Description Project for the Replacement of Bridge 02675 which carries Rte 146 over Sybil Creek. Only ROW phase at this time

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	ROW	Federal	40				
		State	10				
	CON	Federal			2,240		
		State			560		
Total Cost	\$2,850	0	50	0	2,800	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	ROW	Federal	60				
		State	15				
	CON	Federal			2,240		
		State			560		
TIP Funds	\$2,875	0	75	0	2,800	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP Amend 21 introduces new project. FY12 TIP Amendment 5 increases ROW funds

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2012-FFY2015 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 5

State Project 0092-0661

SCRCOG # 2012-A28-4

Municipality New Haven

Proposed

Project Name Wayfinding Sign System

Description project is for the installation of a new multi-modal wayfinding sign system in downtown New Haven and at major gateways to the city.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>FYI</i>
TCSP	CON	Federal		391			
		Local		98			
TIP Funds	\$489		0	0	489	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY12 TIP Amendment 5 introduces a new project

State Project 0300-XXX2

SCRCOG # 2012-A28-1

Municipality Regional

Proposed

Project Name NH Line RR Signal Replacement - TIGER Grant

Description The department has submitted a TIGER 4 Discretionary grant for the New Haven Line Railroad Signal replacement. TIGER funds requested total \$46,450,000

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>FYI</i>
TIGER	ALL	Federal	37,160				
		State	9,290				
TIP Funds	\$46,450		0	46,450	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY12 TIP Amendment 5 introduces new project

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2012-FFY2015 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 5

State Project 0400-XXX5

SCRCOG # 2012-A28-2

Municipality Statewide

Proposed

Project Name CTRANSIT Replace 32 2001 40-FT Buses

Description The Department has applied for a State of Good Repair Discretionary Grant. This project will fund a replacement of 32, 2001 Model year diesel buses which have reached the end of their useful life.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>FYI</i>
5309	OTH	Federal	17,430				
		State	3,570				
<i>TIP Funds</i>	\$21,000	0	21,000	0	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY12 Amendment 5 introduces a new project



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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2012-Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Five

Whereas: U.S. Department of Transportation “Metropolitan Planning Regulations” (23 *CFR* 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a *State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP)* conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and *SIP*-established mobile source emissions budgets; and

Whereas: The Council, per 23 *CFR* 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a *Fiscal Year 2012-Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation Improvement Program* on January 25, 2012, after finding the *Program* conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 *CFR* 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: *Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Long-Range Transportation Plans—2011 to 2040, (April, 2011)*; and

Whereas: The Council, on January 25, 2012, indicated that periodic *Program* adjustment or amendment was possible; and

Whereas: Projects referenced in the *Program* amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s long-range transportation plan (*South Central Regional Long Range Transportation Plan—2011 to 2040, (April, 2011)*); and

Whereas: Council *Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning* have been observed during the development of the proposed *Program* amendment (below); and

Whereas: By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program* and/or its amendment; and

Whereas: Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the *Program*.



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Resolution

***Fiscal Year 2012-Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Five
(continued)***

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

The *Program Amendment Five* shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, for inclusion in the *State Transportation Improvement Program*

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **June 27, 2012**.

Date: **June 27, 2012**.

By:

Scott Jackson, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments

June 30, 2012

Mr. Willie C. Taylor
Economic Development Administration
The Curtis Center - Suite 140 South
Independence Square West
Philadelphia, PA 19106-3323

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I am pleased to submit to you South Central Connecticut's 2008 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) annual update for 2012, which is to be the final annual update before the five-year comprehensive update for 2013. In addition to this letter, the annual update consists of the attached "CEDS Goals & Objectives Implementation Progress Report", the "2012 CEDS Regional Projects" list and the "2012 CEDS Regional Brownfields Projects" list.

Over the past year, Connecticut, as well as the region, has seen an encouraging uptick in economic growth and unemployment decline. The Connecticut May 2012 total nonfarm job estimate increased by 1,400 jobs, or 0.1% to 1,629,600. Over the past year, the state labor market has grown by 6,200 jobs, or 0.4%. Although job growth has gone up and down from month to month over the past year, Connecticut's large employment fluctuations experienced since the beginning of the year appear to be driven by unusual seasonal patterns rather than purely economic forces. The first five months of 2012 have produced a job growth of 6,100 positions for the state which is just below 2011's January-May employment buildup of 7,700 positions. This is consistent with most forecasts which project continued slow, but positive recovery in the state. Although the unemployment for the State is still unexpectedly high at 7.8%, it is down from 8.9% this time last year and has decreased steadily from month to month. The South Central Region unemployment rate at 8.5% for the month of May, however, is slightly above both the State and the Nation (8.2%). It has, however, also decreased from this time last year when it was at 9.4%.

This slow but steady growth has seen Connecticut and the South Central region make a slight headway from the recession, as seen over the course of the past year. Connecticut has now recovered 34,900, or 29.7%, of the 117,500 total nonfarm jobs lost in the March 2008 – February 2010 recessionary period. The private sector has now regained 43,600 (39.6%) of the 110,200 private jobs lost in the recessionary downturn. Although, financial activities, other services, and government have continued to lose jobs even after the recovery began in February 2010. Last month, however, total private employment declined slightly (down 200, less than 0.05%) as government had a large gain (1,600, 0.7%). Since this time last year, the private sector has added 9,900 positions (0.7%) state wide, while overall nonfarm employment is running at a somewhat slower pace (6,200, 0.4%). With this in mind, I am pleased to report the encouraging

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successes the region has made over the past year in implementing the CEDS agenda, while continuing to work toward a more stabilized and sustainable economic future.

The “CEDS Goals & Objectives Implementation Progress Report” included with this update reviews the progress made on each of the CEDS goals and objectives during the past year and outlines the next steps that will be taken. The “2012 CEDS Regional Projects” report updates the roster of regional capital projects aimed at fulfilling the CEDS goals, noting which projects have been completed or moved into construction phases and adding new projects that have been planned during the previous year. As done in 2011, each project listed as “ready to go” in 2012 was given a priority ranking (score), that is based on the priority investments of the Economic Development Administration as well as the objectives for the South Central Connecticut’s CEDS. In 2012, four new projects were added to the “ready to go” list, including two business incubators, one being a renewable energy incubator associated with the University of New Haven, both projected to create over 150 jobs. Over the course of the past year, two projects were also moved from the “in planning” stage to “ready to go”, including a redevelopment site in the City of New Haven projected to create over 1,450 jobs.

As you will see from the Goals and Objectives Report, the region has continued to implement key priorities for economic prosperity, and will need to continue implementation and take in to account the priorities that were not accomplished when developing the new five-year strategy. Over the past year, REX Development has continued to build collaboration with the public and private sectors in the region, instituting a new social media campaign and expanding on the communications work plan. REX Development has sponsored and been a part of multiple educational and networking opportunities for both the municipalities and private sector throughout the region, which has garnered additional support from these groups as well as a commitment from EDA in support of the update to the five-year comprehensive economic development strategy. This support has been and will be effective in developing a strategy that recognizes all voices in the region and builds upon past success, while envisioning future sustainability.

The region has had much success over the past year that has been a direct result of the vision identified in the goals and objectives. Some examples have included a \$5 million federal grant to the regional Workforce Alliance for workforce training related to STEM jobs; development of a regional “ROOF” program to combat foreclosures in the region; and the collaboration of multiple entities on building an innovation HUB for the newly created innovation ecosystem in the State of Connecticut. These accomplishments are just small examples of the overall vision of the 16 objectives laid out in the 2008 CEDS, and a driving force behind the establishment of a new five year plan.

Although the region continues to make progress towards a more sustainable future through aforementioned efforts, the region is still suffering from the slow recovery of the recession, as previously described. After seeing a steady decline in unemployment, it is still high, with the urban core City of New Haven having an unemployment rate of 11.6% for the month of May, well above the 7.8% and 8.2% of the State and Nation respectively. While there has been some openings and prospective job growth in the region over the past year, for example the new arrival of the Alexion pharmaceutical corporate headquarters, they have been combated with continued

closings that have affected the region as a whole, including the closing of the New Haven Register effecting over 100 jobs, and the closing of the Unilever plant in the adjacent municipality of Clinton effecting nearly 200 jobs in the region. As a result of the slowed recovery, the municipalities continue to make significant cuts in order to circumvent deficits caused by the lagging effects.

With the continuing slow recovery of the economy and paralleled governmental cutbacks, it is now more important than ever for the region to focus on collaborative efforts in economic development. The State of Connecticut's Office of Program Management reinstituted in 2012 the Regional Improvement Program, to incentivize municipalities and regional entities to work together to achieve cost reduction and increase purchasing power. The South Central Connecticut region applied for three of these grants to improve the efficiency of services while reducing the cost to regional municipalities, an example being the development of a regional Geographic Information System. As seen in years past, the importance of regionalization has been realized by the State through distinguished economic development districts, which led the way for the South Central region, in 2012, becoming the first federally recognized Economic Development District in the State of Connecticut by the United States Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

The South Central Connecticut region is moving into the final year of this CEDS process. While still waning from the effects of the economic recession, as previously mentioned, we are encouraged by the progress we have made to date in implementing this important economic development strategy. As we will continue our efforts in this process, we are also currently in the process of developing a new five-year CEDS for South Central Connecticut. Our region is working together now more than ever, progress is being made, momentum is shifting in our favor, and we now need to continue with these efforts.

We appreciate EDA's continued partnership in our efforts to help South Central Connecticut prosper during these trying times. EDA's support has always been critical to our efforts and we look forward to continuing our important work together.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (203) 821-3682 if you have any questions regarding the 2012 CEDS Update.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ginny Kozlowski
Executive Director

2012 CEDS Update

CEDS Goals & Objectives Implementation

Progress Report

Goal	Obj.	Description	Primary Responsibility	08-12 Progress	Next Steps
1	1	Regional Marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing website infrastructure complete, continuing to incorporate enhancements Targeted marketing initiative in process Implement targeted marketing plan that included rebranding RGP as REX Development, 1 Region, 15 Towns, Unlimited Potential Instituted Social Media campaign, expanding on communications plan; ongoing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to build recognition of the REX Brand Expanding on Communications Plan
1	2	Education & Team Building Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REX 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coalition built with local chambers Joint projects/efforts with local chambers Engage/educate town economic development commissions Increased participation at Regional Economic Development Forum Received CEDS implementation support from EDA Initiated buy local regional "Cash Mob" program Hosted Community Builders Institute (CBI) Crash Course in Economic Development for regional economic development professionals Gained additional town and commission support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand program initiatives with local chambers; ongoing Continue to engage/educate town economic development commissions; ongoing Continue to build support for the implementation of the CEDS; ongoing
2	1	Expand service at Tweed-New Haven	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement reached between New Haven & East Haven Runway safety areas completed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to recruit additional air service, and routes

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Cities of East Haven and New Haven <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ REX ■ RLC 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taxiway B and obstruction removal underway <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recruit new airlines, and routes from existing carrier <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Build up business and community support for the airport	<input type="checkbox"/> from existing carrier and new carriers <input type="checkbox"/> Build up business and community support for the airport
2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Port of New Haven Improvements 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Draft strategic plan prepared with near-term port improvements submitted for ARRA consideration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ongoing meeting with state officials to build political support for New Haven-based feeder barge service <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Produced Port study on cargo	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue talks with state Transportation Strategy Board <input type="checkbox"/> Initiate reconstruction of Waterfront Street <input type="checkbox"/> Design Rail Sidings at two terminal locations <input type="checkbox"/> Improve pipeline connections and make bulkhead improvements and dredging at North Yard <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase refrigerated containerized cargo moving equipment
2	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Increase commuter rail service by creating a New Haven-Hartford-Springfield commuter line 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Letters sent to Congressional delegation, Governor, state commissioners & Amtrak <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work with regional organizations along rail line to lobby efforts awarded a planning grant for the New Haven, Hartford and Springfield high speed rail project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advocated for and provided regional project awareness around commuter rail <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction of commuter rail will begin in 2013	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with regional organizations go develop transit oriented development around rail stations
2	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Increase ridership on Shore Line East & Metro North 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shore Line East weekend service implemented <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLE ridership increased by 13-15%	<input type="checkbox"/> Develop TOD around station sites, both current and

				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MNR ridership increased by 4-5% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ConnDOT taking delivery of new M-8 rail cars <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New MNR trains to State Street Station <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work with New Haven and ConnDOT to implement second garage and TOD at Union Station planning grant awarded <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction began on new West Haven station <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Received grant to implement second garage and TOD at Union Station in New Haven		under construction
2	5	Increase effectiveness & ridership of bus service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SCRCOG▪ CT Transit▪ Milford TD▪ Meriden TD▪ GNHTD▪ Rideworks▪ CONNDOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT Transit ridership in New Haven region increased 5.2% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Purchase of new buses	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to replace aging buses with new buses; ongoing, but significant headway has been made	
2	6	Ensure adequate funding in region's roadways	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ SCRCOG▪ ConnDOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Q Bridge under construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$14 million ARRA funding secured to complete all Urban Program projects <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ferry Street Bridge completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rt. 1 Amtrak bridge under constructions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housatonic River Bridge project funded	<input type="checkbox"/> Work with Connecticut state legislature to develop new funding mechanisms; ongoing	
3	1	Business Assistance Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ REX Bus Assist. Prog. Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marketing assistance seminar sponsored by EDC New Haven <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organized Regional Business Retention and Expansion Task Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business assistance resource guide compiled	<input type="checkbox"/> Aid towns with business visitations; ongoing	
3	2	Entrepreneurship & Start Ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ REX Bus Assist. Prog. Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yale Entrepreneurial Institute expands summer fellowship into year-round incubator <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$16 million in capital raised by YEI companies over past two years <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Technology networking events organized	<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to build innovation and entrepreneurship networks and education in region	

4				by EDC New Haven <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YEI venture mentor program implemented <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Startup New Haven" comes to region <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "Innovation Ecosystem" grant proposal submitted to State		
4	1	Increase funding for Incumbent Worker Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce Alliance REX 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IWT funding maintained at 90% despite massive deficit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Workforce Alliance received \$5 million federal grant for workforce training related to STEM jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Educate legislators	
4	2	Support Community College Workforce Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway CC Middlesex CC 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community College System green jobs training grant (\$2 million) - \$18,000/yr for 3 yrs each to Gateway and Middlesex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Connected manufacturers to Middlesex College Advanced Manufacturing program	<input type="checkbox"/> Identify and secure additional funding for Gateway green training initiatives <input type="checkbox"/> Continue curriculum review of Middlesex program; implement workplace visitation program for students	
4	3	Improve amount & diversity of workforce housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCRCOG 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Wallingford applied for zoning incentive payment under HomeCT law <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Branford and West Haven approved for HomeCT technical assistance grants <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Haven applied/under consideration for HomeCT technical assistance grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCRCOG partnered with Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund on "ROOF" project, to combat foreclosures in the region	<input type="checkbox"/> Support state funding for HomeCT initiatives	
4	4	School-to-Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workforce Alliance REX Yale University Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Haven school reform initiative initiated - Promise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include school to work in discussion of city reform initiative <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CT passes statewide school reform legislation	<input type="checkbox"/> Include school to work in discussion of city reform initiative	

5	1	Brownfields Program & Predevelopment Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of New Haven REX REX Brownfields Committee 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved 3 new assessment projects and 1 remediation project <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied for additional funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Several projects under review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secured additional EPA RLF funding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Received CT State Brownfield Inventory Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Completed 2 assessment projects and 2 remediation projects, expending the remainder of the EPA RLF funding	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure additional assessment funding <input type="checkbox"/> Solicit new projects; ongoing
5	2	Land use policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCRCOG 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Town of Hamden adopted Smart Code zoning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meriden is working on plan for TOD implementation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Received Central Regional Tourism District Funding contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secured additional funding from RLC, UI and SCRCOG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced State legislation that would create a direct funding stream to the region <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Received EDA Planning Grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applied for CT State Regional Performance Incentive grant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brought additional municipalities back into funding stream	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicize Hamden's Smart Code to other towns in region
6	1	Secure adequate funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REX 		<input type="checkbox"/> Continue to secure funding; ongoing

2012 CEDS Regional Projects

Regional Economic Development Projects									
Ready to Go									
Goal / Objective	*Priority Score	Project Name	City/Town/Region	Responsibility	Further Description	Jobs	Est. Total Project Cost	Funding Sources	
5 / 2	107	Route 34 East: Downtown Crossing	New Haven	New Haven; Private Developers	Redevelopment of current Route 34 into integrated city streets and new neighborhood extending Downtown to Union Station. First project – 100 College Street. Med lab/office – construction start Fall 2010	4,028	\$325 million	\$30 million Federal, State and City; \$140 million Private; Balance TBD	
5 / 1	90	Union Station District/Church St. South	New Haven	New Haven	Mixed-use Transit Oriented Development surrounding Union Station connecting main station to Downtown, including additional structured parking	2363	\$125 million+		
5 / 2	86	Coliseum Site Redevelopment	New Haven	New Haven	Mixed-use develop on site of old Veterans' Memorial Coliseum	1450	\$150 million		
3 / 2	87	Comprehensive Renewable Energy Business Accelerator	West Haven	University of New Haven	The Tagliatella College of Engineering (TCoE) at the University of New Haven (UNH), seeks to establish a novel and comprehensive business and technology accelerator facility through the "Comprehensive Renewable Energy Business Accelerator (CREBA)" program to benefit the regional economy. CREBA will facilitate the development of the future engineering workforce for renewable energy companies.	100	\$3.5 million	\$1.75 from UNH; \$1.75 from EDA (not yet committed)	
5 / 2	87	City Center TOD project at HUB site.	Meriden	City	Implement TOD, flood control and open space project at HUB site downtown. Incorporate new rail station design and development on adjacent site.	300	\$15 million	\$1 million CTDECD; \$1million HUD; \$1million Urban Act; \$300,000 EPA; \$2 million Urban Act	

5 / 1	87	Science Park Development	New Haven	New Haven, Science Park Dev Corp, Private Developers	Redevelop factory buildings into mixed use development including residential, parking & commercial. Develop additional laboratory and office space at 25 Science Park.	2000 perm 600 constr	\$200 million	\$150 million private
4 / 3	85	Science Park Development	New Haven	New Haven, Science Park Dev Corp, Private Developers	Rehabilitation of Tract A, Buildings 1-4 of deteriorated Winchester Arms factory into 200 rental apt units	TBD	TBD	TBD
3 / 1	81.5	Mill River Planning and Economic Development Study	New Haven	New Haven EDC	EDC comprehensive planning and economic development study of Mill River Industrial District. MPD approved plan area, expand to address deteriorating properties, rehabilitate the shoreline, improve storm water infrastructure and take advantage of potential food processing cluster and Long Wharf. Consultants under contract, and the study is underway. To date, EDC has engaged three businesses with concept plans for expansion.	TBD	Study: \$250,000 Construction: TBD	TBD
3 / 1	71.5	Orange Technology & Light Industrial Park	Orange	Orange EDC	Extension of Edison Rd (2,220 ft) and develop multiple lots for use by tech based and light industrial users	350	\$1.4 million	\$500K private capital
3 / 1	65	Schubert Theatre Centennial Capital Improvements	New Haven	New Haven	Meet the theatre's significant capital needs, including improving the exterior facade and plaza, enhancing the stage acoustical shell, replacing the HVAC system, upgrading mechanical systems, tuck pointing exterior masonry, and creating additional office space for arts groups.	100 (+)	\$8.1 million	CT Bond Commission \$4 million; New Haven Capital Fund/Campaign \$3 million; Private Contributions \$1.1 million
5 / 2	58.5	Harbor Brook Flood Control	Meriden	Meriden	Multi-faceted infrastructure/bridge replacement project to control flooding of Harbor Brook throughout Meriden Brook is part of Quinnipiac River Watershed.	TBD	Over \$10 million	\$5.8 million spent/committed
In Planning								
3 / 1		Feasibility of Bioscience Cluster Sites	Meriden	EDO	Expansion of the presence of Biotech companies in Meriden	TBD	TBD	TBD
3 / 2		Acorn Technology Campus	West Haven	West Haven	Bioscience and other technology facilities in campus setting off Rt. 34	1500	\$50 million	\$6 million private capital

3 / 2		Stowe Farm Arts Center	Milford	Milford	Combine Simon Lake School into project for studio space and use Stowe Farm as gallery and arts center	160	\$6 million	
4 / 2		Expansion of Middlesex Community College	Meriden	MCC, Meriden, Legislative Delegation	Continue support for expansion of satellite campus in Meriden to serve local job/skills training and higher education expansion in the city.	TBD	TBD	TBD
3/1,2; 4/1,2,3,4		Gateway Community College Business Extension	Region, Gateway Community College	Gateway Community College	After moving into new facilities, enrollment growth is pushing beyond existing space. Short term will be combination of existing facilities at North Haven campus and Long Wharf campus. Long Term the College will work with Board to select appropriate space to fit the needs.	TBD	TBD	TBD
2/3,4; 3/1,2; 4/1,2,3,4; 5/1,2		Center for Customized Training and Continuing Education	Region, Gateway Community College	Gateway Community College	Center encompasses targeted training in a variety of sustainable areas for municipalities and private industries. Training is already taking place; the building space is not in ready to go status and is in planning stage (as additional space is needed for the Center).	TBD	TBD	TBD
5 / 1		Blighted Factory H Cooper Street area-redevelopment initiative	Meriden	EDO	Funding secured for demolition and partial remediation completed by 12/11. Reuse concept has been developed as a part of neighborhood planning effort.	75	\$ 10 million	\$2.5 million in EPA grants and EPA hazards removal action; \$1.5million HUD (Section 108); \$300,000 CT Brownfields Pilot
5 / 2		West River Crossing Redevelopment	West Haven	West Haven EDC	Strategic Waterfront Redevelopment Initiative & infrastructure improvements	600	\$35 million	\$375K local \$125K state
5 / 5		New Long Wharf Theatre	New Haven/Region	Long Wharf	Relocation of award winning regional theater to Downtown location.	30	\$30 million	NA
5 / 2		Route 34 West MDP	New Haven	New Haven	Mixed-use development including residential, commercial, urban boulevard and express busway	TBD	\$400 million	TBD

5 / 2	Coliseum Site Redevelopment	New Haven	New Haven	Mixed-use develop on site of old Veterans' Memorial Coliseum	1450	\$150 million	
5 / 2	Chapel/Center Redevelopment	New Haven	New Haven	Mixed-use redevelopment of prime downtown block damaged by December 2007 fire.	TBD	\$125 million	\$125 million
5 / 2	Union Station District	New Haven	New Haven	Mixed-use Transit Oriented Development surrounding Union Station connecting main train station to Downtown, including additional structured parking.	2363	\$125 million+	
5 / 2	Older Pratt & Whitney buildings & site	North Haven	North Haven	Infrastructure improvements and valley service road extension	TBD	TBD	TBD
5 / 1	Circuit Wise Building	North Haven	North Haven	Brownfield Redevelopment; contaminated site that needs assessment and cleanup for redevelopment	TBD	TBD	TBD
3 / 1	Yale-New Haven Expansion	North Haven	North Haven	Renovation of the existing (old) AT&T building	TBD	TBD	TBD
3 / 1	Wharton Brook Industrial Park	North Haven	North Haven	Enhance Roadways at the industrial park site	TBD	TBD	TBD
3 / 1	205 Church Street Hotel	New Haven	New Haven/Private Developers	Redevelop 13 story colonial revival office building into high end hotel. Owners have conducted \$7 million structural retrofit and exterior restoration. Developers plan a complete interior restoration as well as transforming into 4 star hotel anchoring north end of New Haven Green.	150	\$50-\$60 million	TBD Hampshire Hotels working to secure financing
3 / 1	Expansion of Superior Court	Milford	Milford	Build parking garage to accommodate courthouse needs as well as commuters.	TBD	TBD	TBD
5 / 1	Wepawaug River Dredging	Milford	Milford	Environmental Dredging of duck ponds and basin	TBD	TBD	TBD
3 / 1	Walnut Beach Boardwalk Area	Milford	Milford	Activate retail space surrounding the newly constructed Walnut Beach Boardwalk for economic activity	160	\$6 million	
5 / 2	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Hamden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, West Haven, Woodbridge	Regional Water Authority	Replacement of existing water meter reading technology (would affect 20 municipalities). With new technology, customers consumption data would be transmitted daily, opposed to the current availability of once every three months. Customers would be able to use this daily information to	150 during construction; 5 full time after construction	\$25.2 million	TBD (rate payers will pay if no sources found)

						decide if water use habits should be altered.				
5 / 2		Lake Saltonstall Intake Modifications	Branford/East Haven/New Haven	Regional Water Authority		Replacing the existing public water system reservoir raw water pumping station and intake, built more than 50 years ago. A study suggests such a replacement, also, the new system will have the capability drawing water at deeper depths, an issue affecting the quality of water currently being drawn.	10	\$9.5 million		Current WRDA request (federal), Ratepayers (if no other funding ratepayers will pay entire portion)
Regional Infrastructure Projects										
Ready to Go										
3 / 2	86.5	Hamden Business Incubator	Hamden	Hamden		Small business incubator in former Hamden Middle School.	50	\$6,000,000		EDA, Section 108 (HUD), EPA, Local, *450,000 from State already approved
3 / 1	82	Fresh Meadow Road Ext.	West Haven	West Haven		Extension of existing street to access 200 acres of undeveloped industrially-zoned land.	3,000	\$9.3 million		
2 / 6	77	Boathouse at Canal Dock	New Haven	New Haven		Relocate – reconstruct boathouse piers, waterfront walkway and create education and recreation center bundling part of I-95 harbor crossing mitigation	3A	\$30 million		US DOT \$24 million; CONNDOT \$3 million
2 / 6	58.5	State Street Development Streetscape Phase IV	Hamden	Hamden		Continue Streetscape and new sidewalk construction from Farm St to New Haven line	10	\$550,000		\$50,000 local; State (not yet approved)
5 / 1	54.5	Guilford Harbor Bulkhead	Guilford	Guilford		Replacing 215 feet of bulkhead from deteriorated Guilford Town Dock. Proposed to install a new cantilevered sheet pile bulkhead w/in 18 inches seaward of the existing bulkhead. A new wood fender system and a 5 foot wide concrete sidewalk will be constructed over existing bulkhead.	15	\$670,000		CT Steap Grant \$300,000; Requesting \$370,000 from EDA
In Planning										

2 / 1	Tweed New Haven Airport Capital Improvement Plan	New Haven	Airport Authority	Near term capital improvements including obstruction removal, terminal modernization	N / A	\$35 million	State bond; FAA ACIP
2 / 1	Tweed New Haven Airport Capital Improvement Plan	New Haven	Airport Authority	Repaving and improving landside/airside roads and parking; and adding Pedestrian Walkway	N / A	\$600,000	State bond; FAA ACIP
2 / 2	Port of New Haven Infrastructure	New Haven	ConnDOT / Port Authority	Port Infrastructure improvements to include direct rail access; bulkhead restoration & improvements; and construction of ethanol pipeline connection to North Yard	200	\$5 million	NA
2 / 2	Neighborhood Commercial Improvements	New Haven	New Haven	Infrastructure improvements	NA	\$3 million	NA
2 / 6	State Street Development Phase V	Hamden	Hamden	Infrastructure improvements for this approved Municipal Development Project	25	\$150,000	\$50,000 local
3 / 2	Highwood Redevelopment Part II	Hamden	Hamden	Rehabilitation of building and road improvements adjacent to Highwood Square	15	\$1,000,000	Private, Local
2 / 6	Dixwell Avenue Corridor	Hamden/New Haven	Hamden & New Haven	Cross boundary infrastructure improvements and commercial development projects	10	\$300,000	\$50,000 Local
2 / 6	Medical District Street Grid	New Haven	New Haven / EDC	Infrastructure improvements supporting construction of a new street grid between Church Street and the City's medical district.	N / A	\$30 million	NA
3 / 1	Industrial Expansion – 270 Acres – Infrastructure	Wallingford	Wallingford ED Community	Infrastructure Improvements necessary to use 270 acres zoned for industrial expansion	3000	\$7 million	To be determined
3 / 1	Washington Ave / I-91 Development	North Haven	North Haven	Infrastructure improvements linking 12 acres to Washington Ave.	TBD	TBD	TBD
3 / 1	Broadway Street Redevelopment	North Haven	North Haven	Infrastructure improvements	TBD	TBD	TBD
2 / 6; 5 / 1	Rerouting of Water Street from Elm Street to Bayview Place	West Haven	West Haven	Involves the straightening of Water Street to provide better access from Kimberly Avenue Bridge, open the area for prime, waterfront property that can be developed as mixed use and create a better grid pattern that will improve traffic flow through the West River area. The realignment of Water Street as an integral part of	TBD	TBD	TBD

						the overall implementation of the Municipal Development Plan for the City's West River Crossing area.				
3 / 1		Landfill Redevelopment	West Haven	West Haven		Infrastructure improvement of 70 acre site off Rt. 1 between I-95	NA	Under study	NA	
5 / 2		Beach Reclamation	West Haven	West Haven		Repair and restoration of groins, stabilize beaches and cover sanitary sewer outfall piping	N/A	\$3 million	EDA \$3 million	
3 / 1		Expansion of Telecommunication Infrastructure for Technology Cluster	Meriden	Meriden, MCC		Meriden already has the fiber-optic and sonnet rings available to info-tech companies wishing to locate in the region.	TBD	TBD	TBD	
3 / 2		Hamden Business Incubator	Hamden	Hamden		Small business incubator in former Hamden Middle School.	60	\$2,950,000	EDA, Section 108 (HUD), Local, *450,000 from State already approved	
3 / 2		Arts District	Meriden	Arts Comm. Meriden CC EDO, RGP		Meriden's art district will serve as a regional arts and entertainment venue that will augment regional efforts to grow the "creative cluster"	70	TBD	NA	
4 / 1		Talent Pool	Regional	Workforce Alliance		Computerized database of available workers primarily in manufacturing.		\$200,000		
5 / 2		West River Flood Control	Woodbridge/New Haven	Woodbridge		Via a recent flood study, the project seeks to mitigate flooding and resulting damage to homes and businesses on the West River. Having already received funding for the replacement of Merritt Ave bridge and removal of the Lily Pond Dam, Woodbridge is seeking funding for channel improvements to the West River.	N/A	\$4.46 million	Federal-\$1.28 million for bridge; State-\$350,000 for Dam removal; Local-\$370,000 for Flood Study and Local; LISFF-\$60,000 for Dam; Seeking \$2.4 million for Channel Improvements	
5 / 1-2		Atlantic Wire Building Site	Branford	Branford		Brownfield Project -Cleanup site of old Atlantic Wire Building and intersection road realignment to handle traffic flow	TBD	TBD	TBD	
Regional Transportation Projects										

Ready to Go							
2 / 3	New Haven/ Hartford/Springfield Commuter Rail	SCRCOG	SCRCOG, DOT, Legislative Delegation, Meriden, Meriden Chamber	Implementation of approved new commuter rail line between New Haven & Springfield, MA. Develop opportunities for Transit Oriented Development in towns along rail line.	NA		
2 / 4	Guilford Railroad Parking Extension	Guilford	SCRCOG/DOT			\$1.2 million	
2 / 4	New Regional Train Stations	West Haven/Orange	West Haven/Orange	Infrastructure improvements to support development around new rail stations	700	\$35 million	\$16 million state funds
2 / 5	Downtown Circulator	New Haven	CT Transit	Implementation of second public circulator routes between Union Station and medical district. (First circulator implemented in 2009).	N / A	\$1.2 million	FTA
2 / 5	Cross Town West	New Haven	CT Transit	Implementation of New Haven West Side Crosstown Route City Point to Putnam Place Hourly service 7 days per week	N/A	\$5 M - \$1.0 M	FTA
2 / 5	Downtown Bus Shelters	New Haven	SCRCOG / GNHTD	Replacement of the remaining four shelters on the NH Green.	N/A	\$5 M	FTA
2 / 6	I-95 along Long Wharf area	New Haven	Region	Create better linkage of waterfront area with buildings north of I-95 and new ring road.	NA	\$250 million	NA
2 / 6	Q-Bridge and surrounding area along I- 95	New Haven	New Haven	Compensate for lost land and needed infrastructure improvements	NA	\$10 million	NA
2 / 6	Housatonic River Bridge Replacement	Milford	SCRCOGDOT	Replacing aging bridge on I-95.		\$400 million	
2 / 4	Farmington Canal Phase IV	New Haven	New Haven	Extension of the Farmington Canal Line from Hillhouse Avenue to Long Wharf	NA	\$8 million	\$6.4 million Federal: \$1.6 million local match
In Planning							
2 / 3	New Haven/Hartford/Springfield Commuter Rail	SCRCOG	SCRCOG, DOT, Legislative Delegation, Meriden, Meriden Chamber	Implementation of approved new commuter rail line between New Haven & Springfield, MA. Develop opportunities for Transit Oriented Development in towns along rail line.	NA		
2 / 6	Intermodal Ferry Terminal Study	New Haven	New Haven	Study feasibility of intermodal ferry terminal on New Haven Harbor.		\$100,000	

2 / 6	State & Wall Mixed Use Development Site	New Haven	New Haven	Mixed Use development or parking structure or both in key anchor NE downtown corner	75 perm 250 const	\$25 million	
2 / 6	Rt. 68/Rt. 5 Corridor Initiatives	Wallingford	Wallingford ED Comm.	Rebuilding of RT 5 & 68 and other study recommendations	NA	NA	NA
2 / 6	Saw Mill Road Redevelopment Project	West Haven	West Haven EDC	Improve access and infrastructure improvements	400	\$25 million	\$9.5 million local bond
2 / 6	RT 1-Orange Ave & Front Ave Redevelopment	West Haven	West Haven EDC	Infrastructure improvements	NA	Under study	\$125K local funds
2 / 6	Chamberlain Highway, Kensington Ave. corridor, Downtown Interchanges	Meriden	Meriden/COG	Implement plan for improved interchanges with I-691	TBD	COG Study Complete	TBD
2 / 6	Downtown Two-Way Street Conversion	New Haven	New Haven	Conversion of Church and College to two-way operation.	N/A	\$2.5 M	TBD
2 / 6	Regional/Downtown Streetcar	New Haven	SCRCOG, New Haven	Implementation of a small-start streetcar route in Downtown New Haven, with extensions to Hamden and West Haven	N/A	\$30 M	FTA
2 / 6	Lower State Street Reconstruction	New Haven	New Haven	Reconfiguration of lower State Street to promote economic development at Lots N and O	N/A	\$8 – 10M	TBD
2 / 6	Exit 53 Connector	Branford	Branford	In the POCD, fixing the connector along exit 53 to establish a better traffic flow pattern and develop land surrounding the area	TBD	TBD	TBD
Regional Projects Completed							
2 / 6	State Street Development Phase IV	Hamden	Hamden	Streetscape improvements for this approved Municipal Development Project	25	\$200,000	\$80,000 local
2 / 2	Tweed New Haven	New Haven	New Haven	Construct runway safety area.		\$20 million	\$20 million – FAA \$600,000 local
3 / 1	Universal Drive Reconstruction	North Haven	North Haven	Reconstruction of road linking major commercial corridor.	80	\$1.4 million	
2 / 1	Tweed New Haven Airport Capital Improvement Plan	New Haven	Airport Authority	Near term capital improvements, including navigation enhancements and runway repaving.			
2 / 6	Indian River Road for both Phase 1 & 2	Orange	Orange EDC	Widen and reconstruct Indian River Rd between Boston Post Rd & Marsh Hill Rd	NA	\$1.5 million	\$1.5 million public funds
Regional Projects Under Construction							
5 / 1	Water Street Bulkhead	West Haven	West Haven	Repair bulkhead on contaminated waterfront property to stabilize for	TBD	\$2 million	\$300,000 CT DECID

Summary of FY2012-2013 SCRCOG Budget June 27, 2012

The 2012-2013 Proposed SCRCOG Budget proposes:

- **No municipal dues increase. SCRCOG dues rate is the lowest among the 15 Regional Planning Organizations in the state.**
- **The proposed SCRCOG budget for 2012-13 totals \$1,577,519. Operating expenses total \$791,800, and planning studies and the FEMA grant will result in expenditures of \$720,750.**
- **Total operating expenses show an increase of only \$12,400 or 1.6% over the current year and an increase of only \$25,507 or 3.3% since the 2009-2010 FY.**
- **The proposed budget contains an increased and more diversified revenue stream with the addition of two federal grants—HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant---adding \$234,000 to our revenues.**
- **Proposed salary increases of \$9,331 represent only a 2.2% increase over the current year's salaries. Salary adjustments totaling \$9,500 are also proposed. Municipal dues only pay, at the most, 10% of these increases and adjustments or \$1,883. Staff salaries will be partially funded by \$28,450 of the federal grants obtained by SCRCOG, reducing the draw upon municipal dues and federal transportation funds.**
- **Health and dental costs decreased a total of \$4,900 for next year. Our high deductible/health savings account plan will cost SCRCOG \$48,000 (31%) less than our 2009-2010 health benefits costs. We are proposing the addition of a long term disability plan for our employees which will only cost \$2,300 per year. With the addition of the disability plan our employees will have a benefits package comparable to that offered by the other Regional Planning Organizations in Connecticut. The dental plan was introduced in FY2010-11. We are now proposing an employee contribution of 10% for the dental plan. In the current year, there was no employee contribution. The employee contribution to the health insurance plan was increased from 7 to 10% in FY 2010-11.**

- **General overhead expenses are proposed to be reduced by \$5,700 as a result of elimination of rental of a postage machine (we are using stamps) and lower liability insurance, workers compensation, audit and legal expenses.**
- **There are no capital expenses planned for next year. \$30,200 was budgeted and spent in the current budget year on computer and server upgrades.**
- **Next year's Unified Planning Work Program will fund \$515,000 in transportation studies for the benefit of our member cities and towns.**
- **Next year, we expect to expend \$205,750 in FEMA grant funds producing a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for the 10 communities in our region who did not already have such a plan. Having a plan in place makes the cities and towns and the region eligible for FEMA project grants to eliminate or mitigate identified hazards.**
- **SCRCOG is awaiting notice of whether it will receive either or both of the state Regional Performance Grants it applied for in December of 2011. The applications were for: (1) a Regional Web-Based Geographic Information System (GIS)--\$591,028; and (2) an Inter-Municipal Shared Services Feasibility Study--\$54,581.**

*South Central Regional Council of Governments
Proposed Budget - Fiscal Year 2013*

Revenue	Actual Revenue		Current Budget	Proposed Budget
	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013
Municipal Contribution				
Municipal Contribution	151,100	151,100	151,400	151,400
Municipal Contribution - Carry-Over from FY 11	0		28,700	0
Transportation Planning				
U.S. Department of Transportation	849,608	556,471	949,700	1,023,305
U.S. Dept of Transportation - Carry-Over from FY 11	0	0	229,700	0
CT Department of Transportation	106,201	69,558	118,800	127,914
CT Dept of Transportation - Carry-Over from FY 11	0	0	28,700	0
Shoreline Greenways - Federal	216,205	0	0	0
Shoreline Greenways - Municipal	54,150	0	0	0
Regional Planning				
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management	10,611	6,359	30,000	7,000
Regional Economic Development Web Portal	44,218	0	0	0
REX Development				
Reimbursement for SCRCOG Rent	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
Investment Income	2,015	938	3,200	1,200
Emergency Response Planning				
NHASH Homeland Security Grant - FY 07	20,854	22,861	0	0
NHASH Homeland Security Grant - FY 08	0	35,744	30,000	0
NHASH FY 08 - Training Grant	0	0	7,500	0
NHASH FY 09 - Training Grant	0	0	5,000	0
Sustainable Communities Grant				
Sustainable Communities Reg Planning Grant	0	0	48,300	20,000
Hazard Mitigation Plan				
Federal Emergency Management Agency	0	0	120,000	175,500
Municipal - In-Kind Contribution	0	0	15,000	58,500
TOTAL	1,454,962	853,031	1,776,000	1,574,819

Expenses	Actual Expenses		Current Budget	Proposed Budget
	Fiscal Year 2010	Fiscal Year 2011	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013
General SCRCOG Operations				
1.0 Labor	604,665	564,129	598,800	621,200
2.0 Travel	5,217	4,064	7,900	8,500
3.0 Data Process	8,336	7,556	11,200	9,400
4.0 General Overhead	148,077	148,718	161,500	155,800
Total - General SCRCOG Operations	766,293	724,467	779,400	794,900
5.0 COG Capital	0	0	30,200	0
6.0 Special Planning Studies & Pass-Through Grants				
Transportation Consultant Services	635,608	50,807	503,000	515,000
Transportation Consultant Services from FY 11	0	0	287,100	0
NHASH Homeland Security Grant	19,833	57,049	39,875	0
ROOF - Regional Foreclosure Fund	0	25,000	0	0
FEMA - Hazard Mitigation Plan	0	0	125,300	205,750
Sustainable Communities Consultant	0	0	10,000	0
Total - Special Planning Studies	655,441	132,856	965,275	720,750
7.0 Contingencies	-----	-----	1,125	59,169
TOTAL	1,421,735	857,323	1,776,000	1,574,819

South Central Regional Council of Governments
Proposed Expenses - Fiscal Year 2013

	<i>Fiscal Year 11 Actual Expenses</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 12 Current Budget</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 13 Proposed Budget</i>
1.00 Labor			
1.10 Salaries			
<i>Full & Part-Time Staff</i>	395,908	416,700	435,500
<i>Reserve for Salary Adjustment</i>	0	0	0
<i>Temporary & Interns</i>	0	3,000	3,000
	395,908	419,700	438,500
1.20 Benefits			
Permanent Employees			
<i>Social Security</i>	24,060	26,200	27,100
<i>Medicare</i>	5,627	6,200	6,400
<i>Unemployment Compensation</i>	3,469	4,300	4,900
<i>Health Insurance</i>	108,412	107,600	104,900
<i>Dental Insurance</i>	657	8,500	6,300
<i>Life Insurance</i>	2,440	2,300	2,300
<i>Long Term Disability Insurance</i>	-----	-----	2,300
<i>Pension - Contribution</i>	19,528	20,900	22,200
<i>Pension - Administration Fee</i>	2,528	2,700	2,700
<i>Longevity</i>	1,500	500	500
	168,221	179,200	179,600
Total Labor & Benefits	564,129	598,900	618,100
2.00 Travel			
<i>Travel - In State</i>	3,836	4,900	5,100
<i>Travel - Out of State</i>	228	3,000	3,400
Total Travel Expense	4,064	7,900	8,500
3.00 Data Process			
<i>Computer Supplies</i>	63	2,700	2,700
<i>Computer Software</i>	7,493	8,500	6,700
Total Data Processing	7,556	11,200	9,400
4.00 General Operations			
<i>Rent</i>	97,519	97,800	99,700
<i>Postage & Telephone</i>	7,447	8,000	7,500
<i>General Office Supplies</i>	2,271	5,900	5,900
<i>Office & Equipment Maintenance</i>	15,452	17,200	15,800
<i>Dues, Subscriptions & Publications</i>	621	4,700	1,800
<i>Insurance & Professional Services</i>	17,785	19,100	15,800
<i>Meeting Expenses & Advertising</i>	7,059	7,900	8,900
<i>Miscellaneous Expenses</i>	566	900	400
Total General Operations	148,719	161,500	155,800
5.00 Capital			
<i>Capital Purchases</i>	0	30,200	0
Total Capital	0	30,200	0

	<i>Fiscal Year 11 Actual Expenses</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 12 Current Budget</i>	<i>Fiscal Year 13 Proposed Budget</i>
6.00 Special Planning Studies & Pass-Through Grants			
Transportation Consultants			
North Haven - Spring Road Traffic Calming	10,200	15,000	0
Bethany - Road Study	8,000	0	0
Bethany - Mini-Bus	0	10,000	0
Hamden - East-West Transportation Study	4,050	28,600	0
Wallingford Transit Study	6,360	19,500	0
Regional School Bus Study	7,267	15,000	0
Regional Traffic Signal Study	1,500	22,700	0
Regional Road Classification	13,430	60,000	0
Meriden Trail Study	0	10,000	0
Regional Congestion Management	0	65,000	0
Madison Transportation/Transit Study	0	22,800	0
Bethany - Pavement Management	0	12,500	0
New Haven - Downtown Modal Split Study	0	21,000	0
East Haven - Hemingway Ave & Coe Ave Study	0	50,000	0
New Haven - Foxon Boulevard Corridor	0	70,000	0
Wallingford Traffic Signal Study	0	45,000	0
Update TransCAD Transit Model	0	98,000	0
Multi-Community Road Study	0	150,000	0
Regional Traffic Signal Study	0	50,000	0
New Haven Street Pattern - Phase 1	0	0	150,000
Wallingford Sign Inventory	0	0	45,000
Hamden - Traffic Calming	0	0	50,000
Hamden - Traffic Signal Study - Phase 1	0	0	40,000
Madison, Guilford, East Haven - Road Study	0	0	50,000
Regional - Congestion Management Process	0	0	110,000
Transportation Mobility Management Study	0	0	40,000
Tweed Airport Cargo Study	0	0	30,000
Total Transportation Planning Consultants	50,807	790,100	515,000
Land Use Planning Consultants			
Regional Economic Development Web-Site	0	0	0
ROOF - Regional Foreclosure Fund	25,000	0	0
NHASH - Emergency Management Training	57,049	39,875	0
Hazard Mitigation Plan	0	110,300	147,750
Total Land Use Planning Consultants	82,049	150,175	147,750
Total Consultant Expense	132,856	965,275	720,750
7.00 Contingency			
Contingency	-----	1,125	64,969
Total Contingency		1,125	64,969
	857,324	1,776,100	1,577,519



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Planning for Our Region's Future

Bethany Branford East Haven Guilford Hamden Madison Meriden Milford
New Haven North Branford North Haven Orange Wallingford West Haven Woodbridge

Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Fiscal Year 2013 (July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013) South Central Regional Council of Governments Budget

Whereas: South Central Regional Council of Governments By-Laws prescribes that the Council shall review and approve SCRCOG budgets, and

Whereas: SCRCOG's Executive Committee has reviewed and recommends acceptance of the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget totaling \$1,577,519

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

That a Fiscal Year 2013 Budget is adopted (copy attached), and

That Fiscal Year 2013 SCRCOG municipal dues are established at 27 cents per capita, per the CT Department of Public Health's July 2010 Population estimates.

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 SCRCOG on June 27, 2012.

Date: June 27, 2012.

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

Brownfield Projects

- Funding application submitted to EPA for \$200,000 for Hazardous Materials Assessment – Funding denied
- REX submitted an EPA application for additional funding \$1,000,000 for the Remediation Revolving Loan Fund and was awarded \$350,000
- REX was awarded a \$75,000 Brownfield Inventory Grant from DECD
- Contracting with DECD for a regional brownfield database
- Goodrich/Daisy Brownfield remediation property sold to a private owner-moving 11 jobs into the remediated site
- Will be providing an additional loan to 1 Church Street, LLC for further remediation of the Atlantic Wire Site

Business Development

- Selected Garnet Consulting to provide services for the 5 year update to the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Attended the Medical Design and Manufacturing Trade Show East in May 2012
- Assisted University of New Haven in assembling an EDA application for incubator funding of its Solar Energy program, revised the submission date to June 2012, met with EDA officials in Philadelphia for input and guidance on the application
- Assisted in outreach for support of 100 College Street Project
- Developed an ongoing regional Cash Mob program to support local retailers - May 19, R.J. Julia Bookstore, Madison & June 16, Flutterby, Guilford, we will be holding a cash mob event in each of the 15 municipalities
- Continuing to assist SubCon, Inc. in identifying potential job candidates for the Travel Service areas around the State – looking for additional resources in identifying qualified candidates
- Assisting the Town of Bethany in identifying funding resources to develop a Community Center at the Bethany Airfield – serving multiple communities

Marketing

- Participated in the Getaway Day Annual Staycation Showcase at Grand Central Station
- Participated in the Connecticut Tourism Conference at the Connecticut Convention Center
- Hosting International Travel Writers as part of a FAM in conjunction with the Central Regional Tourism District and Discover New England
- Group Travel Leader will feature the new PEZ museum and visitor center and the upcoming opening of the expanded Yale Art Gallery
- Rough Guide – an international travel book was published with information regarding the region
- Connect regional welcome bags for Board Meeting



- Hosted Kim Knox, Travel Writer, from USA Today who is preparing a New Haven City Guide
- Continued enhancements to REX website for easier navigation
- Newsletters, calendar, website update and social media updates – on-going

Revenue Development

- Continuing to explore additional long term funding models
- Town of Guilford's Budget was approved with funding for REX-Thank you!
- Town of Wallingford's Budget was approved with funding for REX-Thank you!
- Continue meeting with potential REX funders

June 14, 2012 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	5/09/12	Town of Southington: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Section 3-01.31B	Meriden	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.2	5/23/12	City of New Haven: Proposed Zoning Amendments pertaining to the proposed BD-3 District	East Haven, Hamden, North Haven, Orange, West Haven, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.3	5/25/12	Town of Stratford: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Section 3.12 (Special regulations for subdivisions) and Section 21 (Variances)	Milford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.4	6/01/12	Town of Clinton: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Section 10.33.4 (Farm Tourism Uses – Requirements)	Madison	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound. The description of the structure, square footage, and seating is provided, but the type of use is not mentioned. Clarification is needed pertaining to the descriptive title of the proposed amendment.

2.5		Town of Guilford: Open Space Grant Application by the Guilford Land Conservation Trust for Acquisition of inholdings in Westwoods forest	Branford, Madison, North Branford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the Guilford Land Trust's acquisition of the 17 acre parcel off of Dunk Road in Westwoods forest is consistent with the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The proposed application is consistent with the important goals identified in the Regional POCD of protecting environmentally sensitive land and passive open space recreation areas and maintaining comprehensive sustainable local habitats and ecosystems.
2.6		Town of Branford: Open Space Grant Application by the Town of Branford for Acquisition of the Kaczynski property	East Haven, Guilford, North Branford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the Town of Branford's acquisition of the approximately 22 acre Kaczynski property is consistent with the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The proposed application is consistent with the important goals identified in the Regional POCD of protecting environmentally sensitive land and maintaining comprehensive sustainable local habitats and ecosystems.
2.7		City of Meriden: Open Space Grant Application by the City of Meriden for Acquisition of land at 650 Reservoir Road, Cheshire	Wallingford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the City of Meriden's acquisition of the approximately 5 acre property at 650 Reservoir Road in Cheshire is consistent with the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The proposed application is consistent with the important goals identified in the Regional POCD of protecting environmentally sensitive land and maintaining comprehensive sustainable local habitats and ecosystems.