



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

April 24, 2013 – 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– Mayor John Picard, *Chairman*
2. Adoption of 3/27/13 SCRCOG Minutes – First Selectman Michael Freda, *Secretary* Pages 2-4
3. Treasurer’s Report for month ending 3/31/13 Pages 5, 6
4. First Selectman Fillmore McPherson, *Treasurer*
5. Transportation Committee Report, Mayor William Dickinson-*Chairman* Pages 7-15
 - a. Adopt Resolution to approve 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Thirteen Pages 12,13
 - b. Adopt Resolution Concerning Local Capital Transportation Program Pages 14,15
6. Congressional Reports - Louis Mangini, *Legislative Aide to U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro*,
Riju Das, *Aide to Senator Richard Blumenthal* and Robert Michalik, *Aide to Senator
Christopher Murphy*
7. State Legislative Report- Carl Amento, *Executive Director* Handout
8. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report - Carl Amento, *Executive Director*
9. REX Development Report – Ginny Kozlowski, *REX Executive Director* Page 16, 17
10. DESPP/ DEMHS Report - John B. Field, Jr., *Region 2 Coordinator*
11. RPC Action Table Pages 18
12. Regional Cooperation / Other Business
13. Adjournment

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Planning for Our Region's Future

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TO: **SCRCOG Board**
FROM: **First Selectman Michael Freda, Secretary**
DATE: **April 18, 2013**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of March 27, 2013**

Present:

Bethany	First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford	First Selectman Anthony DaRos
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Maturo
Guilford	First Selectman Joseph S. Mazza
Hamden	Mayor Scott Jackson— Vice Chairman
Madison	First Selectman Fillmore McPherson -- <i>Treasurer</i>
Meriden	Lawrence Kendzior, proxy for Mayor Michael Rohde
Milford	Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven	Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Branford	Mayor Anthony Candeloria
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda – Secretary
Orange	First Selectman James Zeoli
West Haven	Mayor John Picard – Chairman
Woodbridge	First Selectman Edward Sheehy
SCRCOG Staff	Carl J. Amento – Executive Director Steve Dudley, Al Ruggiero, Chris Rappa

Other Guests: Judi Scheiffele, *New Haven Port Authority*; Steve Repka, *eBenefits Group*; Timothy Larson, *Tweed-New Haven Airport*; Pamela Hypolite, *CTRides*; Miriam Brody, *Hamden-North Haven League of Voters*; Mary Bigelow, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Lori Vitagliano, *Regional Water Authority*; Louis Mangini, *Office of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro*; Riju Das, *Office of Senator Richard Blumenthal*; Shelly Saczynski and Tom Carriglio, *United Illuminating*; John B. Field Jr, *DESPP*; Catherine Lezon, *CL&P*; Atty. Nan Birdwhistell, Murtha Cullina LLP

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

Chairman John Picard called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Presentation: Port Authority Update,** Judi Scheiffele, *Executive Director New Haven Port Authority*

3. **Adoption of February 27, 2013 SCRCOG meeting minutes:**

First Selectman Freda presented the minutes as shown on Pages 2-4 of the agenda packet. Mayor Maturo moved that the minutes be approved. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion. It was approved by all except First Selectwoman Gorski who abstained.

4. **Treasurer's Report for month ending February 28, 2013:**
First Selectman McPherson presented the Treasurer's Report which is found on pages 5 and 6 of the agenda packet. Our balance sheet shows that we have \$30,736 in cash and investments and \$141,579 due from CT DOT for transportation planning. Expenses seemed appropriate for the month. First Selectman McPherson moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
5. **Transportation Committee Report:**
First Selectman Mazza presented the Transportation Committee Report contained on pages 7-14 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Mazza moved for the approval of 2012-2015 TIP Amendment Twelve. Mayor Maturo seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
6. **Approval of SCRCOG Pension Investment Revision**
Steve Repka of eBenefits Group reviewed the status of pension investments shown in Attachment 1. He had only one recommendation that "Principal Real Estate Securities RS" be substituted for "Delaware REIT A" as a Real Estate investment. Mayor Maturo moved to adopt the recommendation. First Selectman Mazza seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.
7. **Resolution Opposing Closure of Air Traffic Control Tower at Tweed-New Haven Airport**
Executive Director Amento pointed out that a revised Resolution with slightly different wording suggested by Tweed officials than the Resolution in the agenda packet at Page 15 had been passed out. Amento also distributed recent news articles concerning the situation at Tweed. Timothy Larson, Executive Director at Tweed addressed the members on the need for support for Tweed's keeping the control tower open. Mayor Maturo moved to approve the Resolution. Mayor Blake seconded the Motion. It was approved unanimously.
8. **Resolution Opposing State Budget Cut of \$300,000 for Tweed-New Haven Airport**
Executive Director Amento explained that a revised Resolution with slightly different language than the original Resolution on Page 16 of the agenda packet had been distributed. Recent news articles were also distributed. Tweed Executive Director Larson spoke concerning the potential adverse effects of the proposed funding cut. Mayor Maturo moved to approve the Resolution. First Selectman McPherson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
9. **Congressional Report:**
Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro, reported that Congress in its Continuing Resolution for funding of the Postal Service had required 6 days per week delivery. However, the Postal Service is still moving ahead with the closing of mail distribution facilities in Wallingford and Stamford. FEMA has extended the disaster declaration for Blizzard Nemo to 72 hours for New Haven and Hartford Counties. First Selectman McPherson moved that SCRCOG request from the state's Congressional delegation and that SCRCOG staff send a letter to FEMA asking for a full disaster declaration of 7 days. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. Riju Das, Aide to Senator Richard Blumenthal, noted that the Senator is fighting hard against the proposed Tweed tower closure. He also pointed out that Senators Blumenthal and Murphy are leading the charge in the movement to reduce gun violence.
10. **State Legislative Report:** Executive Director reviewed a 24-page handout report on the status of bills before the General Assembly pertaining to municipal and regional issues.

11. **SCRCOG Executive Director's Report:** Executive Director Amento reported that he and Ginny Kozlowski of REX Development had both become members of the General Assembly's MORE Commission Regional Entities Subcommittee, which is reviewing Raised Bill 6629, An Act Concerning Regionalism in Connecticut. Amento distributed information and discussed an upcoming iForum on housing, a workshop in New Haven on April 8th on the Northeast Corridor (NEC) Future Plan, and the second meeting of the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail Corridor Advisory Committee on April 3rd. First Selectman Freda is co-Chairman of the Advisory Committee.
12. **REX Development Report:**
Executive Director Ginny Kozlowski referred to her report on page 19 of the agenda packet. Executive Director Kozlowski noted that sequestration would eliminate funding for the Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund when REX has two ongoing projects. She also expressed concerns about state Raised Senate Bill 943 which would no longer require the state DECD to conduct strategic economic development planning in consultation with municipalities. First Selectman DaRos moved that SCRCOG and REX send letters opposing Raised S.B. 943. Mayor Maturo seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
13. **CTRides Quarterly Report:**
Pamela Hypolite, Outreach Coordinator from CTRides reviewed the agency's Quarterly Report which was included in the agenda packet as Attachment 2.
14. **CL&P Update:**
Catherine Lezon, who works on community relations and economic development at CL&P, introduced herself. A map of which cities and towns are serviced by UI and CLP was included in the agenda packet at Page 19.
15. **DESPP/ DEMHS Report:**
John Field reported that statewide exercises are planned for June, the deadline for HAZARD Mitigation projects has been extended, and that the state continues to press for a disaster declaration for the full duration of the storm and its aftermath for Blizzard Nemo.
16. **RPC Action Table for March:**
The Action Table for March on page 20 of the agenda packet was reviewed.
17. **Regional Cooperation/ Other Business:**
None
18. **Adjournment:**
Mayor Maturo moved for adjournment. Mayor Candelora seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman Michael Freda, Secretary

BALANCE SHEET - March, 2013

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	
First Niagara Bank	243,458
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG	255,170
Total Cash and Investments	498,628
Accounts Receivable	
Connecticut Department of Transportation	147,924
DESPP - Homeland Security Planning	16,265
RPA - Sustainable Communities	10,940
OPM - RPI Grants	0
CT DEEP - Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan	7,072
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Federal Share	4,570
Amount for Accrued Leave	11,058
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	36,871
Total Accounts Receivable	234,698
Property and Equipment	
COG Equipment	19,940
Total Property & Equipment	19,940
TOTAL ASSETS	753,267

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	-928
Accrued Payroll Taxes	6
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	52,612
RPI Grant - GIS Project	35,057
RPI Grant - Shared Services	14,574
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H074(1)	12,893
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H103(1)	4,027
Total Current Liabilities	118,242
Fund Balance	
Estimated Fund Balance - July 1, 2012	714,953
Amount for Accrued Leave	11,058
Investment in Equipment	19,940
Fund Change	-110,927
Fund Balance - March, 2013	635,024
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	753,267

Statement of Resources and Expenditures - March, 2013

<i>Resources</i>	<i>FY 13 Budget</i>	<i>Month of Mar, 2013</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Municipal Contribution	154,100	12,842	115,575
<i>SCRCOG Reserve Account</i>	10,000	0	10,000
ConnDOT - Transportation Planning			
<i>U.S. Dept of Transportation</i>	1,023,305	71,859	408,754
<i>Connecticut Dept of Transportation</i>	127,914	8,982	51,094
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management			
<i>Regional Planning</i>	14,000	0	0
<i>RPI Grant - GIS Project</i>	159,370	14,250	14,943
<i>RPI Grant - Shared Services</i>	16,960	370	426
Federal Emergency Management Agency			
<i>Hazard Mitigation Plan</i>	175,500	0	22,789
<i>Municipal - In-Kind Contribution</i>	58,500	0	0
Emergency Response Planning			
<i>DESPP - FY 09 NHASH Grant</i>	16,300	0	16,265
Sustainable Communities Grant			
<i>Sustainable Communities Reg Planning Grant</i>	20,000	2,515	20,765
REX Development			
<i>Reimbursement for SCRCOG Support</i>	10,000	0	0
Interest	1,200	18	333
TOTAL	1,787,149	110,836	660,944

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 13 Budget</i>	<i>Month of Mar, 2013</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Total Labor - Salaries & Benefits	618,100		436,740
<i>Salaries</i>		41,227	322,269
<i>Fringe Benefits</i>		12,180	114,471
Travel	8,930	492	4,481
Data Process	65,226	25	5,676
General Operations	158,860		
<i>Rent</i>	0	99	75,239
<i>Postage & Telephone</i>	0	322	2,597
<i>Print & Reproduction</i>	0	100	361
<i>Office Supplies</i>	0	96	1,199
<i>Equipment Maintenance</i>	0	1,601	7,525
<i>Publications</i>	0	0	964
<i>Insurance & Professional Services</i>	0	1,420	6,515
<i>Meeting Expenses & Advertising</i>	0	271	4,199
<i>Miscellaneous & Equipment Use</i>	0	0	1,172
Transportation Consultants	515,000	22,758	55,563
Capital Purchase	40,300	12,671	12,671
FEMA - PreDisaster Mitigation Plan	205,750	12,830	120,271
NHASH Grant	16,300	532	16,409
ROOF - Regional Foreclosure Protection	10,000	0	10,000
Regional GIS Program	61,714	0	0
Shard Services Study	15,000	0	0
Contingencies	71,969	0	0
TOTAL	1,787,149	106,622	735,174

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2012-2015 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 13

Project 0092-0531 1999-009 I-95/I-91/Route 34 Interchange Reconstruction E

Changes Amendment 13 increases STPA for FY13

Reason Action is necessary to maintain project schedule and accurately display funding amounts

Project 0156-H017 2012-A27-2 Culvert Replacement Spring St and W Spring Street

Changes Amendment 13 moves PD to FY13

Reason In order for funds to be obligated they must be moved to the current fiscal year

Project 0171-0357 2013-A13-3 Install STC Approved Traffic Signals

Changes Amendment 13 introduces new project

Reason Action necessary to provide funds for the ROW phase of this project PE completed under Project #170-3078 CON phase to be funded 100% with state dollars

Project 0171-0358 2013-A13-4 Install Traffic Signals

Changes Amendment 13 introduces new project

Reason Action necessary to provide funds for the ROW phase of this project PE completed under Project #170-3078 CON phase to be funded 100% with state dollars

Project 0173-0419 2013-A13-5 Install STC Approved Traffic Signals

Changes Amendment 13 introduces new project

Reason Action necessary to provide funds for the ROW phase of this project PE completed under Project #170-3078 CON phase to be funded 100% with state dollars

Project 0173-0420 2013-A13-6 Install Traffic Signals

Changes Amendment 13 introduces new project

Reason Action necessary to provide funds for the ROW phase of this project PE completed under Project #170-3078 CON phase to be funded 100% with state dollars

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2012-FFY2015 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 13

State Project 0092-0531

SCRCOG # 1999-009

Municipality New Haven

Proposed

Project Name I-95/I-91/Rt 34 Interchange Reconstruction E

Description Reconstruct I-95/I-91/Rt 34 interchange to accommodate new 10-lane Quinnipiac River Bridge and reconfigure nb I-95 to Rt 34 ramp as a "right hand take off". Post-FY05 CN with Surface Transportation Program statewide and National Highway System support.

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>
I-M	CON AC-Entry		0				
	Federal	21,521	10,000		9,770	28,000	30,714
	State	3,216	1,111		1,086	3,111	3,413
I-MD	Federal	950					
NHPP	Federal			14,000			
	State			1,556			
NHS	AC-Entry		0				
	Federal	19,009	11,256				
	State	2,112	1,251				
STPA	Federal	34,570		24,000	28,570	28,000	29,800
	State	3,841		2,667	7,143	3,111	3,311
Total Cost	\$327,089	85,219	23,618	42,223	46,569	62,222	67,238

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>
I-M	CON AC-Entry		0				
	Federal	21,521	10,000		9,770	28,000	30,714
	State	3,216	1,111		1,086	3,111	3,413
I-MD	Federal	950					
NHPP	Federal			14,000			
	State			1,556			
NHS	AC-Entry		0				
	Federal	19,009	11,256				
	State	2,112	1,251				
STPA	Federal	34,570		31,000	28,570	28,000	29,800
	State	3,841		3,444	7,143	3,111	3,311
TIP Funds	\$334,866	85,219	23,618	50,000	46,569	62,222	67,238

Amendment Notes

FY12 TIP Amend 13 increases STPA for FY13

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2012-FFY2015 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 13

State Project 0156-H017

SCRCOG # 2012-A27-2

Municipality West Haven

Proposed

Project Name Culvert Replacement Spring St and W Spring Street

Description Project is for the culvert replacements: Spring St over Club Creek and West Spring St over Cove River.

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>
STPNH	PD	Federal	120				
		Local	15				
		State	15				
Total Cost	\$150	0	150	0	0	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>
STPNH	PD	Federal		120			
		Local		15			
		State		15			
TIP Funds	\$150	0	0	150	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP Amend 27 introduces a new project. FY12 TIP Amend 13 moves PD to FY13

State Project 0171-0357

SCRCOG # 2013-A13-3

Municipality District 1

Proposed

Project Name Install STC Approved Traffic Signals

Description Installation and revision of STC Traffic Control Signals in District 1 for FY 2014

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>
STPA	ROW	Federal		100			
TIP Funds	\$100	0	0	100	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

Amendment 13 introduces new project

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2012-FFY2015 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 13

State Project 0171-0358

SCRCOG # 2013-A13-4

Municipality District 1

Proposed

Project Name Install Traffic Signals

Description Installation and revision of STC Traffic Control Signals in District 1 for FY 2014

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>
STPA	ROW	Federal		100			
TIP Funds	\$100	0	0	100	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

Amedment 13 introduces new project

State Project 0173-0419

SCRCOG # 2013-A13-5

Municipality District 3

Proposed

Project Name Install STC Approved Traffic Signals

Description Installation and revision of STC Traffic Control Signals in District 3 for FY 2014

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>
STPA	ROW	Federal		100			
TIP Funds	\$100	0	0	100	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

Amendment 13 introduces new project

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2012-FFY2015 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 13

State Project 0173-0420

SCRCOG # 2013-A13-6

Municipality District 3

Proposed

Project Name Install Traffic Signals

Description Installation and revision of STC Traffic Control Signals in District 3 for FY 2014

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>
STPA	ROW	Federal		100			
TIP Funds	\$100		0	0	100	0	0

Amendment Notes

Amendment 13 introduces new project



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Resolution

***Fiscal Year 2012-Fiscal Year 2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment
Thirteen***

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
Thirteen (continued)***

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

The *Program Amendment Thirteen* 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 24, 2013**

Date: **April 24, 2013.**

By: _____
First Selectman Michael Freda, *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution Concerning the Proposed Local Capital Transportation Program:

Whereas: Senate Bill 849 has been proposed which would establish a Local Capital Transportation Program; and,

Whereas: The proposed Local Transportation Capital Program would replace federal STP Urban Funds currently programmed by the Region, with funding from state special tax obligation bonds, for which, under Section 1(b), the Commissioner of Transportation **may** request authorization; and,

Whereas: The proposed Local Transportation Capital Program would be administered under regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Transportation; and,

Whereas: The proposed legislation defines a capital project as having a service life of 20 years; and, transportation projects with a minimum service life of 15 years are also viable municipal capital projects; and,

Whereas: The proposed funding would be significantly less than the current federal STP Urban allocation; and,

Whereas: The annual appropriation and approval of state bond funds will create great uncertainty as to the reliability of funding, given the multiple levels of approvals required, and the uncertain funding and an unspecified change in regulations could lead to substantial disruption in the implementation of needed transportation improvements; and,

Whereas: The 15 cities and towns of the South Central Regional Council of Governments wish to express their deep concern about the proposed change in what has been a reliable funding stream and an unspecified change in regulations.

Now, therefore, Be It Resolved by the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that:

SCRCOG urges the General Assembly and the Governor to only support legislation with the following provisions:

- Funding at current STP Urban levels,
- Mandating the Commissioner to request annual authorization of special tax obligation bonds,
- Guaranteeing multi-year funding for a continuity of programming, allowing for increased funding annually to meet increased costs,
- Amend Section 1(d) to allow for projects with a service life of 15 years,
- Promulgating regulations which mandate the use of municipal construction standards for eligible projects.

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 24, 2013**.

Date: **April 24, 2013**.

By:

First Selectman Michael Freda, *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments

Brownfield Projects

- Contract with Department of Economic and Community Development for Regional Brownfield Inventory Grant under review
- Application being prepared by the Town of Guilford for Brownfield assessment funding
- Submitted Newhall Asbestos clean-up scope to EPA for review
- RLF Loan modification increase to Church Street LLC to continue clean up of the Atlantic Wire site in Branford

Business Development

- As part of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy process the Strategic Planning Committee has developed the Regional Action Agenda – the final draft of the 2013 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to be completed by May 2 for the 30 day public comment period
- REDFO Presentation on Friday, April 26 - Noon
- Executing a regional Cash Mob program to support local retailers – (Madison, Guilford, Bethany, Wallingford, Milford, New Haven, Hamden and East Haven held). The next location for the Cash Mob will be held on April 27 in Branford at Totally Awesome Goods on Main St.
- 19 Business Outreach Meetings

Marketing

- Media Hits:
 - Amtrak Arrive Magazine - Firehouse 12 Jazz Series
 - Travel with Kal - Tweed New Haven Regional Airport
 - WQUN - Tweed New Haven Regional Airport
 - Visit New England - Cash Mobs
- March Media Inquiries:
 - Expedia Inc: Destination Travel Guides - information on the entire region for inclusion on Expedia's international travel site
 - Small Market Meetings - College and university meeting space
 - Visit New England - Self-guided walking tours
 - WQUN's Weekly Newsmaker's program - Tweed New Haven Regional Airport
 - New Haven Living, Hartford Living & Family Fun Magazine (special summer publication) - attractions & events
- Distribution underway for the 2013-14 Greater New Haven Cultural & Visitors Guide
 - Hotels, restaurants and attractions
 - AAA offices throughout the northeast
 - Municipalities – town halls, libraries
 - Chambers of Commerce
 - Interactive guide available on the website

- Iron Chef Competition – April 28th
- Get Away Day Collaboration at Grand Central Terminal, May 22, 2013
- Tradeshows
 - Southern New England Agritourism Workshop, Berlin, CT
 - BIOMEDevice Exposition & Conference, Boston, MA
- Upcoming Tradeshows
 - Eastec Springfield, MA May 14-16, 2013
 - MD&M Philadelphia, PA June 18-20, 2013
 - EPA Brownfield Conference Atlanta, GA May 15-17, 2013
 - Connecticut Conference on Tourism Hartford, CT May 21, 2013
 - Discover New England, Stowe, VT April 28 – May 1, 2013
- Newsletters, calendar, website update and social media updates – on-going

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April 11, 2013 Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	03/11/13	<i>Town of North Haven:</i> Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to add Section 2.4.1.3 – Medical Epicenter Elderly Residential Zone	Hamden, New Haven, East Haven, North Branford, Wallingford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.2	03/11/13	<i>Town of Prospect:</i> Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to Section 2.4.4 – Expansion of Nonconforming Structure	Bethany	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.3	04/01/13	<i>Town of Bethany:</i> Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to add Section 23 – Bethany Open Space Housing District	Hamden, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.4	04/03/13	<i>City of Milford:</i> Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Definitions (Article XI) and Minimum Off-Street Parking Requirements (Figure 1)	Orange, West Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.