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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Judy Gott, Executive Director

SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE

February 28, 2007

10 AM

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1. Legislative Reports
 - a) State Representatives and Senators
 - b) Congressional Staff
2. Presentation ConnDOT - Update on the I-95 Corridor Project, Chris Gallucci
3. Presentation CCM – Legislative Issues - by Jim Finley and Gian-Carl Casa
4. Presentation Partnership for Strong Communities – Update, David Fink
5. Presentation Telecommute Connecticut – Jean Stimolo, Rideworks
6. Presentation Principle Financial Group – Annual fiduciary report - Sue Ellen Fitzgerald
7. Adoption of January 24, 2007 SCRCOG Minutes Page 2 – 5
 - 8 AM Legislative Meeting and 10 AM Regular SCRCOG Meeting
 - Mayor James Richetelli, Jr., Secretary (now chairman)
8. Treasurer's Report month ending January 31, 2007 Page 6 - 7
 - Treasurer, First Selectman, Kevin Kopetz
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12. Executive Director's Report – Judy Gott
 - a) Unified Planning Work Program
 - b) Long Range Plan
13. Regional Reports
 - a) Workforce Alliance - William Villano
 - b) RGP – Robert Santy
 - c) DEMHS – Mary Rose Duberek
 - d) Greater New Haven CT Convention & Visitors Bureau – Steven Paganelli
14. Regional Cooperation/Other Business
15. Adjournment

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Judy Gott, Executive Director

TO: SCRCOG Board
FROM: Mayor James Richetelli, Jr., Secretary
RE: SCRCOG Minutes – 1/24/07 - 8 AM Legislative/SCRCOG Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Scarpati at 8:20 AM

ATTENDING:

SCRCOG Members:

- Bethany, First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski, Treasurer
- Branford, First Selectwoman Cheryl Morris
- Guilford, Selectman Salvatore Catardi, proxy for First Selectman Carl Balestracci
- Madison, First Selectman Thomas Scarpati, Chairman
- Meriden, Peggy Brennan, proxy for Mayor Mark Benigni
- Milford, Mayor James Richetelli, Jr., Secretary
- North Branford, Karl Kilduff, Town Manager, proxy for Mayor Andrew Esposito
- North Haven, First Selectman Kevin Kopetz
- Wallingford, Mayor William Dickinson, Jr.
- West Haven, Mayor John Picard
- Woodbridge, First Selectman Edward Sheehy

LEGISLATORS:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Senator Leonard Fasano | Rep. Vincent Candelora | Rep. Deborah Heinrich | Rep. Brendan Sharkey |
| Senator Martin Looney | Rep. Paul Davis | Rep. Themis Klaridies | Rep. Peter Villano |
| Senator Edward Meyer | Rep. William Dyson | Rep. Vickie Orsini Nardello | |
| Senator Gayle Slossberg | Rep. Steve Fontana | Rep. Richard Roy | |

SCRCOG Staff:

Judy Gott, Stephen Dudley, Albert Ruggiero, James Rode, William Richards

GUESTS:

- Rideworks, Jean Stimolo
- Workforce Alliance, William Villano
- New Haven Register, Mark Zaretsky
- GNHTD, Al Naudus

Chairman Scarpati opened discussion with introductions of all attending. He then proceeded to review legislative items from the SCRCOG legislative card. He focused on Education funding and SLE rail service. Mayor Richetelli continued discussion addressing the Clean Water fund and the Conveyance Tax; the remaining members addressed the other SCRCOG legislative issues.

Legislators each commented on the SCRCOG card and endorsed the items; however, many legislators indicated the funding for these items could not be guaranteed.

No motions were made and no votes were taken.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. Mayor James Richetelli, Secretary



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Judy Gott, Executive Director

TO: SCRCOG Board
FROM: Mayor James Richetelli, Jr., Secretary
RE: SCRCOG Minutes – 1/24/07 - 10 AM SCRCOG Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Thomas Scarpati at 10:15 am.

ATTENDING:

SCRCOG Members:

Bethany, First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski, Vice Chair
Guilford, Selectman Salvatore Catardi, proxy for First Selectman Carl Balestracci
Madison, First Selectman Thomas Scarpati
Meriden, Peggy Brennan, proxy for Mayor Mark Benigni
Milford, Mayor James Richetelli, Jr. Chairman
New Haven, Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Branford, Karl Kilduff, proxy for Mayor Andrew Esposito,
North Haven, First Selectman Kevin Kopetz
Wallingford, Mayor William Dickinson, Jr.
West Haven, James Burns, proxy for Mayor John Picard
Woodbridge, First Selectman Edward Sheehy

SCRCOG Staff:

Judy Gott, Stephen Dudley, Albert Ruggiero, Mona Beavis, James Rode, William Richards

GUESTS:

Deputy Mayor Joanne Wentworth, North Branford
Ride works, Jean Stimolo
Workforce Alliance, William Villano
New Haven Register, Mark Zaretsky
RGP, Bob Santy, Abby Emission, Pete Stein
Nan Birdwhistell
GNHTD, Al Naudus
Consultant Carlene Kulisch

Minutes

Mayor Richetelli motioned to accept the minutes of November 15, 2006, 2nd First Selectman Kopetz, vote unanimous

Treasurer's Report

First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski presented the Treasurer's Report, motion to accept the report by Mayor Richetelli, 2nd First Selectman Sheehy, vote unanimous.

Committee Reports

1) Transportation Committee Report

Mayor William Dickinson reporting.

Mayor asked for a motion to adopt TIP Amendment #4 as presented today. Judy Gott noted that there were no major concerns addressed at the Transportation Committee, and in fact, most of the items were changes in TIP year and not cost increases. Two were new programs. Motion by Karl Kilduff, 2nd James Burns to adopt the amendment, vote unanimous.

Mayor Dickinson introduced the updated schedule for the urban program and asked the SCRCOG members to endorse the new schedule as presented. Mayor Richetelli motioned, 2nd First Selectman Zeoli, vote unanimous.

2) Nominating Committee Report

First Selectman Kevin Kopetz presented the Nominating Committee recommendations and asked the SCRCOG members to accept the report as presented. He noted that if any changes need to be made he would like to have them presented at this time. Hearing no request for changes, motion by First Selectwoman Gorski, 2nd Mayor Dickinson to accept the report as submitted, vote was unanimous.

At this point in the meeting First Selectman Scarpati turned the Chair over to Mayor Richetelli. Mayor Richetelli took a moment to thank the prior Chairman and present him with a Certificate of Recognition for his service as Chairman. Mayor Richetelli also thanked the Council for the honor placed on him as Chairman of the SCRCOG. He noted the value of the organization not only from the standpoint of transportation, but from the town to town learning experiences that are such a valuable part of the SCRCOG membership. First Selectman Scarpati also thanked the SCRCOG including staff and summarized his expectations on the ECS recommendations he participated in as part of the Governor's Committee on ECS. He noted to bring the foundation part of the ECS formula to \$9,700 for each student in the state (currently \$5,600); the cost would be \$1.25 billion dollars.

3) Executive Director's Report

Judy Gott reported on the NHASH grant that will be received and asked members to advise her if they have concerns about the administration of the funds flowing through the SCRCOG budget. There will be a budget amendment next month to accommodate this grant.

Further information was presented regarding the TSB report, Home CT, and the DOT e-alert and "traffic cams".

4) Regional Reports

William Villano from Workforce Alliance addressed legislation that is needed to continue to carry out regional workforce transportation to those who no longer are eligible under TANIF. He will present his State of the Workforce to the Council in March.

5) DEMHS – Mary Rose Duberek overviewed information she handed out to the Council, including the May 1, 2007 Symposium devoted to strengthening regional collaboration among all local, regional, and state officials. Ms. Duberek also noted that letters had been sent to each Senior Center related to "How to Create an Emergency Financial First Aid Kit" – offering a Free one-hour seminar on the topic. Her final item noted she is looking for interns and provided a flyer regarding this.

6) RGP – Bob Santy presented his draft budget approved by the RGP Board explaining that it may change in some areas before the New Year starts; however, at this time, it is being presented for SCRCOG approval. He noted this budget did not include any dues increase. Mayor DeStefano questioned the Tweed Service Development line item asking if that included money from the City and how much was in that fund. Mr. Santy replied, some of the money was City money and the fund currently has \$300,000 in it. Also noted was the fact that Marketing money will not be spent until RGP is sure the budget can be balanced. Other income is average and should be received. Motion by Mayor Richetelli, 2nd First Selectman Zeoli to accept the budget; vote ten yes (one abstention, Mayor DeStefano, New Haven).

7) **Rideworks** -- Jean Stimolo presented the new marketing brochure and answered questions. She noted the telecommute program will be presented at the next SCRCOG meeting.

8) **Other**

Congressional Staff – Lou Mangini provided information on the FY07 earmarks, noting that they have been eliminated; however the SAFETEA-LU earmarks (FY06) are still available (although the 20% for this year is in abeyance until a final appropriations bill is approved. The only program eliminated in our SCRCOG region is the \$1.5 million for the West Haven/Orange Station. He hopes Congress will pass a continuing resolution in February which will be in effect until the end of the fiscal year September 30, 2007. This will mean transportation dollars will be held at the FY06 level until a new appropriations bill is passed after September 30, 2007.

Motion by First Selectwoman Gorski, 2nd Scott Jackson to adjourn at 11:55AM.

Mayor James A. Richetelli, Jr.
Secretary
(Chairman)

TREASURER'S REPORT

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	
Bank of America	71,420
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund	653,825
Total Cash and Investments	725,245
Accounts Receivable	
Municipal Dues - FY 06/07	9,346
CT Department of Transportation	110,929
DEMHS - Homeland Security Planning	22,309
Amount for Accrued Leave	9,517
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	11,663
Total Accounts Receivable	163,764
Property and Equipment	
COG Equipment	174,602
Less, Accumulated Depreciation	-164,100
Total Property & Equipment	10,502
TOTAL ASSETS	899,511

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accrued Payroll Taxes	52
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	60,708
Deferred Revenue - GIA	19,367
Total Current Liabilities	80,127
Fund Balance	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2006	765,535
Amount for Accrued Leave	9,517
Investment in Equipment	16,802
Fund Change	27,530
Fund Balance - January, 2007	819,384
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	899,511

Statement of Resources and Expenditures - January, 2007

<i>Resources</i>	<i>FY 07 Budget</i>	<i>Month of January</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Municipal Contribution	145,700	12,142	84,992
ConnDOT - Transportation Planning			
<i>U.S. Dept of Transportation</i>	984,735	37,665	260,935
<i>Federal Transit Admin.</i>	14,177	1,976	12,439
<i>Transportation -- ConnDOT</i>	124,865	4,955	34,172
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management			
<i>Regional Planning</i>	46,700	3,873	27,114
Emergency Response Planning			
<i>DEMHS - Planning Grant</i>	51,000	1,028	44,265
Interest	18,572	6,093	19,952
Miscellaneous	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,385,749	67,732	483,869

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 07 Budget</i>	<i>Month of January</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Labor & Benefits	605,900		338,362
<i>Salaries</i>		27,411	251,523
<i>Fringe Benefits</i>		10,623	86,839
Print & Reproduction	4,400	141	220
Travel	18,100	314	5,580
Data Process	17,200	164	6,539
General Operations	155,500		94,764
<i>Rent</i>		7,742	61,053
<i>Postage & Telephone</i>		318	1,947
<i>Office Supplies</i>		156	841
<i>Equipment Maintenance</i>		913	9,743
<i>Publications</i>		0	236
<i>Insurance</i>		0	11,125
<i>Professional Services</i>		0	153
<i>Meeting Expenses & Advertising</i>		726	3,261
<i>Miscellaneous & Equipment Use</i>		900	6,405
Consultant	500,221	10,875	10,875
Capital Purchase	68,100	0	0
Contingencies	16,328	0	0
TOTAL	1,385,749	60,283	456,340

FY 06 Budget Revision # 4

Budget revision # 4 increases our FY 07 budget by \$50,000 with a Homeland Security grant for NHASH. These funds will support NHASH operating expenses such as new training.

PROPOSED FY 07 BUDGET - Revision # 4

Fiscal Year 2007 -- July, 2006 - June, 2007

<i>REVENUE</i>	<i>Current FY 07 Budget</i>	Proposed Change	<i>Proposed FY 07 Budget - Revision #</i>
Municipal Contribution	145,700		145,700
Regional Planning			
<i>Connecticut Office of Policy & Management</i>	46,700		46,700
Transportation Planning			
<i>Federal Highway Administration - Released</i>	150,652		150,652
<i>FHWA & FTA - Consolidated Planning Grant</i>	834,083		834,083
<i>FTA FY 05 Carry-Over</i>	14,177		14,177
<i>Connecticut Department of Transportation</i>	124,865		124,865
Emergency Response Planning			
<i>Homeland Security Planning Grant - FY 05</i>	15,000		15,000
<i>Homeland Security Planning Grant - FY 04</i>	36,000		36,000
<i>NHASH Homeland Security Grant</i>	0	50,000	50,000
Investment Income	18,572		18,572
Miscellaneous Income	0		0
TOTAL	1,385,749		1,435,749

<i>EXPENSES</i>	<i>Current FY 07 Budget</i>		<i>Proposed FY 07 Budget - Revision #</i>
1.0000 Labor	605,900		605,900
2.0000 Print & Reproduction	4,400		4,400
3.0000 Travel	18,100		18,100
4.0000 Data Process	17,200		17,200
5.0000 General Operations	155,500		155,500
6.0000 Consultant Services	500,221		500,221
7.0000 COG Capital	68,100		68,100
8.0000 NHASH Homeland Security Grant	0	50,000	50,000
Contingencies	16,328		16,328
TOTAL	1,385,749		1,435,749



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To: SCRGOG
From: Judy Gott, Executive Director
Date: February 28, 2007
Subject: Affirmative Action Policy Statement

State policies require SCRCOG to annually update its *Affirmative Action Program* and reaffirm its commitment to the program through resolution of an *Affirmative Action Policy Statement*. The Council's Affirmative Action Program, consists of the enclosed Policy Statement and those actions which are taken to comply with the Policy Statement.

SCRCOG's Affirmative Action Policy Statement is designed to ensure equal employment opportunity for all individuals relative to employment at the Council. The SCRCOG last adopted an Affirmative Action Policy Statement on February 28, 2007.

To maintain compliance, an endorsed 2007 SCRCOG Affirmative Action Policy Statement must be submitted to ConnDOT in April 2007.

A Resolution follows for your consideration.

The Resolution addresses three items of action.

1. Approves continuation of SCRCOG's Affirmative Action Program.
2. Authorizes SCRCOG's Executive Director to execute the Affirmative Action Policy Statement.
3. Appoints an Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.



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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy and practice of SCRCOG to assure that no person will be discriminated against or denied the benefits of any activity, program or employment process receiving public funds, in or in part, in the areas of employment, recruitment, advertising, hiring, upgrading, promoting, transferring, demoting, layoffs, terminations, rehiring, employment and/or rates of pay and other compensations.

SCRCOG is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and is strongly committed to all policies which will afford equal opportunity employment to all qualified persons without regard to an individual's race, color, religious creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin or ancestry, sexual orientation, the request or requirement for genetic background information, present or past history of mental disorder, mental retardation, learning disability or physical disability, including but not limited to, blindness, conviction of a crime unless provisions of Conn. Gen Statutes 46a-60(b), 45a-80(b), or 46a-81(b) are controlling or there is a bona fide occupational qualification excluding individuals in any of the protected groups. Such action shall include: Employment, upgrading, demotion or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection of training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship and/or on-the-job training. This policy and practice applies to all persons, particularly those who are members of the protected classes identified as being African American, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian, Women and persons with disabilities.

SCRCOG will implement, monitor, enforce and achieve full compliance with this Affirmative Action Policy Statement in conjunction with the applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and executive orders, and the E.E.O. contract provisions listed below:

1. Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended and Civil Rights Act of 1991
2. Presidential Executive Order 11246 as amended
3. Title 23 U.S.C. 140
4. Title 49 C.F.R. Part 26
5. Governor's Executive Orders #3 and #17
6. Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Act
7. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
8. Public Act No. 91-58
9. Specific Equal Employment Opportunity Responsibilities
10. Required Contract Provisions Federal Aid Construction Contracts
11. A (76) Affirmative Action Requirements
12. Training Special Provision
13. Minority Business Enterprises as Subcontractors
14. Standard Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Construction Contract Specification
15. Nondiscrimination Act

In implementing this policy and ensuring that equal opportunity is being provided to protected class members, each time a hiring opportunity occurs SCRCOG will contact and request referrals from minority and female organizations, referral sources, and media sources. All advertising will emphasize that the firm is "An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer".

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In addition to the normal procedures for filling a job (i.e., placing ads in major newspapers, employee referrals), SCRCOG will also contact a minority and female referral sources to place job openings. These sources are listed below:

<u>Name or Referral Source</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>	<u>Telephone #</u>
1. NorthEast Minority News	PO Box 4159, Hartford, CT 06147	N/A	(860) 249-6065
2. Unemployment Office, State of CT	(online)	N/A	
3. LaVoz Hispana	35 Elm St., New Haven, CT 06510	N/A	(203) 865-2272

Note: SCRCOG will periodically update our referral sources listing if it is determined that it is not meeting the needs of the hiring of protected class employees.

In order to substantiate SCRCOG's efforts and affirmative actions to provide equal opportunity, the firm will maintain and submit, as requested, documentation such as referral request correspondence, copies of advertisements utilized and follow-up documentation to substantiate that efforts were made in good faith. SCRCOG will maintain internal EEO/affirmative action audit procedures and reporting, as well as record keeping systems.

It is understood by SCRCOG, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and supervisory and managerial personnel that failure to effectively implement, monitor and enforce SCRCOG's affirmative action program and failure to adequately document the affirmative actions taken and efforts made to recruit and hire minority and female applicants, in accordance with our affirmative action program in each instance of hire, will result in SCRCOG being to recommit itself to a modified and more stringent affirmative action program prior to receiving approval. It is recognized that an approved affirmative action program is a prerequisite for performing services for this contracting agency.

SCRCOG employees are being advised of their responsibilities to ensure the success of the program. The ultimate responsibility for the Affirmative Action Program rests with the Executive Director. However, the day-to-day duties will be coordinated by Albert Ruggiero, Jr., who has been designated the Equal Opportunity Officer for this firm.

This Affirmative Action Plan has my whole-hearted support. In addition, each manager and supervisor, as well as all employees are directed to aid in the development and implementation of the program and will be responsible for compliance to its objectives

ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

SCRCOG shall designate a responsible official to monitor all employment related activity to ensure that the SCRCOG's EEO policy is being implemented.

SCRCOG hereby appoints Albert Ruggiero, Jr. as the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer of SCRCOG.

In addition to the above named individual's duties, the Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer shall:

1. Develop, implement and monitor progress on this firm's affirmative action plan.
2. Acquaint workers with their specific responsibilities under the plan.
3. Initiate and maintain contact with recruitment sources and organizations servicing members of protected groups concerning the achievement of affirmative action requirements.
4. Conduct meetings and orientation sessions, as necessary, to advise workers and management of the goals of the plan

February 28, 2007

Date

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Resolution

Calendar Year 2007 Affirmation Action Program And Policy Statement

Whereas: The Connecticut Department of Transportation, requires that all contractors, establish and annually submit an *Affirmative Action Program and Policy Statement*, which describes affirmative hiring practices relative to minority persons and women; and

Whereas: The Council of Governments *Affirmative Action Program and Policy Statement* shall be approved by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That

The Council of Governments approves the Affirmative Action Program and Policy Statement dated February 28, 2007.

The Council of Governments authorizes its Executive Director to execute the "Affirmative Action Policy Statement" which will guide its Calendar Year 2007 Affirmation Action Program.

Appoints Albert Ruggiero Jr. to continue to serve as Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement Officer, and to perform the duties identified in the "Affirmative Action Policy Statement.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on February 28, 2007

Date: February 28, 2007

By: _____
Carl Balestracci, Secretary

Executive Director's Report

Unified Planning Work Program

****IMPORTANT INFORMATION****

The SCRCOG work program for the 08 fiscal year has to be adopted at the April 25, 2007 meeting. This UPWP is for transportation planning studies of regional significance; to date we have not received any requests for transportation planning studies by our municipalities.

The federal government has available re-released dollars of about \$500,000 (04, 05 and 06) and new money for FY08 of \$500,000 ---- this is more than we have ever had available for planning studies in one year. We do not have to use all this money in one year, but if there is a regional project out there that we want to study, now is the time. Staff will work with the region to recommend a program worthy of these funds.

This year our program includes six elements of study: Regional Bike/Ped Plan, RT 34 Corridor Traffic Study, New Haven Truck Route Study, Wilbur Cross Pkwy Ramp Adjustment Study, Sawmill Rd Access Management Study; I-95 Mitigation measures and Unified Response Manual.

Legislative

SB 1215 tries to address requirements on municipalities, when receiving any state funding. However, it appears to have the same problem SCRCOG had corrected last year --- if the state plan and the state map do not match, which one takes precedent as to state funding being allowed? This needs to be clarified in this bill.

Pgs 3-7 of the current State plan...

"The C&D Plan is comprised of two separate, yet equally important components - the Plan text and the Locational Guide Map. Both components include policies that guide the planning and decision making processes of state government....."

Also, the current law for affordable housing is not addressed in this bill ---- affordable housing is allowed to be built in preservation areas, flood plains, outside corridors, not on mass transit, not near jobs... this should be addressed as well in the new Economic Development Plan and the State Plan of C&D, especially if funding incentives are granted for affordable housing development.

This bill calls for a State Economic Development Plan; a separate plan from the State Plan of C&D, as I read it. Much of the language in Sec 3 (4) (e) seems to reflect the same language in the State Plan of C&D --- "Whenever a state agency is required by state or federal law to prepare a plan, it shall consider the state plan of conservation and development"

This bill also then jumps to many more areas..... Some include

establishes requirements for forming Regional Asset Districts --new regional board, not COG boards

establishes responsible growth planning grants for technical assistance to municipalities to upgrade zoning regs Sec 7

establishes regional efficiency grants administered by OPM, received by COGs Sec 11

establishes one percent gross receipts from sales within a COG to pay for these grants, with multiple requirements Sec 11

establishes PILOT % replacing current with Section 29/30 of this bill

establishes Education funding formulas Section 31 to 35

establishes dollars:

- Sec 34 two billion five hundred fifty million Dept of Ed FY08
- Sec 35 two billion six hundred fifty million for equalization education grants FY09
- Sec 36 five million for responsible growth planning grant program (see above and Sec 7 of bill) FY08
- Sec 37 five million for responsible growth planning grant program FY09
- Sec 39 50 million for efficiency grants (Sec 11)
- Sec 40 and 41 212,363,272 and 200,970,747 (FY08 and FY09) to cover PILOT costs proposed in this bill

Long Range Transportation Plan Schedule

The following schedule was prepared by Stephen B. Dudley, P.E., SCRCOG Transportation Planner in charge of the LRP. Any questions may be addressed to Steve at sdudley@scrcog.org.

In order to comply with the SCRCOG Public Participation Guidelines and CDOT timelines for the adoption of the Long Range Plan, the following schedule is suggested:

Put on web, send releases out to media, place display ad and start 45 day public comment period before Council action per public participation guidelines	3/7/07
Get air quality conformity from CDOT. Revise as necessary for air conformity, re-post revised copy to web.	3/9/07 to 3/12/07
Transportation Committee Meeting, discuss draft and receive initial comments	3/14/07
Informal public input session 4 and 7 pm SCRCOG Conference Room	3/29/07
Action by Transportation Committee, subject to any additional public comments	4/11/07
End 45 day public comment period and revise to incorporate any additional comments received as necessary	4/23/07
Action by SCRCOG	4/25/07

February 2007 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	01/12/2007	Town of Durham: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to the Site Plan Review standards.	Wallingford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Section does not appear to cause a negative inter-municipal impact to towns in the South Central region and does not appear to negatively impact the habitat or ecosystems of the Long Island Sound.
2.2	01/17/2007	Town of Berlin: Proposed Clarifications and Amendments to the Zoning Regulations and Subdivision Regulations Change.	Meriden	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Section does not appear to cause a negative inter-municipal impact to towns in the South Central region and does not appear to negatively impact the habitat or ecosystems of the Long Island Sound.
2.3	01/19/2007	Town of Derby: Proposed Zoning Regulation Change to The Industrial Campus (I-C) zone to allow for self storage and warehouse facilities, storage associated with manufacturing and assembly, and sports facilities with decreases in required buffer areas and setbacks.	Woodbridge, Orange	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment may cause a negative inter-municipal impact to towns in the South Central region specifically related to Sport Facilities that could result in impacts related to traffic, possible illumination, hours of operation, noise, and impacts related to potential outdoor activities. In light of these potential impacts, the RPC would suggest eliminating any proposed reduction in buffers adjacent to residential properties. The RPC would also suggest that the proposed amendment include specific requirements that any storage of industrial related chemicals or materials comply with local, state, and federal law so that there is no negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystems of the Long Island Sound.
2.4	01/19/2007	Town of North Haven: Proposed Zoning Regulations to allow a New Section for Special Development Districts (SDD) Zone.	Hamden, Wallingford, North Branford, East Haven, New Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Section does not appear to cause a negative inter-municipal impact to towns in the South Central region and does not appear to negatively impact the habitat or ecosystems of the Long Island Sound for the site proposed at this time (Pratt and Whitney site on Washington Boulevard). However, the RPC cannot state there is no potential for inter-municipal impacts or impacts to Long Island Sound at other sites until those are identified.
2.5	01/22/2007	Town of Woodbridge: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to a New Section to allow an Integrated Mixed Housing District as an overlay zone in conjunction with an application for an affordable development project at 145 & 157 Peck Road under CGS 8-30g.	Bethany, Hamden, New Haven, Orange	By resolution, the RPC has determined that, because the proposed regulation allows building at a higher density on the underlying land without requiring connection to public water and sewers, the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment may cause a negative inter-municipal impact and potential negative impact to the habitat or ecosystems of the Long Island Sound should the septic systems allowed by the regulations fail – resulting in potential pollution to wetlands, groundwater/local water supply, and Long Island Sound. The RPC recommends that if septic systems are allowed as requested by the regulations, that a standard be added that requires that the systems be designed to meet the CT Department of Environmental Protection standards.

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Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.6	01/23/2007	Town of Cheshire: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to the Sign Regulations to allow a 24 square foot freestanding identification sign for Subdivisions or Planned Residential Developments.	Meriden, Wallingford, Hamden, Bethany	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment does not appear to cause a negative inter-municipal impact to towns in the South Central region nor does it appear to negatively impact the habitat or ecosystems of the Long Island Sound.
2.7	01/23/2007	Town of Guilford: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments Regarding review requirements for Minor Changes in Planned Residential Developments (PRDs).	North Branford, Branford, Madison	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Change does not appear to cause a negative inter-municipal impact nor does it appear to negatively impact the habitat or ecosystems of the Long Island Sound. However, the proposed language may require some clarification to emphasize that the regulation is intended to apply to projects that have been approved and constructed, and not to projects that have been approved but not yet built.
2.8	1/24/2007	Town of Clinton: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to revise the “automobile” repair use to “vehicle” repair for the Industrial (I-2) and Business (B-4 and B-1) zones.	Madison	By resolution, the RPC has determined that depending upon adjacent uses (i.e., childcare facilities are allowed in Madison’s L-I zone) the proposed changes could result in negative inter-municipal impact due to noise, odor, and hours of operation, but the proposed change does not appear to negatively impact the habitat or ecosystems of the Long Island Sound.
2.9	1/29/2007	Town of Hamden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Affordable Housing requirements for Multi-Family Active Adult Dwellings.	Wallingford, North Haven, New Haven, Woodbridge, Bethany	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment does not appear to cause a negative inter-municipal impact nor does it appear to negatively impact the habitat or ecosystems of the Long Island Sound.