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Connecticut Transportation Updates



On June 25th, Commissioner Redeker announced a new CTDOT initiative “TransformCT” at Governor Malloy’s Commissioner Meetings at the Capital. This strategic planning initiative is actively looking for input from all stakeholders to develop a comprehensive transportation plan and vision that will meet the state’s needs now and in the future. TransformCT.org is one way of staying involved and being engaged throughout the process. All comments received will be reviewed and used to focus the conversation and refine the next round of TransformCT topics. Topics on TransformCT will be updated at regular intervals, or every 14-30 days. In addition to TransformCT.org, beginning this fall and through the 18-20 month-long process will be ample opportunity for face-to-face participation through stakeholder meetings, workshops, and special interest group meetings. The project management team at the DOT is currently scheduling its outreach activities and will consider attending community or organization-based events. Please login to www.TransformCT.org for regular updates and to hear about upcoming events. (source: David Elder, Project Manager, CTDOT)

TOD

The Hartford Courant July 12th Editorial column advocates for Transit Oriented Development and highlights the new Stamford initiative *Station Place* and the fact that Stamford has zoning and other regulations in place to support this type of development. They also note that in 2010 and 2011 Connecticut received \$16 million in TOD grants.

www.courant.com/.../editorials/hc-ed-transit-oriented-development



New Britain Downtown Development

CTfastrak is scheduled to open by 2015 and New Britain just received a \$500,000 state grant to plan their downtown development. The grant will be used to develop mixed-use opportunities near the busway route.

NEC Chair

DOT Commissioner Jim Redeker was recently named Chairman of the North East Corridor. The commission was created by Congress “to lead the development and implementation of a visionary, long-term, regional investment strategy for the Northeast Corridor.” http://www.nhhsrail.com/info_center/newsbriefs.aspx

“From 1995 through 2011, public transportation ridership increased by 34%—a growth rate higher than the 17% increase in U.S. population and higher than the 22% growth in the use of the nation’s highways over the same period.”

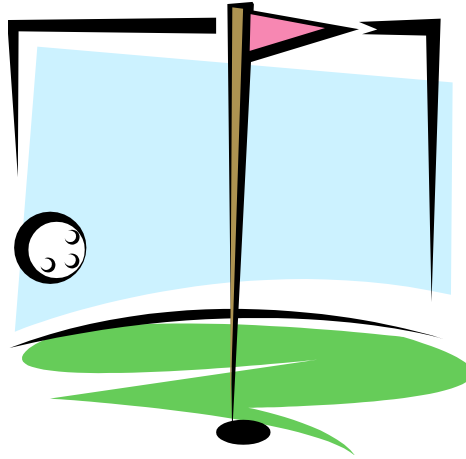
American Public Transportation Association

DOT Projects

On July 26th, the State Bond Commission approved \$537 million for DOT projects including bus and rail improvements, road and bridge work/repairs and deferred maintenance.

Advertising in the CACT Newsletter

CACT is now accepting ads for our monthly newsletter. The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ page \$100. CACT members receive a 10% discount. All ads must be submitted prior to the last week of the month to mary.cact@yahoo.com.



Golfers & Sponsors

You don't have to be Phil Mickelson to play in the CACT Golf Tournament on September 24 at Blue Fox Run Golf Course (<http://www.bluefoxent.com>) in Avon. But you do have to sign up in order to participate in this fun and exciting day. So what are you waiting for? Sign up today. Forms are on page 4. We have exciting trips to win and there will be great food (a continental breakfast to start, and a BBQ lunch along with a 1 ½ hour open bar), a Putting Contest, raffle and prizes. Sponsors are needed too. If you have any questions, contact our own "pro golfer" DJ Gonzalez 860-247-5329 x 3080 or "occasional golfer" Mary Tomolonius at 860-693-0368.

Understanding Map 21

Transportation for America has a 109 page handbook entitled "Making the Most of MAP-21." www.t4american.org/resources/map-21/handbook

What Are All These Acronyms

Every industry has their acronyms, and here are some for transit:

MPOs - *Metropolitan Planning Organizations*

RPO - *Regional Planning Organizations*

M.O.R.E. - *Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies Commission*

MAP-21 - *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act*

AASHTO - *American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials*

APTA - *American Public Transportation Association.*

BRT - *Bus Rapid Transit*

CTAA - *Community Transportation Association*

DAMIS - *Drug and Alcohol Management Information System*

FHWA - *Federal Highway Administration*

JARC - *Job Access and Reverse Commute*

NEPTA - *NorthEast Passenger Transportation Association*

NHTSA - *National Highway Traffic Safety Administration*

RTAP - *Rural Transportation Assistance Program*

TSA - *Transportation Security Administration*

ZEV - *Zero Emissions Vehicle*

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx in CT

Secretary Fox was in Connecticut on July 22 meeting with the Governor, the Congressional delegation and others who urged for more transportation funding and approval for federal grants so rail projects can begin. "The Northeast Corridor is the busiest railroad in America," Foxx said.

“Investing in our transportation infrastructure is about more than simply just moving goods and people across the state – it’s about making sure that we not only build just roads and highways, but accessible communities that people want to live and raise their families in.”

Congressman Chris Murohv



CACT Member Highlight

Lou Schulman

Lou has been the Norwalk Transit District Administrator/Chief Executive of the Norwalk Transit District; a public agency providing bus and Para-transit services throughout southwestern Connecticut since 1976. He served as the Administrative Director, Executive Director of Operation SPEAR from 1971 – 1976. Lou was the Administrative Director and then Chief Executive of Administrative Assistant for Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now from 1970 – 1971 Norwalk’s anti-poverty agency. Lou has also served as a board member on the Metropolitan Planning Organization of Southwestern Connecticut, Human Services Council of Southwestern Connecticut, Southwestern Regional Mental Health Board, Norwalk Senior Center and the Leadership Council Greater Norwalk Regional Alliance to Prevent and End Homelessness. Lou is the former chair and a member of the Connecticut Association for Community Transportation and serves on the CACT Legislative Committee. He is also a member of the Transit for Connecticut, Legislative Committee. Lou received his BA and MA from Queens College of the City University of New York.

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