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**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

*Judy Gott, Executive Director*

**To:** Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee  
**From:** William Dickinson Chairman, Transportation Committee  
**Date:** October 7, 2009  
**Subject:** Wednesday, October 14, 2009  
Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee Meeting at  
12:00, in the offices of SCRCOG

**Agenda**

**Action Items:**

- 1) Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2009 Page 4
- 2) 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Attached  
Recommend to SCRCOG for adoption *James Rode*  
*ConnDOT discussion RE increased I-95 New Haven Harbor Crossing Corridor funds in the 2010 TIP*
  - Ozone Air Quality Conformity Resolution Page 6
  - PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Resolution Page 8
  - 2010-2013 TIP Resolution Page 10

**Informational Items:**

- 3) New Haven-Meriden STP-Urban Program Monthly Review Page 12  
*James Rode*
- 4) Other Business  
Member comment and/or additional public comment

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Meriden: D. Caruso, L. Kendzior, D. Brunet, P. Blanchet<sup>1</sup>, P. Brennan, T. Loin  
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New Haven: J. DeStefano, K.Murphy, R. Miller<sup>1</sup>, K. Gilvarg, B. Notghi, M Piscitelli  
North Branford: K. Weiss<sup>1</sup>, C. Zebb, R. Branigan  
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Center for Disability Rights: M. Gallucci  
ConnDEP: W. Menz  
ConnDOT: S. Livingston, P. Moberg, M. Rolfe, G. Wright, D. Larosa, J Redeker  
Connecticut Fund for the Environment: R. Reynolds, C. Johnson  
Connecticut League of Women Voters (New Haven Chapter): T. Doyle, N. Ciarleglio  
Connecticut Office of Policy and Management: R. Van Ausdall,  
Connecticut Post: F. Juliano  
Connecticut Transit: V. Marques, P. Fry, H. McGrath  
Fay, Spofford & Thorndike: G. Lindsay  
FHWA: Steve Cooper, Eloise Powell, Amy Jackson-Grove  
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce: T. Rescigno, L. DiCocco-Beauton  
Greater New Haven Convention and Visitors Bureau: G. Kozlowski  
Greater New Haven Transit District: D. Carter  
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Minutes Transportation Committee September 9, 2009

**Transportation Committee members**

Wallingford, Mayor William Dickinson, Chair  
Branford, Janice Plaziak proxy for First Selectman  
Anthony DaRos  
East Haven, Paul Hongo, proxy for Mayor  
April Capone Almon  
New Haven, Michael Piscitelli, proxy for Mayor John  
DeStefano  
North Haven, Jonathan Bodwell, proxy for  
First Selectwoman Janet McCarty

**Transportation Technical Committee**

Guilford, Jim Portley  
Hamden, Bob Brinton  
Meriden, Pierre Blanchet  
New Haven, Dick Miller  
North Branford, Kurt Weiss  
Wallingford, John Thompson  
West Haven, Abdul Quadir

**Guests**

Jean Stimolo, Rideworks  
Stephen Livingston, ConnDOT  
Lou Mangini, Congresswoman DeLauro's Office

**SCRCOG** Judy Gott, James Rode, Stephen Dudley

Mayor Dickinson began the meeting at 12:14 PM.

**Item #1**

Minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting were unanimously adopted on a motion by J.Portley/ B. Brinton.

**Item #2**

J. Rode introduced TIP Amendment 29 which included 5 projects; the first was US 5: Toelles Rd to Rte 702 Widening project number 0148-0190. Amendment 29 replaced STPA funds with National Highway Traffic Safety Administrative funding. Next 4 were new projects for capital purchases at The Milford Transit District these are 0424-1XXX Milford Transit District – Replace 2 40-ft Buses, 0424-2XXX Milford Transit District –CTTRANSIT Post Mall Hub, 0424-3XXX Milford Transit District – Replace 10 Fare boxes, 0424-4XXX Milford Transit District – Radio Communication System. During the discussion there were questions about the project to replace 10 fare boxes (3XXX) and the project to construct the Post Mall Hub (2XXX). Being there was no one present to provide the information, D Miller made a motion to approve Amendment 29 on the condition that adequate information is received to address questions on the Transit Hub and the project to replace the fare boxes. J Portley seconded. The motion was approved with one no vote from M. Piscitelli.

**Item #3**

New Haven – Meriden ARRA- STP Urban Program Pavement Preservation projects- J. Gott began the discussion explaining that, depending on the final cost of the projects previously approved, there is approximately \$600,000 of ARRA money to be obligated. Unless there are additional projects approved for funding with ARRA there is a potential that monies could be lost. In addition the STP- Urban program for FFY10 is in need of additional projects so any pavement preservation projects not funded through ARRA can be included in STP-Urban priorities. Mayor Dickinson began the discussion to prioritize the list of projects.



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Following this discussion 4 projects were prioritized for ARRA or STP-Urban funding, depending on the final bid amount of current ARRA projects in the following order:

- |                |  |           |
|----------------|--|-----------|
| 1. Guilford -  | Broad St from Whitfield St to Park St.               |           |
| Guilford -     | Park St from Broad St to Boston St                   | \$200,000 |
| 2. Wallingford | N Plains Rd from N Plains Hwy to Rte 68              | \$375,000 |
| 3. North Haven | Universal Dr from NW of Montowese to S Sackett Point | \$590,000 |
| 4. West Haven  | Capt Thomas Blvd from Washington Ave to Platt ave    | \$732,516 |

The remainder of projects will be included in the STP-Urban program for FFY2010. J. Portley made the motion to approve the project priorities, K. Weiss seconded the motion was approved.

**Item #4**

J. Rode began discussion of the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program Draft. The legal notice is ready to be published. A list of omitted projects was also discussed. This list included Rte 1 projects in Milford, Waterfront Street (92-541) and the Long Wharf Boathouse (92-570) in New Haven. There was a discussion of the approval process and the projects that have been dropped.

**Item #5**

J. Rode presented the status on current urban projects included in the agenda package. Those present provided additional information on the progress of their individual projects.

**Item #6**

J. Plaziak made a motion to adjourn, J Portley seconded: meeting adjourned at 1:16 PM.



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RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT

**OZONE**

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

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

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

WHEREAS,

it is the opinion of the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that the plans and programs approved today, October 28, 2009 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Moderate Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Greater Connecticut Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area (Hartford, New London, Tolland, Windham and Litchfield counties), and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in these Nonattainment areas (Ozone Air Quality Conformity Report September 2009); and



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WHEREAS,

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

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Governments

That the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) finds that the Long Range Plan (March 2007) and the FFY 2010-2013 TIP conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing September 2009 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on October 28, 2009.

DATE: October 28, 2009

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Edward Sheehy*  
*Secretary*



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RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT

**PM 2.5**

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

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

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

WHEREAS,

it is the opinion of the South Central Council of Governments (SCRCOG) that the plans and programs approved on October 28, 2009 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

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

WHEREAS,

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



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WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the Regional Long Range Plan (March 2007) and the FFY 2010-2013 TIP shows that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year.

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of Governments

That the South Central Council of Governments (SCRCOG) finds that the Regional Long Range Plan (March 2007) and the FFY 2010-2013 TIP conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the September 2009 PM2.5 Conformity Determination.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on (October 28, 2009).

DATE: October 28, 2009

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***Resolution***

***Fiscal Year 2010 - Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program***

- 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 (SCRCOG), in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and major transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, framed a four-year draft Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program addressing projects and programs per the terms of 23 CFR 450.324; and
- Whereas:* The Council has provided a substantial opportunity for public review and comment during the September – October, 2009 period consistent with SCRCOG’s Public Participation Guidelines (adopted November 16, 2005) and has considered public comments per 23 CFR 450; and
- Whereas:* By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the Council in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan transportation planning requirements are intended to satisfy requirements associated with development of a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and
- Whereas:* Significant Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program proposals reflected in a Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality assessment for serious non-attainment portions of Connecticut (Air Quality Conformity Report for Ozone and PM 2.5 (2009), Transportation Improvement Program and Long Range Transportation Plan (March 2007)) and, in the context of all relevant regional transportation improvement programs, have been found to be conforming by ConnDOT and by the Council’s current Air Quality Conformity Resolution (attached) per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration guidelines (40 CFR 51 and 93); and



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***Fiscal Year 2010-FY 2013 Transportation Improvement Program (Continued)***

*Whereas:* The Council of Governments' transportation planning process that continuously reviews goals, projects and opportunities may result in periodic adjustment or amendment of the TIP.

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

The Fiscal Year 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program (October 28, 2009 Final Version for Adoption, attached) is hereby adopted and shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program without change subsequent to an air quality conformity finding by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration and/or the U.S. Federal Transit Administration per 23 CFR 450.328.

Consistent with the intent of 23 *CFR* 3450.324(k) only transit projects explicitly associated with funds allocated to the New Haven-Meriden Urbanized Area per Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act and, in the aggregate, not exceeding authorized federal fiscal year allocations, shall be pursued with those funds.

The region's planning transportation process addressing major regional issues and opportunities is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements established in 23 *CFR* 450.334.

*Certificate*

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on October 28, 2009.

*Date:* October 28, 2009

*By:* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Edward Sheehy.*  
*Secretary*

## STP Urban Project Status

**Project** 0043-0124 2005-022 Main St Signal Replacement Program  
**Municipality** East Haven  
**Update** Project continues on the current schedule: FDP 5-19-2010, DCD 6-30-2010, ADV 7-28-2010

**Project** 0061-0145 2003-040 Whitney Ave Signal Replacement  
**Municipality** Hamden  
**Update** Project was advertised and the bid opening is scheduled for October 7, 2009

**Project** 0079-0210 1999-032 Gravel St: Reconstruction  
**Municipality** Meriden  
**Update** Preliminary design is scheduled to be submitted sometime in December

**Project** 0092-0561 2003-011 State St: Mill River Bridge Replacement  
**Municipality** New Haven  
**Update** Work is proceeding. Some constructability issues encountered regarding potential conflict between proposed sheeting/cofferdam construction for the State Street Bridge and the existing I-91 piles.

**Project** 0092-0585 2005-002 Quinnipiac Ave Phase 1: Reconstruction  
**Municipality** New Haven  
**Update** The city reports that the project is advertized and the bid opening is Nov 4th, 2009 with a pre bid info meeting on the 21st

**Project** 0092-0641 2007-0115 Quinnipiac Ave Phase 2: Reconstruction  
**Municipality** New Haven  
**Update** The city reports that the project has been submitted in final form, DOT wanted a structural wall against the old Rail Road so that is in the works everything should be ok by the end of the month. The agreement was sent to the city and it has been executed.

**Project** 0092-0642 2007-0116 Pavement Rehab Congress Avenue  
**Municipality** New Haven  
**Update** The city reports that the project is still in review and we should get the ok once we make their final review comments As of today we just got the agreement which will need BOA approval. That is now in processing.

## STP Urban Project Status

**Project** 0092-0643 2007-0117 Traffic Control Signal Controllers

**Municipality** New Haven

**Update** The city reports that the project design will begin in a couple of weeks

**Project** 0167-0104 2007-055 Peck Hill Road Construction

**Municipality** Woodbridge

**Update** Project is holding current schedule FDP: 4/4/10, DCD: 5/26/10, ADV: 6/23/10.