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Carl Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
July 28, 2010 – 10:00 A.M.

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

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1. Presentation: Liquor Control Issues by Commissioner of Dept. of Consumer Protection, Gerald Farrell
2. Report: Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro
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TO: **SCRCOG Board**
FROM: **First Selectman Anthony DaRos, SCRCOG Secretary**
DATE: **July 21, 2010**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of June 23, 2010**

Present:

Bethany First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford First Selectman Anthony DaRos – *Secretary*
Guilford First Selectman Joseph S. Mazza
Milford Mayor James Richetelli, Jr.
New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson, Jr.
West Haven Mayor John Picard - *Treasurer*
Woodbridge First Selectman Edward Sheehy - *Vice Chair*
SCRCOG Staff Carl J. Amento – *Executive Director*
Albert Ruggiero, Stephen Dudley, and James Rode

Guest Presenters:

Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide for Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro; *Ginny Kozlowski*, Executive Director of REX Development; *Roy Piper*, DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator

Other Guests:

Carlene Kulisch, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority; *Jean Stimolo*, Executive Director of Rideworks; *Stephen P. Livingston*, Connecticut Department of Transportation Field Coordinator and Liaison to SCRCOG; *Miriam E. Brody*, League of Women Voters -North Haven; *Mary Bigelow*, GNHTD Board of Directors; and *Nan Birdwhistell*, Murtha Cullina LLP.

In the absence of Chairman Zeoli, the June 23, 2010 meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments was called to order at 10:10 A.M. by Vice-Chairman Edward Sheehy. Self introductions of SCRCOG officials and guests then took place.

ITEM 1 – Legislative Reports

Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, reported on the progress of the appropriation requests submitted last January and February for the FY 2011 budget. First Selectwoman Gorski noted that the Town of Bethany was appropriated a portion of a \$4 million federal grant awarded to fourteen Connecticut municipalities for clean energy projects.

ITEM 2 – SCRCOG Minutes of May 26, 2010

Board Secretary, First Selectman DaRos, stated that the *SCRCOG Minutes* were on pages 2 -7 in the agenda packet.

A motion to adopt the *SCRCOG Minutes of May 26, 2010*, as presented, was offered by Mayor Picard and seconded by First Selectman Freda. Upon unanimous vote, the motion passed.

ITEM 3 - Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending May 31 2010

SCRCOG Treasurer, Mayor Picard, presented the *Treasurer’s Report*, on pages 8 and 9 in the agenda packet. He advised the officials that SCRCOG has assets of \$479,662 in cash and investment and \$267,792 expected from the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Disclosed on page 9 are the monthly expenses. Staff expects to finish the year with a surplus in its operating budget.

A motion by Mayor Picard, and seconded by First Selectwoman Gorski, was offered to adopt the *Treasurer’s Report for the month ending May 31, 2010*. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 4 – Transportation Committee’s Report

a. Adopt 2010-2013 TIP Amendment Seven (Resolution on pages 29 and 30 in the agenda packet)

Approval of this amendment will allow changes to the following projects in the *2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program*. Explanations for these project changes are in the agenda packet.

1. State Project No. 0043-0126 - Shoreline Greenway Trail / East Haven, Branford, Guilford
2. State Project No. 0059-0152 – Rt. 146: Drainage / Roadway Modifications
3. State Project No. 0059-0158 – Guilford Pavement Preservation
4. State Project No. 0061-0148 – Farmington Canal Greenway Tunnel
5. State Project No. 0075-0130 – Shoreline Greenway Trail in Madison
6. State Project No. 0079-0231 – Streetscape from Cook Avenue to North Second Street
7. State Project No. 0083-0253 – Rte 796 (Milford Connector) Sign Replacement
8. State Project No. 0092-0561 – State Street / Mill River Bridge Replacement
9. State Project No. 0092-0583 – Parcels G and H / Harbor Access
10. State Project No. 0092-0614 – Conversion of Route 34
11. State Project No. 0092-0621 – Farmington Canal Greenway
12. State Project No. 0092-0643 – Traffic Control Signal Controllers
13. State Project No. 0092-0650 – PED Safety Improvement
14. State Project No. 0100-0175 – Sackett Point Bridge Replacement
15. State Project No. 0100-0176 – Universal Drive Resurfacing
16. State Project No. 0148-0198 – Quinnipiac River Trail Phase 3
17. State Project No. 0156-0175 – Campbell Avenue Streetscape Improvements
18. State Project No. 0156-XXX1 – Captain Thomas Boulevard Resurfacing
19. State Project No. 0167-0100 – Route 63: Route 67 Intersection Improvements
20. State Project No. 0170-3013 – Inspection of Bridges (on/off System)
21. State Project No. 0170-3014 – Overhead Sign Supports Inspection by Consultant Engineering Firms

Upon the recommendation of the Transportation Committee, Mayor Dickinson, presented a motion to approve *Amendment Seven* for inclusion in the *FFY 2010 – FFY 2013 State Transportation Improvement Program*. The motion, which was seconded by Mayor DeStefano, passed by unanimous vote.

b. Adopt Resolution Approving FY 2011-2012 UPWP

On March 24, 2010, a “draft” *Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)* was adopted by SCRCOG and on April 28, 2010 an *Amendment* was approved. Review of the amended draft was completed by the U.S. Federal Transportation Administration, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, and the Connecticut Department of Transportation. The Council’s Transportation Committee on June 9, 2010 recommended that SCRCOG adopt the final work program.

Transportation Committee Chairman, Mayor Dickinson, offered a motion to adopt the *Resolution* approving the “*final*” *Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2011 and FY 2012*. Mayor Picard seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Item 5 – Executive Director’s Report

Executive Director Amento advised the officials that his written report was on page 33 in the agenda packet.

a. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

Executive Director Amento addressed the *Sustainable Communities Planning Grant* he has been working on over the past several months. This \$5-million federal grant would engage several regions in planning and implementation of projects that enhance transportation, housing, and environmental / economic development objectives. Executive Director Amento reported that he was working with the Tri-State Metropolitan Applicant Team to prepare the application. The team includes northern New Jersey, New York City, Westchester County, and the New Haven/Stamford/Bridgeport areas. He added that SCRCOG is actively monitoring an application expected to be submitted by an applicant team from Hartford-Springfield.

Executive Director Amento stated that Ms. Joan McDonald, Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), had recently invited several planning organization officials to discuss the possibility of combining the two teams into one application. No agreement was reached regarding the Commissioner’s suggestion. Everyone is awaiting the *Notice of Funding Availability* (NOFA) to see exactly what will be required, who the applicants can be, and whether it will include implementation as well as planning. The applicants are continuing to proceed as two teams.

b. Move of REX Development to SCRCOG Office

Executive Director Amento announced that REX Development (formerly Regional Growth Partnership) will likely complete its move into SCRCOG office space by the end of the month. With the creation of three new offices for REX employees, SCRCOG staff has been busy coordinating computers, telephone/fax systems, printers, files, etc. to make this a smooth transition.

c. Employee Leaving SCRCOG Employment

Executive Director Amento announced that Barbara Bograd, part-time Secretary/Receptionist, left SCRCOG service on June 30, 2010. SCRCOG wishes her well on her endeavors.

d. FEMA

Executive Director Amento stated that he discussed pre-disaster and natural hazard mitigation planning with FEMA. East Haven, Milford and New Haven have been active in such planning. Ten out of fifteen regional planning organizations in this State have done regional hazard mitigation plans and were able to incorporate town plans. Funding for this endeavor is derived from the federal government with an in-kind match of 25 per cent.

Executive Director Amento said he is contemplating undertaking this on a regional basis utilizing SCRCOG’s Regional Planner, Eugene Livshits. The Regional Planner’s time will consume a lot of the match. Executive Director Amento alerted the officials that he planned on contacting them within the coming weeks to ascertain the status of any local planning efforts and to see if they had a point person. He added that municipal pre-disaster and hazard mitigation plans are required to be updated every three years and could be folded into a regional plan. He suspects there would be incidents in which mitigation actions could involve more than one municipality.

e. Six-Month Report

A six-month report on the accomplishments of Executive Director Amento is on page 34 in the agenda packet.

ITEM 6 – Appointment to Tweed New Haven Airport Authority

A vacancy on the 15-member Tweed New Haven Airport Authority Board needs to be filled by July 1, 2010. The consensus was to postpone action on this item until the next meeting.

ITEM 7 – REX Development Report by Executive Director Kozlowski

REX Executive Director, Ginny Kozlowski, reported that Willie Taylor from the U. S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration, had visited the region on June 4. REX Development's application for an Economic Development District (EDD) Designation is currently under review. She stated that she had a conversation with DECD Commissioner Joan McDonald yesterday and a response on this is expected by July 15. Mayor Picard also had communications with the Commissioner. It was their hope that the proposed state requirement that each EDD have a minimum twenty-town region would not be imposed. They are cautiously optimistic. Executive Director Kozlowski remarked that the rumor about Northeastern COG receiving an approval letter for its EDD was untrue.

Executive Director Kozlowski reported that project sites in Meriden, New Haven, Hamden, and West Haven had been viewed by the EPA official.

The board members were advised by Executive Director Kozlowski that REX Development's revolving loan fund was due to expire at the end of September. A special exemption would be necessary for an extension. Mr. Joe Ferrari, from EPA, concerned with their grant obligations, met with Executive Director Kozlowski. That meeting was successful and Executive Director Kozlowski indicated that REX Development would receive their extension, as well as additional funding. A follow-up meeting is planned next week to present another project from the Town of Branford.

Executive Director Kozlowski announced that the REX Development brand, brochure, and new website were recently launched. Two trade shows, the Orange Economic Development Commission Trade Show and Discover West Haven Trade Show, were held last Wednesday as part of their advertising campaign. SCRCOG officials received hats and brochures promoting the mission of REX Development.

ITEM 8 – Roy Piper - DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator

Mr. Roy Piper, DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator, reported on two items. First mentioned was the Homeland Security Rate Fund for 2009. The *Memoranda of Agreements* (MOAs) for Region 2 are out and due back Sept. 8, 2010. This year, the Connecticut River Estuary Planning Agency (CREPA) will take the fiduciary role for Region 2. Mr. Piper requested that the signed MOAs be sent to CREPA.

Next, Mr. Piper discussed the annual EMD conference. This is an all-day event scheduled for July 15, 2010. Hold-the-date notices were sent to each of the Emergency Management Directors. As soon as the location is confirmed, he stated that he plans to notify the EMDs and elected officials by e-mail. Mr. Piper added that he would appreciate it if a representative from each of the thirty towns would attend this annual conference, should an EMD not be able to.

ITEM 9 – RPC Action Table for June

The June, 2010 RPC Action Table is located on page 34 in the agenda packet. No action on this is required.

ITEM 10 – Regional Cooperation / Other Business

Vice-Chairman Sheehy stated that prior to this meeting, the Executive Committee had met and voted to increase staff wages (2% - 3%), per the Executive Director's personnel review. A salary increase for Executive Director Amento was approved effective July 1, 2010 to \$100,000. Vice Chairman Sheehy added that a copy of the Executive Director's contract and information concerning goals set for next year would be provided at the next meeting. An evaluation of the Executive Director's performance is scheduled for May of 2011.

Mayor DeStefano was concerned about SCRCOG's planned approach for the next legislative session as a regional body. He stated that thought needed to be given to legislation for promoting job creation. Other strategic issues regarding agreements on legislative agendas with the Greater New Haven Chamber, the Regional Leadership Council, REX Development, etc. also need to be discussed to determine how well they serve SCRCOG. The consensus was to initiate discussions on these issues this summer. Staff was advised by Mayor DeStefano to provide a process for creating a SCRCOG legislative agenda with time-frames and procedures. Vice Chairman Sheehy requested this be placed on the agenda for the next SCRCOG meeting.

ITEM 11 - Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was offered by Mayor Picard and seconded by First Selectman Gorski. Upon unanimous vote, the meeting concluded at 11:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony DaRos
SCRCOG Secretary

Treasurer's Report

BALANCE SHEET - June, 2010

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	
Bank of America	111,207
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG	228,558
STIF - Shoreline Greenways Trail	71,049
STIF - Economic Development Web Portal Development	44,234
Total Cash and Investments	455,047
Accounts Receivable	
Connecticut Department of Transportation	259,826
DEMHS - Homeland Security Planning	15,021
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Federal Share	100,658
Amount for Accrued Leave	8,652
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	56,515
Total Accounts Receivable	440,672
Property and Equipment	
COG Equipment	122,503
Less, Accumulated Depreciation	-110,870
Total Property & Equipment	11,633
TOTAL ASSETS	907,352

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	46,980
RPI Grant - Economic Development Web Portal	1,515
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H074(1)	30,214
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H103(1)	7,462
Total Current Liabilities	86,171
Fund Balance	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2009	794,585
Amount for Accrued Leave	8,652
Investment in Equipment	11,633
Fund Change	6,311
Fund Balance - June 30, 2010	821,181
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	907,352

Statement of Resources and Expenditures - June, 2010

<i>Resources</i>	<i>FY 10 Budget</i>	<i>Month of June, 2010</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Municipal Contribution	151,100	12,592	151,100
ConnDOT - Transportation Planning			
U.S. Dept of Transportation	994,429	116,033	759,267
Transportation -- ConnDOT	122,556	14,504	94,908
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management			
Regional Planning	0	0	10,612
RPI Grant - Econ. Dev. Web Portal	42,624	0	42,676
Emergency Response Planning			
DEMHS - FY 07 NHASH Grant	39,895	14,813	21,758
Shoreline Greenway Trails Planning Study			
U.S. Department of Transportation # H074	212,976	24,291	113,688
U.S. Department of Transportation # H103	70,992	8,880	41,145
Municipal Share	70,993	8,293	38,708
Interest	15,000	169	1,847
TOTAL	1,720,565	199,574	1,275,710

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 10 Budget</i>	<i>Month of June, 2010</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Labor & Benefits	645,700		605,594
Salaries		34,950	396,311
Fringe Benefits		5,711	209,284
Print & Reproduction	2,900	0	1,452
Travel	14,300	583	5,217
Data Process	32,700	34	8,311
General Operations	167,400		137,060
Rent	99,100	0	98,957
Postage & Telephone	8,500	329	4,486
Office Supplies	4,100	34	1,887
Equipment Maintenance	18,400	864	8,440
Publications	900	0	635
Insurance	13,100	0	12,100
Professional Services	14,200	0	3,505
Meeting Expenses & Advertising	8,800	1,362	6,830
Miscellaneous & Equipment Use	300	0	220
Consultant	404,500	95,225	274,480
Capital Purchase	1,000	0	0
NHASH Grant	39,895	14,089	19,833
RPI Grant - Web Portal	42,624	0	33,693
Shoreline Greenway Trail	354,961	39,789	183,798
Contingencies	14,585	0	0
TOTAL	1,720,565	192,969	1,269,439

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 8

- Project** 0092-XXXX 2010-A8-6 **Route 34 East Downtown Crossing**
Changes FY10 TIP Amendment 8 introduces new project
Reason Design and construct first phase of the conversion of Route 34 East from an expressway to an urban boulevard between I-95 and Park Street. City of New Haven, with ConnDOT participation, is submitting an application to US DOT for TIGER II program funding on or before July 25, 2010.
- Project** 0106-0116 2010-A8-1 **West Haven Intermodal Station-FY08 Earmark**
Changes Amendment 8 introduces new project
Reason Action is necessary to allow for the filing of a grant application and to avoid lapsing the funds
- Project** 0170-2758 2010-A8-5 **Pavement Management Analysis for NHS Roadways**
Changes Amendment 8 moves this project into the current TIP
Reason Action is necessary to move this project from the 2007 TIP to the current TIP. In order for FY10 funds to be obligated they must be shown in the TIP
- Project** 0170-2759 2010-A8-3 **Pavement Management Analysis -non NHS routes**
Changes Amendment 8 moves this project into the current TIP
Reason Action is necessary to move this project from the 2007 TIP to the current TIP. In order for FY10 funds to be obligated they must be shown in the TIP
- Project** 0170-2868 2010-A8-2 **CE Bridge Inspection - Underwater On/Off**
Changes Amendment 8 moves this project into the current TIP
Reason Project is for continuation of the bridge inspection program. The underwater inspection of bridges will be completed by consultant engineering firms. This project runs from 7-1-2009 to 6-30-2012 and replaces project #0170-2687 which expired 6-30-2009
- Project** 0173-0383 2010-A8-4 **Install STC Traffic Signals**
Changes Amendment 8 introduces new project
Reason Action Necessary to add project to revise traffic signals at various locations including Milford – SR 736@ Yale Ave, North Haven SR 113 @ Huntington Rd and Madison Rte 1 @ Lovers Lane. Funding is 100% federal
- Project** 0301-0070 2007-029 **NHL Catenary Replacement Section C1B**
Changes Amendment 8 moves project into TIP and moves carryover funds from FFY09 to FFY10
Reason Action necessary In order for carryover funds from FFY09 to be obligated they must be shown in the current FFY

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 FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment Number 8

State Project 0092-XXXX

SCRCOG #2010-A8-6

Municipality New Haven

Proposed

Project Name Route 34 East Downtown Crossing

Description Design and construct first phase of the conversion of Route 34 East from an expressway to an urban boulevard between I-95 and Park Street. City of New Haven, with ConnDOT participation, is submitting an application to US DOT for TIGER II program

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
TIGGER II	ENG	Federal		6,400			
		State		1,600			
	ROW	Federal		1,600			
		State		400			
	CON	Federal		30,000			
		State		6,000			
TIP Funds	\$46,000	0	0	46,000	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP Amendment 8 introduces new project

State Project 0106-0116

SCRCOG #2010-A8-1

Municipality West Haven

Proposed

Project Name West Haven Intermodal Station-FY08 Earmark

Description Earmark funds for the West Haven Intermodal Station. STIP action is required to allow for the filing of a grant application and to avoid lapsing the funds. Federal Amount FY 08 \$588,000

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
5309F	ALL	Federal	588				
		State	147				
TIP Funds	\$735	0	735	0	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP Amend 8 introduces new project

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FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment Number 8

State Project 0170-2758

SCRCOG #2010-A8-5

Municipality Statewide

Proposed

Project Name Pavement Management Analysis for NHS Roadways

Description Pavement management tasks for a 3 year term to be performed on NHS roadways through 6/1/2010

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHS	ENG	Federal	424				
		State	106				
TIP Funds	\$530		0	530	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY TIP Amend 8 moves project into the FY10 TIP

State Project 0170-2759

SCRCOG #2010-A8-3

Municipality Statewide

Proposed

Project Name Pavement Management Analysis -non NHS routes

Description Pavement management tasks for a 3 year term to be performed on non NHS roadways through 6/1/2010

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	ENG	Federal	376				
		State	94				
TIP Funds	\$470		0	470	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY TIP Amend 8 moves project into the FY10 TIP

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 Amendment Number 8

State Project 0170-2868

SCRCOG #2010-A8-2

Municipality Statewide

Proposed

Project Name CE Bridge Inspection - Underwater On/Off

Description Project to fund underwater inspections handled by CE. This project expires 6/30/2012 it replaces #170-2687 which expired 6/30/2009

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
BRXZ	ENG	Federal	762	762			
		State	190	190			
TIP Funds	\$1,904		952	952	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY TIP Amend 8 moves project into the FY10 TIP

State Project 0173-0383

SCRCOG #2010-A8-4

Municipality District 3

Proposed

Project Name Install STC Traffic Signals

Description project to revise traffic signals at various locations including Milford –SR 736@ Yale Ave, North Haven SR 113 @ Huntington Rd and Madison Rte 1 @ Lovers Lane. Funding is 100% federal

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
RR	CON	Federal	500				
STPA		Federal	1,650				
TIP Funds	\$2,150		2,150	0	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP Amend 8 introduces new project

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment Number 8

State Project 0301-0070

SCRCOG #2007-029

Municipality Regional

Proposed

Project Name NHL Catenary Replacement Section C1B

Description Replace the existing catenary system from New Haven to the New York Border with a constant tension wire supporting system, designing the system for maximum speed allowed by track geometry and other physical constraints.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
5307P	CON	Federal	34,175					
		State	8,544					
5309A		Federal	20,000	16,000				
		State	5,000	4,000				
Total Cost	\$87,719		67,719	20,000	0	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
5307P	CON	Federal		34,175				
		State		8,544				
5309A		Federal	20,000	16,000				
		State	5,000	4,000				
TIP Funds	\$87,719		25,000	62,719	0	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY07 TIP Amend 8 adds \$13.3M Fed/ \$3.3M State 5307C funds to FFY07, FY07 TIP Amend 23 adds FFY09 Funds FY10 TIP Amend 8 moves project into TIP and moves carryover funds to FFY10



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Carl Amento Executive Director

Resolution

Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Eight

- 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 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program* on October 28, 2009, 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 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Long-Range Transportation Plans, May, 2007*); and
- Whereas:* The Council, on October 28, 2009, 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—2007 to 2035, (May, 2007)*); 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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Carl Amento Executive Director

Resolution

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

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

The *Program Amendment Eight* 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 **July 28, 2010**.

Date: July 28, 2010

Anthony DaRos
Secretary



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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Draft Minutes Transportation Committee July 14, 2010

Transportation Committee members

Wallingford, Mayor William Dickinson, Chair
North Haven, First Selectman Michael Freda
Branford, Janice Plaziak proxy for First Selectman Anthony DaRos
New Haven, Mike Piscitelli proxy for Mayor John DeStefano

Guests

Stephen Livingston, ConnDOT
Donna Carter, GNHTD
Phil Fry, Barry Diggs, CTTRANSIT
Lou Mangini, Congresswoman DeLauro's Office
Karyn Gilvarg, Peter Lozis, New Haven
Jean Stimolo, Rideworks

Transportation Technical Committee

East Haven, James Staunton
Guilford, Jim Portley
Hamden, Bob Brinton
Madison, Michael Ott
Meriden, Pierre Blanchet
North Branford, Kurt Weiss
North Haven, John Bodwell
Wallingford, John Thompson
West Haven, Abdul Quadir

SCRCOG

Carl Amento, James Rode, Al Ruggiero

Item #1

Mayor Dickinson began the meeting at 12:14 PM.
Minutes of the June 9, 2010 meeting were unanimously adopted on a motion by J. Portley/ FS Freda.

Item #2

J. Rode presented the FY2010 –FY2013 TIP Amendment 8. New projects added to the TIP included *0092-XXXX Route 34 East Downtown Crossing project* for the design and construction of the first phase of the conversion of Route 34 East from an expressway to an urban boulevard between I-95 and Park Street. City of New Haven, with ConnDOT participation, is submitting an application to US DOT for TIGER II program funding and funds needed to be included in the TIP prior to grant approval. Project # *0106-0116 West Haven Intermodal Station-FY08 Earmark* was added. This action was necessary to allow for the filing of a grant application and to avoid lapsing the funds. J. Portley made the motion to approve FY10 TIP Amendment 8, FS Freda seconded motion was approved.

Item #3

Mayor Dickinson spoke about a letter included in the agenda packet regarding a pavement preservation project in Wallingford. A meeting was held with ConnDOT staff to discuss cost estimates and the use of VIP pricing for pavement. ConnDOT responded with information to explain why FHWA will not allow the use of VIP pricing. J Thompson is reviewing this material and the next step would be a meeting with FHWA for further clarifications.

Item #4

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 #5

P Fry spoke about a project underway to update bus stop signage in the region. CTTRANSIT will contact each municipality. D. Carter spoke about the GNHTD bus shelter program and the potential for a regional maintenance program

J. Plaziak made a motion to adjourn meeting, J. Portley seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

1. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant

The grant application is due on August 23. SCRCOG is partnering with Greater Bridgeport RPA, South Western RPA (Stamford and Norwalk), New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (New York City, Western Long Island, lower Hudson Valley). Northern New Jersey has dropped out of the application team. The Regional Planning Agency will be the lead applicant on the grant application. Milone & MacBroom, Eugene Livshits, and I are coordinating the SCRCOG portion of the application.

SCRCOG is still monitoring the application to be submitted by the Capitol Region COG (Hartford) and Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Council (Springfield).

2. REX Development (formerly RGP)

The three employees of REX Development have moved into new offices at SCRCOG. The process has gone smoothly. We will continue to coordinate systems and procedures to maximize efficiencies over the next several weeks.

3. Website Upgrade

We are working with York & Chapel to upgrade the SCRCOG website. Our website is part of SCRCOG's outreach requirements under federal law. We expect to complete this project by November.

4. Staff Training

Executive Director Carl Amento and Regional Planner Eugene Livshits have completed Land Use Legal Association (LULA) training which required four full-days of course over a two-month period. The training was free of charge.

Regional Planner Eugene Livshits has completed two-full days of training in Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning, provided free of charge by FEMA.

Transportation Planner Jim Rode completed two full days of training in Grants Writing provided by the DOT, free of charge.

Transportation Planner Jim Rode has been selected to take part in a TELUS User/Stakeholder Conference hosted by FHWA, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). TELUS is the database program used to develop and maintain the region's TIP. Jim has been using the system since 2006, and SCRCOG is the only RPO in the state using the software. The 3 day conference will be held in Las Vegas in early August. FHWA and NJIT are paying all expenses.

5. Direct Deposit / Weekly Payroll

At the beginning of July, SCRCOG initiated direct deposit of payroll checks as well as weekly payroll.

6. Regional Transit Forum

SCRCOG is working with the Greater New Haven Transit District in planning a Regional Transit Forum for late September.



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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

**Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute
Memorandum of Understanding with Applicant Partners for
Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application**

WHEREAS: SCRCOG has agreed to partner with Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency (GBRPA) South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA), New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), and any other partners that may be added to the consortium, in a joint application for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant;

WHEREAS: The Notice of Funding Availability for the grant requires that “A partnership agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other proof of commitment to work together must be submitted with the application, and must be executed by all consortium members.”;

WHEREAS: The grant application’s due date is August 23, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **South Central Regional Council of Governments** that: SCRCOG’s Executive Director, Carl Amento, is authorized to execute on behalf of SCRCOG any memorandum of understanding, partnership agreement, letter of support, or any other such document, in furtherance of SCRCOG’s joint application with its partners, as noted above, for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

Date: July 28, 2010

By:

Anthony DaRos, Secretary



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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Memorandum of Understanding with Applicant Partners for Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application

WHEREAS: SCRCOG is considering partnering with the Pioneer Valley Planning Council and the Capitol Region Council of Governments, and any other partners that may be added to that consortium, in a joint application for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. This application would be in addition to the joint application SCRCOG is pursuing with Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency (GBRPA) South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA), New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC);

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ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE

Due Date: Tasks:

July 2010

- o Complete personnel evaluations of employees
- o Complete move of REX Development into SCRCOG offices
- o Initiate direct deposit of employee payroll checks

August 2010

- o Submit application for federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

August-October 2010

- o Legislation Committee meets, develops and adopts legislative agenda

September-December 2010

- o Executive Director resumes active involvement in legislature's MORE Commission

November-December 2010

- o Executive Director and Legislation Committee meet with legislators and advocate legislative agenda

November 2010

- o Complete updates to SCRCOG website

December 2010

- o Complete re-write of Personnel Management Procedures

January 2011

- o Complete personnel evaluations of employees

January - May 2011

- o Executive Director and Legislation Committee members advocate legislative agenda during General Assembly session

March 2011

- o Submit draft FY 2011-12 SCRCOG budget and proposed work program/ goals

May 2011

- o Adopt FY 2011-2012 Budget and work program/goals

July 2010 - June 2011

- o Executive Director's continued participation in Transportation Strategy Board, Regional Growth Connection, Workforce Alliance, Rideworks, Regional Alliance, C-Med Board, Regional Planning Commission, Regional Growth Partnership, Regional Economic Development Directors, Connecticut Association of Regional Planning Organizations and Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security – Region 2

TRANSPORTATION

Due Date: Tasks:

July-August 2010

- o Review 23 RFQ submissions for 15 UPWP studies, conduct interviews and select consultants
- o Submit application(s) for federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

August-September 2010

- o Obtain SCRCOG approval and execute consultant contracts for UPWP Studies
- o Plan and hold Regional Transit Forum along with Greater New Haven Transit District

September - December 2010

- o Outreach to Region for input on update of Regional Long Range Transportation Plan

TRANSPORTATION continued

Due Date: Tasks:

January - February 2011

- Solicit, if necessary, additional proposals for UPWP studies from municipalities

January - March 2011

- Update region's locally-coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (LOCHSTP)

January - May 2011

- Prepare, review and approve update to Regional Long Range Transportation Plan

March - April 2011

- Approve any revisions to UPWP and submit to DOT for approval

April 2011

- Submit municipal grant applications for senior and disabled transportation in the region

May - June 2011

- Solicit consultants for FY 2012 UPWP studies

May 2011

- Develop Section 5310 funding priorities for purchase of wheelchair accessible vehicles

March - June 2011

- Work closely with consultants to complete UPWP planning studies

July 2010 - June 2011

- Regular maintenance and amendments to Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

LAND USE PLANNING:

Due Date: Tasks:

July - September 2010

- Organize and update GIS data, zoning regulations/maps, Plans of Conservation and Development from all of the region's cities and towns

September 2010

- Prepare Sustainability Fact Sheet for Regional Planning Commission

October 2010

- Address vacancies on Regional Planning Commission

November 2010 - January 2011

- Plan and hold 2011 Regional Planning Commission Annual Meeting and Dinner

February - June 2011

- Begin initial stages of five-year update to the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development

REGIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY INITIATIVES

Due Date: Tasks:

September 2010

- Present proposal for regional SeeClickFix service
- Present proposal for regional bid matching service

September - October 2010

- Possible application to FEMA for Regional Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant

September - December 2010

- Meet with mayors and first selectmen and determine interest in regional housing, energy, recycling and other initiatives

January - June 2011

- Implement new service delivery initiatives



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Brownfield Projects

- EPA Representative Joe Ferrari visited the region on Tuesday, June 15 to review the REX brownfield projects
 - EPA requested updated reports for a number of existing RGP Brownfield projects
- 41 Haig Street in Hamden is being processed for foreclosure for nonpayment of property taxes. G. Weiner reported that if the foreclosure takes place as scheduled in October RGP will be repaid in full at the time of closing.

Business Development

- Continued to follow up to the two memos issued by Commissioner Joan McDonald regarding the status of CT's Economic Development Districts
 - Ned Moore (DECD) indicated on Monday, July 12, the DECD was nearing the end of its review process of the region's CEDS
 - Met with Richard Kearney, Middletown to discuss possibility of participating in the region's CEDS
- REDFO Hosted John Simone, Connecticut Mainstreet at its June 25th meeting
- Attending the Annual National Association of Development Organizations – August 2010

Marketing

- Launched the REX Development Brand
 - Continued distribution of REXDevelopment brochure at local events to create awareness about REX
- Launched the REX website on June 21
- Submitted a grant proposal to CL&P/Northeast Utilities to promote REX Development via social media – REX was not selected as the grant awardee
- Attended the US/China Life Sciences Symposium at Yale - June 22
- Attended Discover West Haven Day Trade Show– June 16
- Attended the Orange Economic Development Commission Trade Show – June 16
- To maintain market share, distributing weekly consumer topical e-blasts, refreshing visitNewHaven website and updating social media daily

Action Items

- Continue meetings with regional stakeholders and constituents
- Sustainability Grant Collaboration Submission with SCRCOG
- Continuing to move from 900 Chapel to the SCRCOG offices

July 2010 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	6/17/2010	City of Derby: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to Section 195-17 (D) to allow limited retail uses in the I- 1 Zoning District	Orange, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.2	6/24/10	Town of Hamden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to allow for the keeping of hens in the R1, R2, R3, R4, R5, T3 and T3.5 Zones	Bethany, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, Woodbridge	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 of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.3	6/24/10	Town of Hamden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to correct unintended omissions of text from prior regulations and other text. Proposed Amendments to correct typographical errors and simple omissions in several sections of the Town's Zoning Code	Bethany, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, Woodbridge	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 of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.