



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

June 24, 2015 – 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 Michael Freda, Chairman*
2. **Presentation: Connecticut Alternative Fuel Vehicle Deployment** – *Lee Grannis, Coordinator, Greater New Haven Clean Cities Coalition*
3. Adoption of 5/27/15 SCRCOG Minutes – *Mayor Benjamin Blake, Secretary* Pages 2-4
4. Treasurer’s Report for month ending 5/31/15 – *Mayor Toni Harp, Treasurer* Pages 5, 6
5. Transportation Committee Report – *Mayor William Dickinson, Chairman* Pages 7-22
 - a. Adopt Resolution to approve 2015-2018 TIP Amendment Seven Pages 13, 14
 - b. Resolution - LOTCIP Program Procedures for the South Central Region Page 16
 - c. Resolution - LOTCIP Program Priorities for FY 16, FY 17, FY 18, and FY 19 Pages 20, 21
7. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate and Sign Agreements with Consultants Selected to Perform UPWP Studies Page 22
8. Congressional Report – *Louis Mangini, Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro; Riju Das, Aide to Senator Richard Blumenthal; Evan Johnson, Aide to Senator Christopher Murphy* Pages 23-26
9. State Legislative Report – *Ron Thomas, CCM, and Betsy Gara, COST* Pages 27-44
10. **Presentation: CT’s Lead By Example Program - Energy Saving Performance Contracts** – *Bob Wall and Andrew Brydges, CT Green Bank*
11. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report – *Carl Amento, Executive Director*
12. REX Development Report – *Ginny Kozlowski, REX Development* Page 45
13. DESPP/ DEMHS Report – *John B. Field, Jr., Region 2 Coordinator* Pages 46-53
14. RPC Action Table for June Page 54
15. Regional Cooperation/ Other Business
16. Adjournment

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TO: **SCRCOG Board**
FROM: **Mayor Benjamin Blake, Secretary**
DATE: **June 17, 2015**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of May 27, 2015**

Present:

Bethany First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven Salvatore Brancati, **proxy for Mayor Joseph Maturo**
Guilford First Selectman Joseph Mazza
Madison First Selectman Fillmore McPherson – **Vice Chairman**
Meriden Larry Kendzior, **proxy for Mayor Manuel Santos**
Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake –**Secretary**
New Haven Mayor Toni Harp- **Treasurer**
North Branford Michael Paulhus, **proxy for Mayor Anthony Candelora**
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda – **Chairman**
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson
West Haven Mayor Edward O'Brien
Woodbridge First Selectwoman Ellen Scalettar

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento – **Executive Director**, Stephen Dudley, Albert Ruggiero, Eugene Livshits, Christopher Rappa, Andy Cirioli (intern)

Guests: Dr. Louis J. Iorio and Mark Bennett, *IDLife, LLC*; Mark Rolfe and John Dunham, *CTDOT*; Miriam Brody, *Hamden-North Haven League of Women Voters*; Donna Carter, Kim Dunham and Mary Bigelow, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Scott Jackson, *CT OPM*; Betsy Yagla, *Town of Woodbridge*; Louis Mangini, Sarah Brady and Meghan Savage, *Office of U.S. Rep. Rosa DeLauro*; Riju Das, *Office of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro*; Tony Bialecki, *United Illuminating*; Joanne Cavadini, *CTRIDes*; Christine McGuire, *The Kennedy Center*, William Villano, *Workforce Alliance*; Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina*.

1. **Call to order and Introductions** -
Chairman Michael Freda called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. All present introduced themselves.
2. **Presentation: Wellness Programs** -
Dr. Iorio and Mark Bennett of IDLife explained the wellness program they developed for the Town of North Haven, and for other towns and employers.
3. **Presentation: I-95 Corridor Record of Decision** -
Connecticut DOT Engineers Mark Rolfe and John Dunham reviewed the I-95 New Haven Harbor Crossing Corridor Improvement Program Record of Decision for 2014. The report was sent out with the agenda package as an attachment.
4. **Adoption of April 22, 2015 SCRCOG meeting minutes** -
Mayor Blake presented the minutes of the April 22nd meeting which were included in the agenda packet on pages 2-4. Mayor Blake moved that the minutes be approved. First Selectman Cosgrove seconded the motion. They were approved by all, except for First Selectwoman Scalettar who abstained.

5. **Treasurer's Report for month ending April 30, 2015 -**
Mayor Harp presented the Treasurer's Report which was included in the agenda packet at pages 5-6. The balance sheet shows that we have \$644,691 in cash and investments and \$452,415 due from CT DOT for transportation planning. Expenses seemed appropriate for the month. Mayor Harp moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
6. **Transportation Committee Report -**
 - a. Mayor Dickinson presented the Transportation Committee Report contained on pages 7-23 of the agenda packet. Mayor Dickinson moved for approval of 2015-2018 TIP Amendment Six found on pages 18-19 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - b. Mayor Dickinson then moved for approval of the Section 5310 Program Priorities Resolution found on pages 20-22 of the agenda packet. Mayor Harp seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
 - c. Mayor Dickinson then moved for approval of the Final FY 2016 and FY 2017 UPWP Resolution found on page 23 (attached) of the agenda packet. First Selectwoman Gorski seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
 - d. Mayor Dickinson then moved for approval of the Resolution to Update the Long Range Transportation Plan 2015-2040 found on pages 24-25 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Cosgrove seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
7. **Report from Greater New Haven Transit District -**
Donna Carter and Kim Dunham reviewed a PowerPoint presentation regarding the programs conducted by the Greater New Haven Transit District. Donna Carter announced that she would be retiring as Executive Director as of June 30th, but would continue working on special projects for another year. Kim Dunham will be the new Executive Director as of July 1st.
8. **Approval of FY 2015-2016 SCRCOG Budget -**
Chairman Freda reported that the Executive Committee recommended approval of the proposed FY 2015-2016 SCRCOG Budget, contained on pages 26-30 of the agenda packet, except that the requested salary increases and adjustments for staff members would be reduced to 2.25%, with the remainder of the requested salary increases and adjustments being placed in the Contingency line item which is not to be utilized except when approved by vote of the SCRCOG Board. First Selectman McPherson moved for approval of the proposed FY 2015-2016 SCRCOG Budget, as amended by the Executive Committee. First Selectman Mazza seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
9. **Congressional Report -**
Louis Mangini from Representative DeLauro's Office reported that federal transportation funding under MAP-21, which was due to expire on May 31st, has been extended until the end of July. FEMA has announced that post-Hurricane Sandy individual claims will be re-examined for possible increases in payouts. New Haven County will be included in the emergency declaration for the January 26-28 blizzard which will mean reimbursement for public assistance of 75% and the inclusion of snow removal under emergency services with 75% reimbursement. Riju Das from Senator Blumenthal's Office reported that final applications for TIGER grants are due on June 5th for those cities that submitted pre-applications. Senator Blumenthal is requesting immediate installation of Positive Traction Control on all Amtrak rail lines in the wake of the recent Pennsylvania derailment. The House has voted to end NSA phone surveillance. The matter will now be taken up by the Senate. Fast track authority for the Trans-Pacific Partnership treaty has been approved by the Senate and now moves to the House.
10. **State Legislative Report -**
Ron Thomas of CCM was not able to attend the meeting but sent a detailed report on legislation and budget negotiations at the General Assembly, which was distributed.

11. **SCRCOG Executive Director's Report -**

Executive Director Amento reported on the NAACP Freedom Fund Awards Dinner held on May 7th. SCRCOG received the NAACP's Community Partner Award for its collaboration with the NAACP (and Workforce Alliance and DataHaven) on the study "How Transportation Problems Keep People Out of the Workforce in Greater New Haven". Mayor Harp, SCRCOG Transportation Planner Jim Rode, Greater New Haven Transit District incoming Executive Director Kim Dunham, and DataHaven Executive Director Mark Abraham joined Amento at the event. Amento distributed information on the National Disaster Resilience Competition and the State of Connecticut's request that cities and towns submit Letters of Interest in support of the State's application. Upcoming Events and Grant Opportunities were also distributed to the SCRCOG members.

12. **REX Development Report -**

REX Executive Director Ginny Kozlowski distributed and reviewed a written report. She also reported that REX would be receiving a \$70,000 grant from the EDA for work on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

13. **DESPP/ DEMHS Report -**

John Field was unable to attend the meeting, but he sent a written report which was contained in the agenda packet at pages 31-32.

14. **Workforce Alliance Report -**

Workforce Alliance Executive Director Bill Villano distributed information on the new federal workforce legislation, Workforce Innovations and Opportunity Act (WIOA). He also reported that there was a vacancy on the CEO Executive Committee of the Workforce Alliance Board because of former Hamden Mayor Jackson's acceptance of a position with the state. Mayor Dickinson, First Selectman Freda and Mayor Harp are the other three members of the CEO Executive Committee. The alternate is First Selectwoman Gorski. First Selectman McPherson moved to appoint Mayor O'Brien to fill the vacancy. First Selectwoman Scalettar seconded. All were in favor.

15. **RPC Action Table for May -**

The RPC Action Table for May was reviewed.

16. **Regional Cooperation/ Other Business -**

The cities and towns who have decided to withdraw from CMED will be meeting on Friday, June 12 at 9:30 in the SCRCOG conference room. All CMED cities and towns will then meet at SCRCOG on Thursday June 4th at 9:30 a.m.

17. **Adjournment -**

First Selectman Mazza moved for adjournment. First Selectman Cosgrove seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Benjamin Blake, Secretary

BALANCE SHEET - May, 2015

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	
First Niagara Bank	253,048
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG	155,701
Start Bank	100,485
Total Cash and Investments	509,235
Accounts Receivable	
Municipal Dues - FY 14/15	15,000
Connecticut Department of Transportation	608,974
CTDOT - New Freedoms	40,215
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management	102,500
RPA - Sustainable Communities	269
OPM - RPI Grants	0
National Fish & Wildlife	2,945
Amount for Accrued Leave	12,581
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	39,163
Total Accounts Receivable	821,646
Property and Equipment	
COG Equipment	25,536
Total Property & Equipment	25,536
TOTAL ASSETS	1,356,417

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	8,621
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	12,842
Deferred Revenue - GIA	34,167
LOTICIP - Administrative Funds	227,566
RPI Grant - GIS Project	31,705
Nutmeg Network - Installation	5,540
Total Current Liabilities	320,440
Fund Balance	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2014	731,598
Amount for Accrued Leave	12,581
Investment in Equipment	25,536
Change in Fund Balance	266,261
Fund Balance - May, 2015	1,035,976
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	1,356,417

Statement of Resources and Expenditures - May, 2015

<i>Resources</i>	<i>FY 15 Budget</i>	<i>Month of May, 2015</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Municipal Contribution	154,100	12,842	141,258
ConnDOT - Transportation Planning			
U.S. Dept of Transportation - FY14/15	704,465	139,164	704,465
U.S. Dept of Transportation - Carryover	652,182	0	0
U.S. Dept of Transportation - Mobility Manger	81,180	5,526	32,172
Connecticut Dept of Transportation - FY14/15	85,012	17,395	98,571
Connecticut Dept of Transp - Carryover	81,523	0	0
Connecticut Dept of Transp - LOTCIP	232,320	2,526	4,754
Connecticut Dept of Transp - Mobility Manager	20,295	1,382	8,043
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management			
Regional Planning	410,000	34,167	375,833
RPI Grant - GIS Project	240,301	18,172	146,691
Nutmeg Network	29,300	0	23,760
Coastal Resilience Planning Grant			
NFWF - Coastal Resilience Planning Grant	700,000	1,368	9,119
Interest	1,000	28	301
TOTAL	3,391,678	229,969	1,544,968

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 15 Budget</i>	<i>Month of May, 2015</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Total Labor - Salaries & Benefits	692,193		586,391
Salaries		43,538	426,958
Fringe Benefits		14,796	159,433
Travel	13,659	440	5,649
Data Process	77,300	371	5,999
General Operations	186,179		142,173
Rent		8,671	95,094
Postage & Telephone		112	3,208
Office Supplies		150	1,057
Equipment Maintenance		1,191	14,167
Publications		0	1,941
Insurance & Professional Services		0	12,619
Meeting Expenses & Advertising		1,023	12,090
Miscellaneous & Equipment Use		0	336
Transportion Consultants	890,000	115,491	438,557
Mobility Management - Kennedy Center	91,328	6,367	35,807
Other Consultants	467,235	24,301	149,394
Contingencies	440,032	0	0
Reserve for Coastal Resilience Planning Grant - FY 16	533,752	0	0
TOTAL	3,391,678	216,451	1,328,163

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

- Project** 0079-XXXX 2013-A15-14 **Multi-Modal Roadway Improvements for TOD**
Changes Amendment 7 introduces a new project
Reason As part of the TIGER application process it is necessary to include project in the TIP/STIP.
- Project** 0156-0180 2015-A7-1 **I-95 Resurfacing, Bridge and Safety Improvements**
Changes Amendment 7 introduces a new project
Reason Throughout the project area, I-95 has 3 lanes in each direction, separated by a patchwork of median barrier treatments. The roadside safety hardware is outdated, and the existing wearing surface is in various stages of deterioration. This project is intended to rehabilitate the pavement and reestablish some degree of structural uniformity to facilitate future maintenance.
- Project** 0171-0375 2013-A14-2 **Replace VMS: I-91, 84, 384, CT2, 5, 15, 20**
Changes Amendment 7 increases FD funding
Reason This action is necessary based on the latest cost estimates
- Project** 0427-0056 2015-A7-2 **GNHTD Facility Renovations-Sherman Ave**
Changes Amendment 7 introduces a new project
Reason The current facility owned by GNHTD is in need of facility improvements and repairs to the parking lot, HVAC system, roof, and contingencies for unknown emergency facility repairs and improvements.
- Project** 0427-XXX1 2011-A0-6 **GNHTD Rehab Info Sales Booth on the Green**
Changes Amendment 7 removes this project from the TIP
Reason Funding for these projects has been held in the program since 2010. Once design is completed and new cost estimates developed projects may be reintroduced to the TIP.
- Project** 0427-XXX2 2011-A0-7 **GNHTD- Bus Shelters on New Haven Green**
Changes Amendment 7 removes this project from the TIP
Reason Funding for these projects has been held in the program since 2010. Once design is completed and new cost estimates developed projects may be reintroduced to the TIP.

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 FFY2015-FFY2018 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 7

State Project 0079-XXXX

SCRCOG # 2013-A15-1

Municipality Meriden

Proposed

Project Name Multi-Modal Roadway Improvements for TOD District

Description The project will complete final design and will construct needed road way improvements in Meriden's TOD District. The roadways will include "complete streets" design principles

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2018</i>	<i>FYI</i>
TIGER	ALL	Federal					10,074
		Local					6,716
TIP Funds	\$16,790		0	0	0	0	16,790

Amendment Notes

FY15 TIP Amend 7 adds new project

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 Amendment 7

State Project 0156-0180

SCRCOG # 2015-A7-1

Municipality West Haven

Proposed

Project Name I-95 Resurfacing, Bridge and Safety Improvements

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

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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

Amendment Notes

FY15 TIP Amend 7 introduces new project

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 FFY2015-FFY2018 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 7

State Project 0171-0375

SCRCOG # 2013-A14-2

Municipality District 1

Proposed

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

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

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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

Amendment Notes

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

State Project 0427-0056

SCRCOG # 2015-A7-2

Municipality Hamden

Proposed

Project Name GNHTD Facility Renovations-Sherman Ave

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

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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

Amendment Notes

FY15 TIP Amend 7 introduces a new project

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State Project 0427-XXX1

SCRCOG # 2011-A0-6

Municipality Regional

Proposed

Project Name GNHTD Rehab Info Sales Booth on the Green

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

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

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

Amendment Notes

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

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State Project 0427-XXX2

SCRCOG # 2011-A0-7

Municipality Regional

Proposed

Project Name GNHTD- Bus Shelters on New Haven Green

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

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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

Amendment Notes

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



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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2015-Fiscal Year 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Seven

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

Whereas: The Council, per 23 *CFR* 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a *Fiscal Year 2015-Fiscal Year 2018 Transportation Improvement Program* on October 22, 2014, after finding the *Program* conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 *CFR* 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: *Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Long-Range Transportation Plans—2011 to 2040, (April, 2011)*; and

Whereas: The Council, on *October 22, 2014*, indicated that periodic *Program* adjustment or amendment was possible; and

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

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

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

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



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Resolution

***Fiscal Year 2015-Fiscal Year 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Seven
(continued)***

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

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

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **June 24, 2015**

Date: **June 24, 2015**

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



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG Regional LOTCIP Procedures

5-11-15

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

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



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Resolution

Local Capital Transportation Improvement Program Procedures for the South Central region

Whereas: The State of Connecticut approved the Local Capital Transportation Improvement Program (LOTICIP) which provides funding for local roadway improvements effective November 1, 2013; and

Whereas: The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CDOT) has published LOTICIP guidelines for the administration of the program which require the region to prioritize projects for the utilization of available funding; and

Whereas: Priorities for FY14 and FY15 LOTICIP projects were approved by the Council of Governments on May 28, 2014; and

Whereas: It is anticipated that approximately \$12.1 million will be appropriated to the South Central region for FY16 and also for FY 17 by the Connecticut General Assembly; and

Whereas: There is a need to establish regional procedures for the administration of LOTICIP projects; and

Whereas: At its June 11, 2015, meeting, the Transportation Committee and the Transportation Technical Committee reviewed draft procedures and recommended to the Council that they be adopted.

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

The SCRCOG Regional LOTICIP Procedures dated 5-11-15 recommended by the Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee are adopted.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **June 24, 2015**.

Date: **June 24, 2015**.

By:

Mayor Benjamin Blake, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments



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**LOTICIP - Priorities for FY 16, FY17, FY18, and FY 19 as recommended by
Transportation Committee 6-11-15**

FY 14 and FY 15 priorities were approved by the SCRCOG Board on May 28, 2014.

FY 14

Town of Guilford – West Lake Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation
Award from CTDOT - **\$1,234,682**

Town of Wallingford – Northfield Road Bridge
Estimated construction cost - **\$1,400,000**

City of West Haven – Spring Street and West Spring Street Culverts
Estimated construction cost - **\$3,564,000**

Town of Madison – Green Hill Road Reconstruction
Estimated construction cost - **\$1,947,000**

FY 15

Town of East Haven – North High Street Sidewalk Bikeway Project: Phase 1
Estimated construction cost - **\$1,500,000**

City of New Haven – Traffic Signal Modernization – Six signals not accomplished under Project 92-
488 due to funding cap under CMAQ funds
Estimated construction budget - **\$2,191,200**

Town of Branford – Main Street Gateway Project: Eastern Section
Estimated construction cost - **\$3,000,000**

City of Milford – Merwin Avenue Improvements and Flooding Mitigation Project
- New priority – 6/2/15 – Gulf Street – See FY 16
Estimated Construction Cost **\$1,251,000**

Total FY 14 and FY 15 - **\$16.09 million**

Estimated funding for region – FY 14 and FY 15 - **\$14.6 million**

FY 16

Cost overages from FY 14 and FY 15

Estimated construction cost - **\$1,500,000**

Town of Orange - Derby Milford Road Reconstruction

Estimated construction cost - **\$1,583,540**

City of New Haven – Howard Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation

Estimated construction cost - **\$2,900,000**

City of Meriden – Pratt Street Gateway

Estimated construction cost - **\$2,500,000**

City of Milford – Additional funds to change project to Gulf Street

Estimated construction cost - **\$1,649,000**

Town of East Haven – West End Reconstruction Phase III

Estimated Construction cost - **\$655,000** (First of three years)

Town of North Haven – Universal Drive

Estimated construction cost - **\$1,300,000**

Total - \$12.09 million

Estimated funding for region - **\$12.15 million**

FY 17

Town of Wallingford – Toelles Road Rehabilitation project

Estimated construction cost - **\$1,000,000**

City of New Haven – Chapel Street Bridge painting

Estimated construction cost - **\$2,800,000**

City of Meriden – Cooper Street Bridge

Estimated construction cost - **\$3,000,000**

Town of East Haven – West End Reconstruction Phase III

Estimated construction cost - **\$655,000** (Second of three years)

Town of Guilford – Nut Plains Road

Estimated construction cost - **\$1,500,000**

City of New Haven – Downtown Complete Streets Safety Project

Estimated construction cost – **\$2,600,000**

Town of North Branford – Twin Lakes Road Pavement Rehab

Estimated construction cost - **\$750,000**

Total - \$12.30 million

Estimated funding for region - **\$12.15 million**

FY 18

City of Milford – Welches Point Road

Estimated construction cost - **\$2,700,000**

City of New Haven – Whalley, Dixwell, Grand Safety/Streetscape updates

Estimated construction cost - **\$2,500,000**

Town of Hamden – Waite and Mather Street Bridge Replacements Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements

Estimated construction cost - **\$3,912,000**

City of Meriden – Mill and overlay downtown streets

Estimated construction cost - **\$1,800,000**

Town of East Haven – West End Reconstruction Phase III

Estimated construction cost - **\$655,000** (Third of three years)

Town of North Branford – Woods Hill Road Reconstruction

Estimated construction cost - **\$750,000**

Total - **\$12.30 million**

Estimated funding for region - **\$12.15 million**

FY 19

Town of Wallingford – Northford Road Muddy River bridge

Estimated construction cost - **\$1,200,000**

City of Meriden – Preston Avenue Phase 1

Estimated construction cost - **\$3,300,000**

City of New Haven – Ramsdell Street Pavement Rehabilitation

Estimated construction cost - **\$1,800,000**

City of New Haven – State Street

Estimated construction cost - **\$3,000,000**

City of Milford - Meadows End Road

Estimated construction cost - **\$2,700,000**

Total - **\$12.0 million**

Estimated funding for region - **\$12.15 million**



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Local Capital Transportation Improvement Program Priorities FY16, FY17, FY18, and FY19

Whereas: The State of Connecticut approved the Local Capital Transportation Improvement Program (LOTICIP) which provides funding for local roadway improvements effective November 1, 2013; and

Whereas: The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CDOT) has published LOTICIP guidelines for the administration of the program which require the region to prioritize projects for the utilization of available funding; and

Whereas: Priorities for FY14 and FY15 LOTICIP projects were approved by the Council of Governments on May 28, 2014; and

Whereas: It is anticipated that approximately \$12.1 million will be appropriated to the South Central region for FY16 and also for FY 17 by the Connecticut General Assembly; and

Whereas: The Council has adopted procedures to help administer the regional LOTICIP process; and

Whereas: A solicitation for proposed LOTICIP projects produced numerous projects; and

Whereas: At its June 11, 2015, meeting, the Transportation Committee and the Transportation Technical Committee reviewed the additional projects and recommended the following priorities:

FY16 - Cost overages from FY 14 and FY 15 priorities, Town of Orange Derby Milford Road Reconstruction, City of New Haven Howard Avenue Pavement Rehabilitation, City of Meriden Pratt Street Gateway, City of Milford Additional funds to change project to Gulf Street, Town of East Haven West End Reconstruction Phase III (First of three years), Town of North Haven Universal Drive

FY 17 - Town of Wallingford Toelles Road Rehabilitation project, City of New Haven Chapel Street Bridge painting, City of Meriden Cooper Street Bridge, Town of East Haven West End Reconstruction Phase III (Second of three years), Town of Guilford Nut Plains Road, City of New Haven Downtown Complete Streets Safety Project, Town of North Branford Twin Lakes Road Pavement Rehab.



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**Local Capital Transportation Improvement Program Priorities FY16, FY17, FY18 and FY19
(continued)**

FY 18 - City of Milford Welches Point Road, City of New Haven Whalley, Dixwell, Grand Safety/Streetscape updates, Town of Hamden Waite and Mather Street Bridge Replacements Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements, City of Meriden mill and overlay downtown streets, Town of East Haven West End Reconstruction Phase III (Third of three years), Town of North Branford Woods Hill Road Reconstruction,

FY 19 - Town of Wallingford Northford Road Muddy River bridge, City of Meriden Preston Avenue Phase 1, City of New Haven Ramsdell Street Pavement Rehabilitation, City of New Haven State Street,

Whereas: As these priority projects advance, further adjustments to the priorities may be necessary, depending upon project progress and in accord with the adopted LOTCIP procedures, to utilize available LOTCIP funds.

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

The FY16, FY17, FY18 and FY19 priorities recommended by the Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee are adopted.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **June 24, 2015**.

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Resolution
Planning Study Consulting Services

Whereas: SCRCOG's Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Transportation Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), adopted by the Council on May 27, 2015, identified planning studies which are to be conducted with consultant services to complement staff efforts; and

Whereas: Per a Connecticut Department of Transportation-defined consultant outreach process and a Consultant Selection Committee review, interview and recommendation process, it is recommended that the following consultants be retained for the noted assignments:

- Multi-community Sign Inventory Program – BETA Group
- Update Bicycle Pedestrian Study - Fitzgerald and Halliday
- Town of East Haven Route 1, Route 100, Forbes Place, Kimberly Ave. Study - CDM Smith
- Town of Madison Downtown Connectivity Study – Fitzgerald and Halliday
- City of New Haven Fair Haven, Newhallville One way, Two way Study – CDM Smith
- Town of Wallingford Signal Improvement, Efficiency, and Safety Study – BETA Group
- City of Meriden Transit Center First Mile, Last Mile Study – Milone and MacBroom

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

That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and sign consulting services agreements with the above consultants consistent with the UPWP.

Certificate

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From: Riju Das
Date: 06/17/2015 12:06 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: SCRCOG Mayors and First Selectmen
Subject: DECD, DEEP, and EPA seminar: CT Brownfields - Thurs, 6/25 - 8am-12pm - Hartford

Dear Mayors and First Selectmen,

This is a reminder that CT DECD, CT DEEP, and EPA will be hosting a half-day seminar next week: *CT Brownfields: Taking it to the Next Level*

When: Thursday, June 25th, 8:00am-12:00pm
Where: Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd, Hartford

Because it takes a team approach to make a brownfields redevelopment happen, CT DECD, CT DEEP, Regional Planning Agencies, Environmental Attorneys, Economic Development Directors and Environmental Consultants will be on hand to discuss new tools and initiatives available to Connecticut's municipal officials. You are invited to join CT DECD, CT DEEP, and EPA to learn about the web-enabled PREPARED Workbook (Process for Risk Evaluation, Property Analysis, and Reuse Decisions for Local Governments Considering the Reuse of Contaminated Properties) and about updates to the Connecticut Brownfields program. The workbook is designed to inform municipal officials on the brownfields redevelopment process. DEEP has customized the material in the workbook and added state-specific program information on funding, liability, hiring an LEP, state partner agencies, and other resources available to redevelop brownfields.

The web link for the workbook is available on the CT DEEP's Remediation Program site: http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2715&q=555770&deepNav_GID=1626

Please see the attached flyer for registration information and for a detailed agenda for the seminar.

Thank you.

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Welcome/Day's Agenda

Brownfields Program Updates: Connecticut

Tim Sullivan, Deputy Director, CTDECD

Mark Lewis, CT Brownfields Coordinator, CT DEEP

Brownfields Program Updates: National EPA Program

John Podgurski, Chief, Brownfields Section, USEPA Region 1

Introduction to the New CTDEEP PREPARED Webpage

Background/Purpose

Kathy Castagna, EPA Brownfields Project Officer, Region 1

CT DEEP PREPARED Webpage Project

Graham Stevens, Office Director, CT DEEP Office of Constituent Affairs & Land Management

Overview of the PREPARED Process/Webpage

Jim Rocco, Vita Nuova LLC and Mark Lewis, CT DEEP

Panel: How the PREPARED Webpage Can Facilitate Municipal Interactions and Communications with Environmental Consultants, Legal Counsel, COGs/RPCs, and Regulators

Moderators: Michael Taylor, Vita Nuova LLC and Beth Barton, Attorney, Day Pitney LLP

Panelists:

Juliet Burdelski, Director, Economic Development, City of Meriden

Gary O'Connor, Attorney, Pullman and Comley

Nick Hastings, Senior Vice President, Woodard & Curran Inc.

Arthur Bogen, Environmental Planner, NVCOG

Mark Lewis, CT DEEP

Webpage Demonstration

Questions & Comments

Closing Remarks

Mike Sullivan, Deputy Commissioner, CT DEEP

Meet & Greet with Speakers and Panelists

From: Evan Johnson
Date: 06/17/2015 10:38 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: SCRCOG
Subject: FW: HUD Healthy Homes Technical Studies NOFA announced

On behalf of Suzanne Piacentini

Dear Partners –

The Healthy Homes Tech Studies NOFA was announced today. The NOFA solicits preliminary applications that will be due on 7/16/15. A minimum of 20 pre-applicants will be selected to submit full applications.

See:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa2015/hh_tspre

FY 2015 Healthy Homes Technical Studies Pre-Application

HUD is funding studies to improve HUD's and the public's knowledge of housing-related health and safety hazards and to improve or develop new hazard assessment and control methods, with a focus on key residential health and safety hazards. HUD is especially interested in applications which will advance our knowledge on key healthy homes issues by addressing important gaps in the science related to the accurate and efficient identification of hazards and cost effective hazard mitigation. Key hazards are discussed in Appendix A, *Key Residential Health and Safety Hazards*, of this NOFA.

The overall goal of the Healthy Homes Technical Studies program is to advance the recognition and control of priority residential health and safety hazards and more closely examine the link between housing and health. **This Notice solicits Pre-Applications only. Top-ranked submissions will be invited to submit a full application for funding in response to a second announcement (Healthy Homes Technical Studies Programs Full-Application).**

Funding Opportunity Number: FR-5900-N-15
Opportunity Title: Healthy Homes Technical Studies Pre-Application
Competition ID: HHTS-15
CFDA No.: 14.906
Deadline Date: July 16, 2015

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CONTACT INFORMATION: For programmatic questions, you may contact: **Dr. Peter Ashley**, Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes at (202) 402-7595 (this is not a toll-free number). For administrative questions, you may contact **Nadine L. Heath**, Director, Grants Services Division, at the address above or by telephone at (202) 402-7680 (this is not a toll-free number); facsimile 202-755-1000.

Evan H. Johnson
Director of Grants and Economic Development
U.S. Senator Chris Murphy
860.549.8475

**Legislative Wrap-up
June 10, 2015**

BUDGET & TAX POLICY

HB-7061 – THE STATE BUDGET

The FY 16 and FY 17 budget includes overall net increases in municipal aid of \$31.1 million in FY 16 and \$294.3 million in FY 17. The increase in aid in FY 17 is mostly due to a major property tax policy changes which are summarized below.

ECS FUNDING - Provides additional funding for Education Cost Sharing grants of \$13.5 million in FY 16 and \$20.8 million in FY 17 (not including the above mentioned ECS funding provided from the revenue contained in the MRSA account).

MAGNET SCHOOLS - Provides additional funding for Magnet Schools of \$34.7 million in FY 16 and \$31.2 million in FY 17.

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER - Requires towns to pay (1) 85% of the compensation, maintenance, and other expenses of the first two troopers assigned to the town; (2) 100% of such costs for any additional troopers assigned there; and (3) 100% of the overtime costs and the portion of the fringe benefits directly associated with those costs.

MUNICIPAL PROJECT GRANTS - Provides additional funding for Grants for Municipal Projects of \$3.6 million in each of FY 16 and FY 17, which are required to be used for Town Aid Road purposes.

MORE COMMISSION LAPSE - Increases the MORE Commission Lapse from \$10 million to \$20 million in each of FY 16 and FY 17. This requires the Office of Policy and Management to make recommendations for reductions in state aid of \$20 million in each year, resulting from “regionalism and efficiency”.

DOH HOUSING PILOTS - Eliminates the Department of Housing's PILOT grant program and reduces funding for the DOH Tax Abatement program, resulting in a revenue loss to municipalities of \$1.9 million in each of FY 16 and FY 17.

MRSA PAYMENT ELIMINATED - Eliminates a FY 15 payment to municipalities from the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account. This funding was intended to offset revenue municipalities lost inadvertently when the account closed on June 30, 2013.

MUNICIPAL AID ADJUSTMENT AND PROPERTY TAX RELIEF GRANTS – Eliminates funding for this program which was created in FY15 to hold harmless towns that lost revenue as a result of changes to certain statutory formula grants.

REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM - For calendar quarters ending on or after July 1, 2016 and prior to July 1, 2017, the bill eliminates the requirement that the DRS commissioner deposit a portion of the hotel and rental car taxes into the Regional Planning Incentive Account and instead diverts those funds to the General Fund.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ACCOUNT (CIA) - From January 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, the bill sweeps 50% of the funds deposited in the CIA. It requires any funds remaining in the account to be distributed according to existing law. This account funds open space and watershed acquisition, historic preservation, farmland preservation and affordable housing initiatives.

PILOT FUNDING, CAR TAX, PROPERTY TAX REVENUE SHARING - Beginning in FY 17, the bill 1) changes the reimbursement rates, and the basis for determining those rates, for the State Property PILOT and College & Hospital PILOT grant programs; 2) caps the motor vehicle mill rate at 32 mills in FY 17 and 29.36 mills in FY 18 and annually thereafter; 3) distributes a portion of sales tax revenue to municipalities; and 4) establishes an optional commercial property tax revenue sharing system for regional councils of government.

The budget establishes a new Municipal Revenue Sharing Account, and uses sales tax revenue diverted into the account to fund these initiatives. In FY 17, approximately \$214.8 million in MRSA funding will be used to provide: 1) \$46.4 million in additional funding to municipalities with high levels of tax-exempt property; 2) an estimated \$59.1 million to reimburse municipalities that lose revenue as a result of the motor vehicle mill rate cap; and 3) \$109.3 million in additional funding to municipalities for general government aid. Additionally, \$10 million in MRSA funding will be used in FY 16 and FY 17 to provide supplemental Education Cost Sharing (ECS) grants to towns. *Unless approved by a 3/5 vote of the Appropriations and Finance committees, the MRSA funds cannot be reduced or eliminated.*

MUNICIPAL SPENDING CAP – Beginning in FY 18, OPM will impose a cap on municipal spending to limit “general budget expenditures” to 2.5% above the previous year or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater. The penalty for exceeding the cap will be 50 cents for every dollar the municipality spends over the cap. For municipalities that taxed motor vehicles at more than 32 mills in FY 15, the penalty cannot exceed the difference between the amount of property taxes the municipality levied on motor vehicles for the 2013 assessment year and the amount the levy would have been had the motor vehicle rate been 32 mills. There are a number of exemptions from the cap, including 1) Debt Service; 2) Special Education expenditures; 3) Expenditures for implementing court orders; 4) Arbitration awards; 5) Expenditures related to major disaster or emergency declaration; and 6) MRSA grant distributed to a special taxing district under certain circumstances.

HB-6965 – COLLEGES AND HOSPITALS PILOT - Allows municipalities to tax any real and personal property acquired after July 1, 2016, by private nonprofit colleges, nonprofit general hospital facilities, freestanding chronic disease hospitals and certain urgent care facilities. *Status: Died in the Senate, after passing the House. (COST supported)*

SB-947 – BOND PACKAGE – Provides level funding for several municipal aid programs, including TAR, STEAP, LoCIP, Local Bridge, Clean Water Fund. *Status: To be taken up in Special Session. (COST supports)*

HB-6953 - ALLOWING THE BIFURCATION OF MUNICIPAL TAX BILLS – Amended to require municipalities to indicate on its tax bills the percentage of mill rate attributable to general government and the percentage attributable to education. In towns without a Board of Finance, the bill requires this information to be posted in a newspaper. *Status: Died in the Senate, after passing the House.*

HB-7036 - BONDING FOR REGIONAL DOG POUNDS – Provides grants-in-aid to cities and towns that establish and maintain regional dog pounds in an amount up to 50% of the amount contributed by the participating city or town toward the provision, construction, maintenance or improvement of suitable buildings for such dog pounds. *Status: Died in the House, although the Bond package will be taken up in special session. (COST supports)*

HB-6942 - AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTION OF A MUNICIPAL ASSESSOR - This bill validates Naugatuck's October 1, 2014 grand list, regardless of the tax assessor's failure to meet statutory deadlines for publishing it. The bill also limits the steps municipal land use commissions must take to identify owners of property abutting a property that is the subject of a public hearing related to a petition, application, request, or appeal to a zoning commission, planning commission, planning and zoning commission, zoning board of appeals, inland wetlands agency, or aquifer protection agency ("land use commissions"). Lastly, the bill extends the statutory deadlines for taxpayers in Durham, North Branford, and Windsor to file claims for certain property tax exemptions. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

HB-5879 - INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY SERVICE PERSONNEL - To increase the maximum amount of property tax abatement for local volunteer emergency service personnel, including, but not limited to, firefighters, from one thousand dollars to one thousand two hundred fifty dollars. *Status: Died in the House.*

SB-116 - INCREASING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR DISABLED VETERANS AND MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES. *Status: Died in the Finance Committee.*

SB- 213 - ESTABLISHING A PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR NEWLY INSTALLED OR IMPROVED PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY INFRASTRUCTURE - To create a local option tax exemption for public service company infrastructure upgrades, including gas. *Status: Died in the Senate. (COST opposed)*

HB-5878 - EXPANDING MUNICIPAL REVENUE STREAMS - To allow municipalities to raise revenue by adding fees to certain activities, such as a ten per cent increase in the hotel tax, a public parking facility surcharge and truck permits for port cities. *Status: Died in the Finance Committee.*

SB-970 - THE TAXATION OF GOLF COURSES - To require a study of issues relating to municipalities establishing a new tax classification for golf courses. *Status: Died in the House. (COST opposed)*

SB-451 - TAXATION OF ANTIQUE VEHICLES - To prohibit assessors from requiring documentation of antique vehicle status more than once every three years and to increase the age threshold for antique vehicles from twenty to twenty-five years. *Status: Died in the House, after passing the Senate.*

HB-6571 - MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTION STATUTES - Makes several changes in the municipal tax collection statutes, including allowing municipalities and district health departments to withhold or revoke a business license or permit if a business owes water, sewer, or sanitation charges that are at least one year delinquent, as they may already do for delinquent taxes. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST monitoring)*

HB-6945 - ATTORNEY FEE AGREEMENTS IN MUNICIPAL TAX APPEALS - To prohibit the use of contingency fee agreements for attorneys in property tax appeals involving commercial property assessed at more than \$500,000. *Status: Died in the House. (COST supported)*

MANDATE RELIEF

Public Act 15-99 (HB-7019) - THE MINIMUM BUDGET REQUIREMENT (MBR) – Provides towns with greater flexibility to reduce education budgets by increasing the amount by which towns can reduce budgets due to declining enrollment and other areas of savings. Under current law, the MBR prohibits a town from budgeting less for education than it did in the previous year unless, and with limits, the town can demonstrate a (1) decrease in school enrollment or (2) savings through increased efficiencies. If a town receives an increase in state education cost sharing aid, its MBR will increase over the previous year by the amount of the aid increase. The bill affords towns greater ability to lower their MBR by (1) increasing the per-student reduction allowed for decreased enrollment, (2) raising the overall cap on how much a town can reduce its MBR, and (3) removing the limit on how many ways a town can qualify for MBR flexibility. For reductions based on declining enrollment, the bill creates a two-tiered mechanism that depends upon the percentage of students eligible for free and reduced price lunch (FRPL) under the federal school lunch law. The bill completely repeals the MBR for school districts that have district performance index (DPI) scores in the top 10% of all districts in the state. Thus, there are no restrictions on these districts' ability to reduce their education budget. The bill prohibits the alliance districts from reducing their MBR. Alliance districts are the 30 school districts with the lowest DPI in the state. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST supported)*

SB-1034 – PREVAILING WAGE AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION – Increases the prevailing wage thresholds to \$2 million and \$1 million for new construction and renovations. According to the Office of Fiscal Analysis, this will result in a significant savings to the state and municipalities. The bill also increases, from \$600 to \$1,000, the minimum base period earnings required to qualify for unemployment benefits. *Status: Died in the Senate. (COST supported)*

HB-5709 - MS4 STORMWATER GENERAL PERMITS - Requires DEEP to pursue any expansion of the DEEP MS4 Stormwater General Permit to Tier 2 municipalities as a regulation, requiring adoption in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. *Status: Died in the House. (COST supported)*

HB-6966 - MUNICIPAL NEWSPAPER POSTINGS - Authorizes municipalities to publish a brief summary of a matter being noticed in a newspaper with a reference to the newspaper's Internet web site for additional information in lieu of publication of a full legal notice. *Status: Died in the House. (COST supported with revisions)*

SB-188 - MUNICIPAL MANDATE RELIEF— 1) Requires the Probate Court Administration Fund to reimburse municipalities for any expenses incurred by such town or towns for such court facilities; 2) Eliminates the municipal health insurance premium tax; and 3) Authorizes distressed municipalities to fund scholarships through municipal bonding. *Status: Died in the Judiciary Committee. (COST supported)*

UNFUNDED MANDATES

SB-593 - SEVERE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL IMPAIRMENT AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE - Expands workers' compensation benefits for police officers, firefighters, and ambulance workers diagnosed with severe mental or emotional impairment as a direct result of witnessing the death or maiming of another human being whose death or maiming was caused by an act of violence of another human being. The bill was also amended to incorporate HB-5871 which establishes a costly precedent under workers' compensation law by creating a rebuttable presumption for municipal and volunteer firefighters that numerous types of cancer are job-related. *Status: Passed by the Senate, died in the House. (COST opposed)*

HB-5871 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR CURRENT AND FORMER UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF PAID MUNICIPAL OR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS - Establishes a costly precedent under workers' compensation law by creating a rebuttable presumption for municipal and volunteer firefighters that numerous types of cancer are job-related. *Status: Died in the House. (COST opposed)*

SB-902 - WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER - Provides workers' compensation coverage to police officers and firefighters suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a direct result of witnessing the death of a human being or the immediate aftermath of such death. *Status: Died in the Senate. (COST opposed)*

HB-6932 - PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE - Expands the current family and medical leave system to provide paid time off for such leave. *Status: Died in the House. (COST opposed)*

EDUCATION

SB-816 - ESTABLISHING A MINIMUM LEVEL OF FUNDING UNDER THE EDUCATION COST SHARING GRANT FORMULA - To ensure more equitable ECS funding to towns that have experienced growing poverty since the ECS cap was established. *Status: Incorporated into the budget, HB-7061. (COST supported efforts to increase ECS funding)*

HB-7016 - THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MORE COMMISSION SPECIAL EDUCATION SELECT WORKING GROUP – Establishes a regional educational service center special education funding working group; and requires the development of a simplified Individual Education Program (IEP) form and makes other changes. *Status: Died in the House. (COST monitoring)*

HB-7022 - AUTHORIZATION OF STATE GRANT COMMITMENTS FOR SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS AND CHANGES TO THE STATUTES CONCERNING SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS - To authorize state grant commitments for school building projects, to require the Department of Administrative Services to develop a standard checklist for construction projects of school buildings and establish a school building project clearinghouse, and to make revisions to the statutes relating to school building projects. *Status: Died in the House, expected to be taken up in Special Session. (COST supports)*

SB-1097 - STATE FUNDING FOR VO-AG SCHOOLS - To (1) require that state grants for vocational-agricultural schools be made within available appropriations, (2) prohibit the supplanting of vocational-agricultural school funding in fiscal year 2016, and (3) allow the Department of Education to grant local or regional boards of education additional sums from funds remaining in the appropriation for transportation services. *Status: Died in the House. (COST supported)*

HB-6834 - COLLABORATION BETWEEN BOARDS OF EDUCATION AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS - Requires a local or regional school board that assigns a sworn police officer to a school (i.e., school resource officer) to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the local police department or the Division of State Police that defines the officer's role and responsibilities. The bill adds to the data that school districts must report in strategic school profiles, data on (1) in-school and out-of-school suspensions and expulsions and (2) school-based arrests. As a separate reporting requirement, the State Department of Education (SDE) must disaggregate the new data the bill requires by school, race, ethnicity, gender, age, disability status, English language learner (ELL) status, free and reduced price lunch eligibility, offense type, and the number of arrests at each school. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST monitored)*

ENERGY

HB-6838 - PERMITTING PROCESS FOR RESIDENTIAL SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS – Regarding the municipal permitting process, the bill requires each municipality, by January 1, 2016, to incorporate residential solar PV systems in their building permit application process or use a residential solar PV system permit application supplement. It also allows municipalities to (1) post applications online, (2) permit electronic filing, and (3) waive certain fees. Under the

bill, municipalities must inform a permit applicant whether the application is approved or disapproved within 30 days of receiving an application, consistent with current law. The bill requires the Green Bank, in consultation with the state building inspector, to implement a residential solar PV system permit training seminar for municipal officials developing a permitting process. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

SB-568 - TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS - Requires a public information meeting prior to the siting and construction of a telecommunication tower and requires the applicant communications services company to pay for such meeting. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST supported)*

HB-6991 - COMMERCIAL PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM - Allows third-party capital providers to participate in the Connecticut Green Bank's commercial sustainable energy program, known as the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) program. Under current law, the Green Bank provides financing through the C-PACE program for energy efficiency or renewable energy improvements on certain commercial properties in participating municipalities. The property owner repays the cost of the improvements through an assessment on the property, backed by a lien. The bill allows (1) third-party capital providers to provide loans directly to property owners participating in the C-PACE program and (2) the Green Bank to encourage such loans in addition to, or instead of, financing provided by the Green Bank. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST supported)*

ENVIRONMENT

Public Act 15-23 (SB-347) - THE PERCENTAGE OF STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDS THAT MAY BE USED TO PURCHASE OPEN SPACE UNDER THE OPEN SPACE AND WATERSHED LAND ACQUISITION PROGRAM - Increases the amount of state and federal funds Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program grantees can use to fund their projects, from 70% to 90%. In certain specified circumstances, the bill also allows DEEP to let a grantee use state and federal funds to cover 100% of the fair market value of their projects. The bill also eliminates restrictions that limit the amount of grants the commissioner may approve for municipal grantees that also receive certain federal funds. *Status: Signed by the Governor.*

Public Act 15-66 (HB-6839) - LONG ISLAND SOUND BLUE PLAN AND RESOURCE AND USE INVENTORY - Requires DEEP, within available resources, to (1) coordinate the completion of an inventory of Long Island Sound's uses and natural resources by a University of Connecticut subcommittee and (2) develop a plan to preserve and protect the Sound that may include maps, illustrations, and other media), in conjunction with a 16-member Long Island Sound Resource and Use Inventory and Blue Plan Advisory Committee the bill creates. *Status: Signed by the Governor.*

SB-865 - INSTALLATION OF WATER MAINS TO ADDRESS CONTAMINATED WELLS - Amends DEEP's formula for reimbursing municipalities for water main installations needed to address contamination issues by removing the penalty associated with installing a larger sized water

main to meet fire protection and public health needs under certain circumstances. The bill was narrowed to prohibit DEEP from reducing the grant amount for a project in any area of a municipality next to a federal Superfund site where the (1) project involves a water line extension, (2) federal government provides fire flow capacity, and (3) water is groundwater provided by a municipal water company. Under the bill, if the municipality upgrades the minimum size water main needed to address the pollution for fire flow purposes, the municipality must only pay the incremental cost (i.e., amount in excess of what is necessary to fund the minimum size water main). *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST supported)*

HB-5709– MS4 STORMWATER PERMITS – TIER 2 MUNICIPALITIES – Requires DEEP to pursue any expansion of the DEEP MS4 Stormwater General Permit to Tier 2 municipalities as a regulation, requiring adoption in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act. *Status: Died in the House. (COST supported)*

SB-1063 - APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES ON MUNICIPAL PLAYGROUNDS - Establishes restrictions on the application of pesticides to municipal playgrounds although emergency applications to eliminate immediate threats to human health are permitted. It also: 1) Creates electronic public notice requirements for these applications; 2) Exempts certain products from the existing ban on nonemergency application of lawn care pesticides on school grounds for pre-K-8th grades; and 3) Requires sanitizers, disinfectants, antimicrobial agents, and pesticide baits to be in tamper-resistant containers to be exempt from the ban. *Status: Died in the House, after being approved in the Senate. (COST opposed)*

HB- 5291 - REIMBURSEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL PHOSPHOROUS ABATEMENT PROJECTS – Intended to increase the reimbursement rate for towns undertaking phosphorous reduction efforts and eliminate provisions that prevent certain towns from accessing grants. *Status: Died in the House. (COST seeking revisions)*

GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION & ELECTIONS

SB-1051 - AN ACT STRENGTHENING CONNECTICUT'S ELECTIONS - Modifies state election laws by, among other things: 1. requiring that registrars of voters be certified; 2. under certain circumstances, authorizing the (a) removal of a registrar from office, after an investigation and hearing or (b) secretary of the state to temporarily relieve a registrar of his or her duties; 3. specifying that the secretary of the state's written declaratory rulings, instructions, and opinions must be implemented, executed, or carried out; 4. requiring the State Elections Enforcement Commission (SEEC) to complete investigations resulting from complaints the secretary files concerning alleged election law violations within 90 days after receipt; 5. subject to certain conditions, allowing the secretary to authorize the use of electronic equipment to conduct post-election audits; 6. establishing an in-district residency requirement for petitioning, write-in, and minor party candidates; and 7. changing several deadlines associated with canvassing election returns and submitting the official results to the secretary of the state. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

SB-847 - TASK FORCE TO CREATE A CODE OF ETHICS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES – To create a task force to develop a code of ethics for municipal employees and municipal officials. *Status: Died in the Senate. (COST opposed)*

JUDICIARY

SB-1032 - APPLICABILITY OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS TO CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN ACTIONS BROUGHT BY THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE - To impose a statute of limitations on certain contract and tort actions brought by the state or municipalities abrogate the common law doctrine of nullum tempus occurrit regi (no time runs against the king). *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST opposed)*

HB-5092 - DISCONTINUANCE OF HIGHWAYS AND PRIVATE WAYS BY MUNICIPALITIES - Requires town selectmen, before they meet to take final action on the discontinuance of all or part of a highway, private way, or land dedicated to such use, to notify owners of certain abutting properties. It requires the selectmen to mail notification of and record certain information in the land records if both the selectmen and a majority vote at a town meeting approve the discontinuance. These provisions apply to any discontinuances proposed to take effect on or after October 1, 2015. The bill allows a property owner who is aggrieved because he or she did not receive the required meeting notice to apply to the Superior Court for relief within 120 days after the discontinuance notice is recorded in the land records. It reduces, from eight months to 120 days, the period during which a person aggrieved by a discontinuance may appeal to Superior Court. Additionally, the bill reduces, from eight months to 120 days, the period during which an aggrieved person may appeal to Superior Court the selectmen's (1) decision to lay out (i.e., designate) a highway or (2) failure to act on a discontinuance petition within 12 months. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

LABOR & EMPLOYMENT

Public Act 15-13 (SB-913) - HEALTH CARE POOLING - Requires the comptroller to offer nonstate public employers and their employees and retirees coverage under the state employee health insurance plan. It defines "nonstate public employer" as a municipality or other state political subdivision, including a board of education, quasi-public agency, or public library. A municipality and a board of education may be considered separate employers. The bill requires such nonstate employees to be pooled with the state employee plan as long as their employer's application meets the bill's requirements. Current law permits the comptroller to provide insurance to these same employees and employers under another state plan, known as the partnership plan, but it does not pool them with state employees. Thus, the existing law created a separate insurance pool. Further, the bill prohibits the comptroller from admitting nonstate employees into the state employee pool unless the State Employees' Bargaining Agent Coalition (SEBAC) consents to the bill's terms and submits this consent to both chambers of the General Assembly. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST opposed)*

SB-989 - REEMPLOYMENT AND THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - Under current law, a former municipal employee collecting retirement benefits from the Connecticut Municipal Employees' Retirement System (CMERS) must stop collecting benefits if he or she returns to work for his or her former municipal employer, or any other municipality that participates in CMERS, for more than 20 hours per week or 90 days per year. This bill allows such an employee to continue to collect CMERS benefits as long as he or she does not participate in CMERS during the reemployment. *Status: Awaiting action by the Governor.*

HB-6873 - INJURED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND SICK LEAVE BENEFITS - To enable a state employee who is injured while performing his or her duty as a volunteer firefighter to receive his or her accrued sick leave with pay while recuperating from such injury. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

HB-6930 - REGIONAL COLLECTIVE BARGAINING - To enable municipalities to group together for collective bargaining purposes. *Status: Died in the House. (COST monitoring)*

HB-6792 - VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND AMBULANCE COMPANIES AND THE DEFINITION OF EMPLOYER UNDER CT OSHA - To add volunteer fire departments and ambulance companies to the definition of "employer" under the state Occupational Safety and Health Act. *Status: Died in the Senate, after passing the House. (COST opposed)*

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Public Act 15-33 (SB-458) - MATURITY DATE FOR MUNICIPAL BONDS ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CERTAIN LOANS FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - To expand the applicability of the maturity date for bonds issued by a municipality in conjunction with a loan from the United States Department of Agriculture to include not only those bonds issued in conjunction with a water or water facility loan from the United States Department of Agriculture, but all loans from such department. *Status: Signed by the Governor. (COST supported)*

Public Act 15-77 (SB-677) - ESTABLISHING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS - To allow for the establishment of tax increment financing districts and for the use of incremental property taxes generated therein for infrastructure improvements, development projects and other costs of such districts. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST supported)*

HB-6259 - BOUNDARIES OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS - To encourage the alignment of state economic development district boundaries with the boundaries of one or more planning regions. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

Special Act 15-4 (HB-6575) - RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT RECORDS - To require the State Librarian to report to the Planning and Development Committee on the findings and recommendations of the advisory committee on municipal land use and development land record retention policies. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

Public Act 15-95 (SB 1045) - MUNICIPAL PLANS OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT - This bill extends, from July 1, 2015 to July 1, 2016, the deadline by which municipalities must comply with the statutory requirement to update their plans of conservation and development (plans of C&D) to remain eligible for discretionary state funding. By law, these plans must be updated at least once every 10 years. The bill requires municipalities to identify in their plans of C&D the general location and extent of areas where sewer systems exist, are planned, and are to be avoided. The requirement applies to plans scheduled for adoption on or after July 1, 2015. In identifying these areas, municipalities must consider the existing requirements (1) applicable to municipal plans of C&D and (2) concerning priority funding areas. Current law allows municipalities to include recommendations for the general location and extent of sewer systems in their plans. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

Public Act 15-100 (SB-186) - PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF A MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE - OPERATION OR USE OF A DIRT BIKE OR ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE - This bill subjects a first-time violator of a dirt bike or all-terrain vehicle (ATV) ordinance to a possible fine. It does so by allowing municipal officers or employees to issue citations without providing warning of a dirt bike or ATV violation. Currently, as required for other ordinances enforced by citations, a municipal officer or employee must issue a written warning providing notice of a violation before issuing a citation. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

HB-6851 - ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT TRANSIT CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY - To implement the Governor's budget recommendations by establishing a CT Transit Corridor Development Authority to encourage transit-oriented development. *Status: Died in the House. (COST evaluating)*

HB-6483 - TASK FORCE TO STUDY GROUP HOME DISTRIBUTION - To establish a task force to determine how to equitably distribute group homes throughout the state. *Status: Died in the Senate.*

HB-6653 – MUNICIPAL PROPERTY, LAKE DISTRICTS - To (1) require municipalities to give notice to mortgage lenders of property violations; (2) allow municipalities to secure liens on any property in the state owned by a person also owning property on which a lien has been placed for violation of a blight ordinance; (3) to include property manager in the entities that may be listed on the registration form filed with a municipality for residential properties in foreclosure; and (4) to modify voting requirements for the establishment of a district to maintain water quality in a lake. *Status: Died in the Senate.*

HB-6086 - EXPANDING THE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE MUNICIPALITIES - Requires municipalities to adhere to contract set-aside requirements, including various reporting and enforcement requirements. *Status: Although the bill died in the House, it is expected to be incorporated into a budget implementer. (COST opposed)*

SB-878 - REQUIRING COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION OF NEW RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR OFFENDERS - To provide notice and the opportunity to be heard to municipalities wherein a

residential program for offenders is proposed to be located. *Status: Died in the Senate. (COST supported)*

PUBLIC HEALTH

SB-999 - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES - To set forth the responsibility for prehospital patient care management, establish fines for emergency medical services organizations that fail to submit required data and make conforming changes to the statutes to reflect the reorganization of emergency medical services personnel. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

HB-6856 - SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND OPIOID OVERDOSE PREVENTION - Makes various changes affecting prescription drugs, drug abuse prevention, and related topics. Among other things, it: 1. requires practitioners, before prescribing more than a 72-hour supply of any controlled substance, to check the patient's record in the prescription drug monitoring program; 2. requires practitioners to review the patient's record at least every 90 days if prescribing for prolonged treatment; 3. makes other changes to the prescription drug monitoring program, including exempting opioid agonists in certain situations; 4. allows pharmacists to prescribe opioid antagonists, used to treat drug overdoses, if they receive special training and certification to do so, and expands the existing immunity for all prescribers when prescribing, dispensing, or administering opioid antagonists; and 5. requires physicians, advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), dentists, and physician assistants (PAs) to take continuing education in prescribing controlled substances and pain management. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST supported)*

SB-995 - FUNDING FOR MUNICIPAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND HEALTH DISTRICTS - To implement the Department of Public Health's recommendations concerning funding for municipal health departments and health districts. *Status: Died in the Senate.*

PUBLIC SAFETY

SB-475 - MUTUAL CONSOLIDATION OF DISPATCH FACILITIES IN NEW LONDON, EAST LYME AND WATERFORD - To authorize the towns of New London, East Lyme and Waterford to create a regional dispatch authority. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST supported)*

Public Act 15-5 (HB-6912) - SCHOOL SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM - To extend the time period to award a school security grant from June 30, 2015, to June 30, 2016. DESPP will be reaching out with a formal grant revision in the coming weeks. *Status: Signed by the Governor. (COST supported)*

HB-6913 - LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANS OF OPERATION - To require a town or city to submit an emergency plan of operations biennially rather than annually. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST supported)*

HB-6914 - DEMOLITION LICENSURE AND DEMOLITION PERMITS - To (1) exempt from registration for a demolition permit a person engaged in the disassembly of nonstructural building materials for the purpose of reusing and recycling the building materials, and (2) require an applicant for a demolition permit to furnish a written declaration that the town or city and its agents shall be saved harmless from any claim arising out of negligence of the applicant or the applicant's agents or employees during the demolition. *Status: Awaiting the Governor's signature.*

SB-946 – RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS – Includes provisions requiring towns to pick up 100% of the cost of Resident State Troopers. *Status: Language requiring towns to pick up 85% of the cost of the first two resident troopers and 100% of any additional troopers was incorporated in the budget. Awaiting the Governor's signature. (COST opposed)*

SB-1014 - OVERTIME COSTS OF RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS - To reduce the amount of money that towns must pay resident state troopers for overtime and fringe benefits from 100% to 70%. *Status: Died in the Appropriations Committee. (COST supported)*

HB-5105 - DISPATCH CENTERS WITHIN THE DIVISION OF STATE POLICE - To require the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection to undo the 2012 and 2013 consolidation of the dispatch centers within the barracks of the Division of State Police. *Status: Died in the House. (COST supported)*

SB-1071 - DIVISION OF STATE-WIDE EMERGENCY TELECOMMUNICATIONS - To change the name of the Office of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications to the Division of State-Wide Emergency Telecommunications and implement the next generation 9-1-1 telecommunication system. *Status: Died in the Senate. (COST monitoring)*

SB-454 - COSTS OF CERTIFICATION FOR A POLICE OFFICER - To require that municipalities be reimbursed for fifty per cent of the costs of police certification when a police officer is hired by another municipality within two years of such certification. *Status: Died in the Senate. (COST supported)*

HB-6775 - COSTS OF CERTIFICATION FOR A POLICE OFFICER - To require that a law enforcement unit be reimbursed for the costs of police certification when a police officer is hired by a different law enforcement unit within two years of the police officer's certification. *Status: Died in the House. (COST supported)*

HB-6970 - CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS - To provide funding through the regional performance incentive program to municipalities who have formed a regional emergency telecommunications center or multitown public safety answering point. *Status: Died in the House. (COST seeks revisions)*

HB-6776 - JUST CAUSE DISMISSALS FOR MUNICIPAL FIRE CHIEFS - To require a showing of just cause for municipal fire chief dismissals. *Status: Died in the Senate.*

NEW REGIONAL LEGISLATION

§§ 207 & 209 — MUNICIPAL REVENUE SHARING ACCOUNT (MRSA) DISTRIBUTIONS:

The bill establishes a schedule for distributing sales tax revenue directed to MRSA. Under the bill, OPM must transfer or disburse MRSA funds in the following amounts and order:

1. \$10 million each year for FYs 16 and 17 for education cost sharing grants; 2. beginning in FY 17, an amount sufficient to make the grants payable from the select PILOT account;
3. beginning in FY 17, an amount sufficient to make motor vehicle property tax grants to municipalities, as described below;
4. in FY 17, an amount sufficient to pay municipal revenue sharing grants, as specified below;
5. \$3 million in FY 17 and \$7 million for each fiscal year thereafter, for regional services grants to councils of government (COG) (described below); and
6. beginning in FY 18, any remaining MRSA funds to provide municipal revenue sharing grants to municipalities, according to a specified formula (see below).

The bill also eliminates the current process for distributing MRSA funds, which requires OPM to (1) provide manufacturing transition grants to municipalities and (2) distribute any remaining funds according to a specified municipal revenue sharing formula.

Regional Services Grants

Beginning in FY 17, the bill requires OPM to distribute regional services grants to COGs on a per capita basis, based on the most recent Department of Public Health (DPH) population estimate. Beginning in FY 18, it requires the COGs to submit a spending plan for the grant funds for OPM's approval in order to receive a grant.

The bill requires COGs to use the grants (1) for planning purposes and (2) to achieve efficiencies in delivering municipal services on a regional basis, including consolidating services on a regional basis. The bill specifies that the efficiencies must not diminish the services' quality. A COG's council members must unanimously approve any grant expenditure.

The bill also requires COGs, beginning by October 1, 2017, to biennially report to the Planning and Development and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees, (1) summarizing how they have spent the grants and (2) providing recommendations for expanding, reducing, or modifying them.

Sales Tax Distribution:

The bill diverts a portion of sales tax revenue (\$158.6 million in FY 16 and \$276.9 million in FY 17) to the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account.

Due to the timing of payments, this results in a FY 17 revenue gain of \$224.4 million to municipalities and \$3.0 million to regional councils of government. In FY 18, it is estimated that municipalities will receive \$285.7 million and regional councils of government will receive \$7 million.

74	Establishes (1) a municipal share and (2) a transportation share of the Sales and Use Tax. The rates for both are 0.3% in FY 16, effective 10/1/15, 0.4% effective 7/1/16, and 0.5% effective 7/1/17 and thereafter. ¹ Sections 183-216 provide for the distribution of the Municipal Revenue Sharing Account funds.	General	(317.2)	(553.8)
		Municipal Revenue Sharing Account	158.6	276.9
		Special Transportation	158.6	276.9
74	Eliminates FY 17 Regional Performance Incentive Account Diversion.	General	-	10.0
		Regional Performance Incentive Account	-	(10.0)

Regional Responsibilities for Election Training with SOTS:

34(b)	SOTS	Transfers \$332,000 from the CEF in FY 17 and credits this amount to Other Expenses in the SOTS for election related expenses including: \$50,000 for election monitoring in Hartford; \$142,000 for ERIC; \$40,000 for training of registrars of voters; and \$100,000 for grants to regional councils of government for election activities.
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Regional Options for Property Tax Revenue Sharing:

§§ 211-215 — PROPERTY TAX BASE REVENUE SHARING PROGRAM

The bill authorizes COGs to establish a property tax base revenue sharing program under which the municipalities in their planning regions (1) tax C&I property at a composite mill rate, based in part on the average mill rate in their regions, and (2) share up to 20% of the property tax revenue generated by the growth in their C&I property tax bases since 2013, which the bill designates as the base year. The revenue sharing must be administered by an auditor elected by a COG's members.

The bill allows a COG to implement the program only if its member municipalities unanimously authorize it to do so. It appears that COGs must decide whether to participate by August 1, 2016.

It allows COGs to establish the program beginning with the 2015 assessment year and, for those doing so, requires municipalities to begin, on or after January 1, 2017, annually remitting revenue sharing payments by February 1, for redistribution as described below.

Mill Rate

Growth in C&I Property Tax Base. In regions implementing the revenue sharing program, the growth in a municipality's C&I property tax base must be taxed at a composite rate determined according to the following formula. Under the bill, growth in a municipality's C&I property tax base is measured as the difference between the total assessed value of its C&I property for the current year, minus the total assessed value of its C&I property for the base year ("increase from base year").

The bill defines C&I property as real property used for:

1. selling goods or services, including nonresidential living accommodations, dining establishments, motor vehicle services, warehouses, distribution facilities, retail services, banks, office buildings, multipurpose buildings, commercial condominiums for retail or wholesale use, recreation facilities, entertainment facilities, airports, hotels, and motels; and
2. producing or fabricating durable and nondurable man-made goods from raw materials or compounded parts.

It includes the lot or land on which a building is situated and any accessory improvements, including pavement and storage buildings, but excludes any real property located in an enterprise zone.

Municipal Commercial Industrial Mill Rate. The bill requires municipalities in participating COGs that have experienced an increase in their C&I tax base from the base year to tax C&I property at a "municipal commercial industrial mill rate," rather than their local mill rates. Municipalities that have experienced no change or a decrease in their C&I tax base since the base year must tax C&I property using their local mill rates.

The municipal commercial industrial mill rate is calculated according to a formula that incorporates the average mill rate in the municipality's planning region ("regional mill rate") and the municipality's mill rate for the following fiscal year (i.e., the mill rate effective July 1 of

the current year). Although the bill does not specify when the municipality must calculate this rate, presumably it would do so after finalizing its budget for the following year (typically in May or June).

The mill rate is determined by dividing the sum of the following three amounts by the total assessed value of the municipality's C&I property for the current assessment year:

1. the revenue sharing percentage determined by the COG (i.e., 0.2 or less, as described below) multiplied by the (a) increase from the base year and (b) regional mill rate;
2. One minus the revenue sharing percentage (i.e., 0.8 or less) multiplied by the (a) increase from the base year and (b) municipal mill rate for the following fiscal year; and
3. the total assessed value of C&I property for the base year ("municipal base value") multiplied by the municipal mill rate for the following fiscal year.

Revenue Sharing

Percentage. The municipalities in a planning region that implements the program must share a portion of the revenue generated by the growth in their C&I tax base. Each COG implementing the program must determine the revenue sharing percentage. That percentage, which must be 20% or less, is a variable in the formulas used to calculate the (1) municipal commercial industrial mill rate and (2) municipal contribution to the area-wide tax base, described below.

Municipal Contribution to the Area-Wide Tax Base. Starting January 1, 2017, each municipality in a participating COG must annually remit, by February 1, its property tax revenue sharing payment (i.e., its "municipal contribution to the area-wide tax base") to the administrative auditor (see below). The payment is a portion of the property taxes paid on the growth in the municipality's C&I tax base since 2013, based on the regional mill rate.

The municipality must calculate the payment amount by (1) multiplying its increase from the base year by the revenue sharing percentage, (2) dividing that number by 1000, and (3) multiplying the result by the regional mill rate.

Municipal Distribution Index. By March 1, annually, the administrative auditor must distribute the property tax revenue sharing payments according to a distribution index based on municipal fiscal capacity ("municipal distribution index"). For each municipality, the index equals the municipality's population multiplied by a ratio measuring the average fiscal capacity in the region compared to the municipality's fiscal capacity.

Specifically, the ratio's numerator is the assessed value of all taxable real property and PILOT-eligible property in the planning region divided by the region's total population ("average fiscal capacity"). The denominator is the total assessed value of all taxable real property and PILOT-eligible property in the municipality divided by the municipality's total population ("municipal fiscal capacity").

The auditor must distribute the revenue sharing payments in the same proportion as the municipality's municipal distribution index bears to the total of all municipal distribution indices with the region. In other words, if the municipality's fiscal capacity is the same as the regional average, its share of the funds will be the same as its share of the region's population. If its fiscal capacity is above the regional average, its share will be smaller. If its fiscal capacity is below the regional average, its share will be larger.

Municipalities must use the revenue sharing payments in the same way and for the same purposes for which they use real property tax revenue.

Administrative Auditor

The bill requires each COG implementing the program to elect, from among its members, an administrative auditor to coordinate the property tax revenue sharing payments under the program. The COG must elect the auditor by August 1, 2016 and in succeeding even-numbered years. If a majority of the COG's members is unable to agree on a person to serve as the auditor, the OPM secretary must appoint one from among the members.

The auditor serves for two years and until the COG elects his or her successor. If he or she ceases to serve as a COG member during his or her term, a successor must be chosen to serve for the unexpired term, in the same manner in which the original auditor was chosen (i.e., by the COG or OPM secretary).

The auditor must use the planning region's staff and facilities. The COG's member municipalities must reimburse it for the marginal expenses its staff incurs. Each municipality's share of the total expenses is based on its relative share of population in the region. Annually, by February 1, the auditor must certify, to each municipality's treasurer or other fiscal officer, the amount of total expenses for the preceding calendar year and the municipality's share of the expenses. The treasurer or officer must pay such amount to the planning region's treasurer or fiscal officer by the following March 1.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2015, and applicable to assessment years beginning on or after that date, except for the provision requiring COGs to elect an administrative auditors, which is effective October 1, 2015

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Brownfield Projects

- Submitted an EPA Grant for brownfield remediation funding
- Brownfield Assessment ready to commence in Bethany

Business Development – Retention/Attraction

- Executing Memoranda of Understanding with Team Leaders for the Regional Action Agenda – ongoing
- Developing a Computer Coding Certificate with Gateway Community College
- Working with a number of businesses on retention and expansion issues
- Ongoing due diligence on Tweed-Dulles opportunity
- Developing a strategy to incorporate Tweed into the Connecticut Statewide Airport System
- Preparing the June 30 update for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy
- Hosting IEDC EB-5 Webinar – June 23, 2:30 – 4:00 pm

Marketing

- 2015-2016 Greater New Haven Cultural and Visitors Guide being distributed – interactive online version complete
- Working with UIL Holdings Corporation to obtain IEDC standard data sets for the new rexdevelopment.com
- Sponsor New Haven Manufacturer's Annual Meeting – June 4
- Attended Medical Design & Manufacturing Show – NYC, June 10
- Attended BIO Tradeshow, Philadelphia - June 15-16
- Renewed contract with the Central Regional Tourism District to provide regional tourism marketing services
- Attended Grand Central Train Station Metro-North Get-Away Day – June 17
- CT Office of Tourism Marketing Session - June 23
- Amistad Meeting – June 15

Media Hits

- Widespread media (television, print, online and radio) coverage of the New Haven Food Truck Festival
- Travel with Kal: Arts & Ideas

Media Inquiries

- ESPN – B-roll for Connecticut Open
- Chronicle Books: Design Icons & Objects
- WTNH – event segments



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DEMHS Region 2

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Re: June 2015 COG Report

CT DEMHS Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Unit, Dominion Nuclear and the City of New Haven will be holding a Federally Mandated/Evaluated Full-Scale Host Community Exercise on June 25th at Southern CT State University (SCSU). As a Host Community, the City of New Haven would host residents from the Towns of Lyme, East Lyme, and Old Lyme during a radiological emergency at Millstone Energy Generation Plant. This exercise is required by the Federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission and will be evaluated by the Commission. A full-scale rehearsal was held on May 28th. An After-Action Report (AAR) was generated and utilized to prepare participants for the Full-Scale exercise.

FEMA Kick-Off meetings continue to take place with cities/towns located in New Haven County. These meetings will provide guidance to each city/town for reimbursement of costs associated with the January 26th Winter Storm. If for some reason your city/town has not received a contact from FEMA to initiate this process please contact your DEMHS Region 2 Office at 860-685-8105.

As we start the Hurricane Season we are reminding municipalities to review their emergency preparedness plans. Please see attached information pertaining to debris management and "Make Safe Protocol". Please take an opportunity to review the information and prepare for the pending hurricane season.

CT DEMHS Region 2 personnel and other municipal representatives had an opportunity to visit United Illuminating's (UI) headquarters in Orange. On Friday June 5th UI held an exercise simulating a Category 3 Hurricane which caused widespread power outages in the area. During the exercise visitors were provided an opportunity to observe the many different UI working areas. Visitors then were provided a tour of the entire UI facility.

On June 19th Michael Varney, the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator, will be presenting to the Region 2 Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT) Steering Committee a review on FirstNet. FirstNet will be the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety entities. One of the first critical steps in the process of building this network is the gathering of important data from the potential users in order to determine the scope. A survey was forward to each Region 2 municipality requesting their information. A brief introduction is attached for your information.

DEMHS Grants Unit is actively working to get all municipalities to participate in the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant (EMPG) Program. We will continue to acquire Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) submittals for the FY 2013/2014 and FY 2014/2015

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grant programs. As usual the DEMHS Region 2 Office is available to review the EMPG process with any municipality requiring assistance.

CT DEMHS continues to review the State's Citizen Corps Program. A restructure of the Citizen Corps Council has occurred and the by-laws have been upgraded to reflect the restructuring. Deputy Chief Mark Amatrudo (Wilton FD) and Thomas Gavaghan (DEMHS R3 Coordinator) have been appointed Council co-chairs. Additional information shall be provided as we move forward.

CT DEMHS is currently reviewing the status of CT incident management teams (IMT). The State of CT identifies three regional incident management teams at this time. DEMHS is reviewing the status of these assets and identifying means of enhancing the assets capabilities and availability to the State of CT. By-laws governing the IMTs is currently under review and there is an effort to re-create a governance committee to oversee incident management team operations.

Region 2 personnel continue to provide assistance as needed. Please do not hesitate to contact the Region 2 Office at any time.

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Dear Municipal Official:

As we approach peak hurricane season, the Interagency Debris Management Task Force (IDMTF) offers the following update and reminders for municipalities in the event of a major storm event:

- **Disaster Debris Management Preparedness** - The updated [Disaster Debris Management Plan, revised June 2013](#) and the updated [State Concept of Operations Plan \(ConOps\) for Disaster Debris Management, Activation and Use of the State Debris Removal and Monitoring Contracts, revised August 2014](#) are now posted on the State of Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) web site. These documents, as well as other information for municipalities, may be obtained at the following link: www.ct.gov/deep/disasterdebrismanagement
- **Prepositioned Contracts** - Towns are reminded that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires competitive bidding procedures for procurement of disaster debris management and monitoring services. In order to receive FEMA reimbursement, towns should utilize a competitive bidding/request for proposal process. The State has pre-positioned disaster debris management and monitoring contractors in place (if the towns choose to use them), and they are as follows:
 - **Disaster Debris Response and Management Services** DAS Contract Award #[14PSX0060](#) "AshBritt" provides for clearing, collecting and transporting debris, establishing and operating temporary debris management sites, and ensuring ultimate recycling or disposal of debris.
 - Direct contact: Kelly Beckmann at (954) 725-6992 or kbeckmann@ashbritt.com
 - Link: A copy of the contract may be accessed through the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) website: [DAS Contract 14PSX0060](#)-- Disaster Debris Response and Management Services or http://www.biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=14028
 - **Debris Monitoring** (Reimbursement Documentation) DAS Contract Award #[14PSX0059](#) "TetraTech" provides for monitoring of debris removal operations and debris site management. The monitoring contract also provides comprehensive oversight, guidance and documentation services. This monitoring is required to receive potential federal reimbursement for disaster debris management expenditures under FEMA Public Assistance programs, as applicable.
 - Direct contacts: Betty Kamara at (407) 803-2551 or betty.kamara@tetrattech.com

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- Link: A copy of the contract may be accessed through the DAS website: [DAS Contract 14PSX0059](http://www.biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=13930)---Debris Monitoring and Documentation or http://www.biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=13930
- **Emergency Authorization** - An Emergency Authorization will likely be issued by DEEP for the management of storm debris at temporary sites operated by or for municipalities at municipal facilities, municipally owned properties and properties under lease agreement to the municipality. It typically authorizes storage locations for 90 days. This is intended to provide time for municipalities to identify permanent locations that can receive storm-generated debris for recycling or disposal. The use of authorized temporary Debris Management Sites is a critical component when pursuing FEMA Public Assistance reimbursement.

Once the Emergency Authorization is issued, the Authorization holder **must notify** by any means possible:

- **Gabrielle Frigon** of DEEP (at any of the following Gabrielle.Frigon@ct.gov, or deep.debris@ct.gov, or (860) 424-3795
- **Frank Gagliardo** of DEEP (at any of the following Frank.P.Gagliardo@ct.gov, or deep.debris@ct.gov or (860) 424-3130
- **Robert Isner** of DEEP (at any of the following: Robert.Isner@ct.gov; deep.debris@ct.gov or 860-424-3264

of the name(s) and address(es) of all the sites at which the authorized activities will take place within **forty eight (48) hours** of selection or initial placement of waste at the site(s). Within **five (5) calendar days** of the subject event, the Authorization Holder must submit the list of sites including names and addresses to DEEP in writing via electronic mail or traditional mail. DEEP will acknowledge the notification in writing and enter the location into a data base which is shared with FEMA. This written acknowledgment from DEEP of your debris management site selection provides the municipality with the documentation needed to establish FEMA reimbursement eligibility. Examples of previous Emergency Authorizations issued for Hurricane Irene, Storm Alfred, and Storm Sandy can be found at: www.ct.gov/deep/disasterdebrismanagement.

To assist municipalities with debris management site selection and the Emergency Authorization process, DEEP has developed two fact sheets:

- "[Storm Event Preparedness and Response Fact Sheet for Municipalities Site Selection Guide for Temporary Debris Storage and Reduction Sites \(TDSRS\)](#)". The fact sheet is styled as a series of planning phases when seeking, establishing and closing a debris management site.
- "[Storm Event Preparedness and Response - Fact Sheet for Municipalities - Emergency Authorizations for Managing Storm Generated Debris](#)". The fact sheet is styled as a series of Questions & Answers (Q&As) specific to the management of storm generated debris.

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Please note, to be eligible for FEMA reimbursement it is imperative that a municipality manage storm debris only at locations authorized and acknowledged by DEEP. Several Connecticut municipalities have not received full FEMA reimbursement for debris work solely due to the use of unauthorized (and unacknowledged) and/or unpermitted sites.

- **Open Burning** - Open burning of brush (shrubs, vegetation or prunings, the diameter of which is not greater than 3 inches at the widest point) by municipalities is typically not authorized in an Emergency Authorization and FEMA will not reimburse for illegal open burning. A municipality may only burn brush if it has been issued a permit by DEEP before burning is conducted. Open burning of brush by a municipality can only occur on municipally owned land that has been approved as a solid waste disposal and or recycling location, i.e., a transfer station, recycling center, or landfill. Requests for permit applications may be sent to: deep.ctopenburning@ct.gov. Consult the web page on open burning at this link: http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=531274&deepNav_GID=1619.
- **Guidance and Information** - Please take some time and review DEEP's Disaster Debris Management Preparedness web page at the link below. This is a useful resource page for topics pertaining to FEMA guidance, site selection for temporary debris management sites, contracts, beach sand clean-up and replacement, and much more.
 - o www.ct.gov/deep/disasterdebrismanagementRequests for **Assistance** - During the storm event, stay in contact with your DEMHS Regional Coordinator and tell your Regional Coordinator what services you are requesting and your Regional Coordinator will forward your request to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) with a copy to the State's Interagency Debris Management Task Force [DEEP.Debris@ct.gov].
- **Contact Information** - Additional questions can be directed to:
 - o Interagency Debris Management Task Force at DEEP.Debris@ct.gov
 - o Judy Pahl (Team Co-Leader) at judy.pahl@ct.gov
 - o Frank Gagliardo (Team Co-Leader) at frank.p.gagliardo@ct.gov
 - o Joseph Schiavone (Team Co-Leader) at joseph.schiavone@ct.gov

Thank you,
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MAKE - SAFE

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Instructions

Identify, Record, Prioritize, and Track

Local EOC / Municipalities

Local Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

- a. USE the Blocked Roads form and RECORD the Make-Safe ¹blocked road location, condition, and priority in the Town EOC.
- b. NOTIFY the applicable utility companies of the Make-Safe blocked road location that need their support for clearing. NOTIFY any municipal town/city agencies needed to assist.
- c. TRACK progress and use proper COMMUNICATION FLOW and METHODS for the Make-Safe location operation and utility support needed until the scenario is complete.
- d. The town designates an **On-site Town Representative** as the point of contact to stay with the Utility Company crew on site and report back completion or status of Make-Safe work to the town EOC.

Responsibilities

Municipality (possibly-Public Works)—[Responsibilities may vary depending on the municipality.]

- a. Identify all major utilities that operate in the municipality, or that may affect the continuity of operations for public businesses and private residents in the municipality.
- b. Prepare Blocked Roads form as needed.
- c. Identify the local primary point of contact person to all Utility Companies affecting the municipality; this is the- **On-site Town Representative**
- d. Maintain an updated list of emergency contacts for all Utility Operators.
- e. Identify a liaison from each Utility Operator that will be available to report to the local EOC, as needed.
- f. Work with local EMD to coordinate recovery plans and actions with all Utility Providers.
- g. Review plans and procedures. Work closely with the local EMD to create Incident Action Plans and After Action Reports.

¹ **MAKE-SAFE Blocked Road** is a road that is impassible to emergency vehicles. This could be caused by trees, damaged utility equipment, Snow, other third party attachment equipment, a dead ended street or any combination of previous items preventing access and involves utility equipment. A road is only considered blocked if there is no other reasonable means of access to an area.

Responsibilities

Utility Companies

- a. RECEIVE Make-Safe blocked road locations and priorities needing utility company support from the Town EOC as recorded on the Blocked Roads form (**The information on this form may be given to the Electric Utility Company Town Liaison who notifies the Utility EOC**)
- b. MOBILIZE necessary resources in appropriate manner (i.e. Taskforce, Strike team).
- c. ASSIGN resources to the Make-Safe scenario location working from the highest priority to the lowest priority until scenario issues are addressed.

Operational Priorities

Incident Priorities

The incident priorities will be safely achieved in the following order:

Life Safety

Incident Stabilization

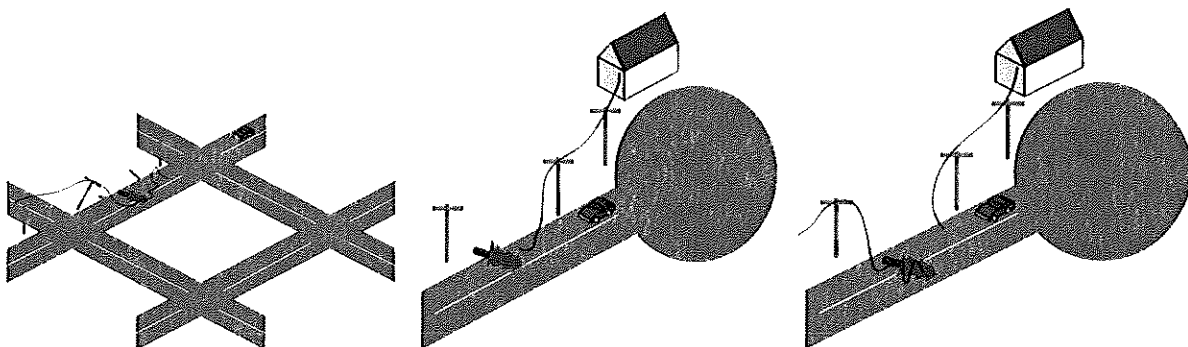
Property Conservation

Remember coordination for MAKE-SAFE will be in concert with the Incident Commander, who will recognize the technical expertise of the Utility service company. Energy and Non-Energy Companies that provide public services acknowledge and shall work towards accomplishing this First Priority:

First Priority: Immediate Life Threatening Situations, Public Health and Safety

- Public Safety requires the de-energizing or cutting down of downed primary voltage distribution lines.
- Police and fire life safety calls (which may include situations where lack of power creates an immediate or imminent threat to life, as reported by municipal officials).
- Removal of electrical hazards from blocked roads. After the storm has passed to allow for safe operation of aerial devices (winds of less than or equal to 30 mph), establish city/town cut down crews (line and tree crews paired up) and have them muster with the municipal public works department or police/fire department representatives to cut and clear all trees in order to clear blocked roadways of electrical hazards.

NOTE: A utility may repair or restore a "lesser" priority facility before a higher priority facility in order to meet higher priority needs. In addition, evaluation of priorities must be flexible as circumstances change, which may require time specific resource allocation.



NOT BLOCKED – alternate access route |

NOT BLOCKED – one lane passable |

BLOCKED – not accessible

Comments or recommendations regarding this document should be sent to Bill Higgins at William.Higgins@ct.gov

What is the FirstNet?



FirstNet™

Signed into law on February 22, 2012, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act created FirstNet. The law gives FirstNet the duty to build, operate and maintain the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network

dedicated to public safety entities. FirstNet will provide a single interoperable platform for public safety communications.

The FirstNet network will improve citizen and responder safety and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of emergency response through cutting edge broadband communications.

Imagine a day when a single communications network can be used to dispatch EMS personnel, a medical helicopter, police officers, and fire personnel from different jurisdictions all at the same time, utilizing voice, video, and data at broadband speeds. Public safety personnel using the FirstNet network will be able to share applications, access databases, and provide better informed responses to incidents through integrated communications.

FirstNet's goal is to provide public safety-grade reliability and nationwide coverage so all public safety personnel can count on the network when they are on the job. FirstNet is also aiming to provide coverage solutions that let public safety "take the network along" to the destination in certain geographies. FirstNet will create a nationwide standard of service while affording localized customization and control.

When the FirstNet network launches, it will provide mission-critical, high-speed data services to supplement the voice capabilities of today's Land Mobile Radio (LMR) networks. Initially, the FirstNet network will be used for sending data, video, images and text. The FirstNet network will also carry location information and eventually support streaming video. FirstNet plans to offer cellular voice communications such as Voice over Long Term Evolution (VoLTE) or other alternatives.

The law that established FirstNet requires it to consult with regional, state, tribal and local jurisdictions to ensure that the FirstNet network is designed to meet the needs of public safety across the country. Consultation will be a collaborative process, involving key stakeholders and leadership from each state and territory, and will be iterative to allow for enhancements and improvements from the state and territory.

SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
Regional Planning Commission

June 2015 Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	3/23/15	<i>Representative Policy Board:</i> Proposed Applications in accordance with Special Act 77-98, as amended for the disposition of approx. 16 acres located north of Route 80 and approx. 47 acres located east of Summer Hill Road in Madison	Guilford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed applications do not appear to have any adverse inter-municipal impacts or adverse impacts to the habitat and ecosystem of the Long Island Sound provided the properties are maintained as open space.
2.2	5/11/15	<i>City of New Haven:</i> 2015 City of New Haven Comprehensive Plan Update (New Haven Vision 2025)	East Haven, Hamden, North Haven, Orange, West Haven, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of New Haven appears to be consistent with the policies and goals identified in both the State and Regional Plans of Conservation and Development.
2.3	6/1/15	<i>Town of Prospect:</i> Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Section 3.1, uses by District	Bethany	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.