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## February 2015 Newsletter

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## Connecticut Transportation Updates



### Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> - Annual Legislative Breakfast

On Wednesday, February 25, CACT and WTS will be co-sponsoring our Annual Legislative Breakfast in the Old Judiciary Room at the State Capitol. Deputy DOT Commissioner Anna Barry will be the keynote speaker, articulating the core values for DOT, the progress made in 2014 along with an update on the budget.

Registration is encouraged and attendees can send an email registration with their name, phone number, employer and email address to: [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com) OR register via the link: <https://eventbrite.com/event/15444507939/>.

Registration is at 8:30 am and a continental breakfast will be served. The program runs from 9:00 – 10:00 am. Mark your calendars!

Be sure to contact your legislator(s) and invite them to attend this important event.

### Legislative Alert

Proposed: HB 6334, Introduced by Rep. Johnson, 49<sup>th</sup> District.  
Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation, January 22, 2015.

**TITLE: AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC TRANSIT COORDINATION.**

*Statement of Purpose:* To require the coordination of public transportation services in eastern Connecticut.

Proposed S.B. No. 262, Introduced by Sen. Catherine A. Osten, 19<sup>th</sup> District

Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation, January 21, 2015.

**Title: AN ACT CONCERNING PERIODIC INSPECTIONS OF PUBLIC TRANSIT BUSES.**

*Statement of Purpose:* To require vehicles that provide public transportation to be inspected just as intrastate and interstate bus companies are.

Proposed SB478, Introduced by Sen. Hartley, 15<sup>th</sup> District

Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation, January 22, 2015.

**Title: An act concerning an expansion of bus service in Waterbury**

*Statement of Purpose:* To extend bus service to the under-served Lakewood Road and Wolcott Street Area and in so doing provide access to employment, shopping destinations and elderly and low-income. The service will provide improved passenger amenities by relieving overcrowding on two of the busiest bus routes in the Waterbury Connecticut Transit division and improving pedestrian safety.

Proposed SB834, Introduced by Sen. Linares, 33<sup>rd</sup> District

Referred to Joint Committee on Transportation, January 28, 2015.

**Title: An act concerning the 9-Town Transit System.**

*Statement of Purpose:* To require the Department of Transportation to work with 9-town transit system to resolve scheduling and overcapacity issues. Introduced by Sen. Linares.

## CACT Member Highlight



**Mario Marrero, Senior Transportation Planner, Capitol Region Council of Governments (CROG)**

Mario was born and raised in Connecticut and attended the University of Connecticut as a scholar/athlete playing football where he earned All-American status. Mario has been married for the past 27 years to his wife, Annette and they have raised a daughter, Nicole. Nicole is currently a mathematics major attending Keene State College and is an All-New England javelin thrower on the track team. In his spare time Mario is a huge Disney fan and maintains his own fan sites. He also coaches high school track and field in Bristol.

Mario started in transportation by working for the United Parcel Service. He quickly moved to delivery supervisor and then assistant manager position at various locations throughout the state. Mario then transitioned to Aetna as Director of Transportation heading up parking, transportation and shuttles at the Hartford and Blue Bell, PA campuses. He was awarded Aetna's Circle of Excellence award for his actions in reducing costs and increasing services within eight months of his arrival. Under his direction, his staff also received Motor Transport Association of CT's driver safety awards for three consecutive years.

For the past 16 years Mario has been managing CROG's nationally recognized Access to Jobs program. He oversees the coalition of job development agencies, transportation providers, and state government agencies whose main focus is to provide transportation services to Jobs First Employment Services (JFES) clients, Temporary Family Assistance (TFA) clients and low-income individuals by enhancing public transit services to welfare recipients and other low-income populations for the purposes of commuting to places of employment or employment related activities.

### CACT Member Highlights

If you or a staff member would like to be featured in an upcoming issue, please send your bio and a jpeg photo to Mary Tomolonius at [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com).

### Advertising in the CACT 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](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com).

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## Federal Funding

The MAP-21 reauthorization bill ends on May 31, 2015. It's important to contact your congressmen and senator and let them know what the impact will be if this funding is not reauthorized.

Connecticut needs a stable and sustainable source of transportation funding.

## Farewell

Alan Naudus, Operations Manager at Greater New Haven Transit District, retired last month after a lengthy career in transportation. Alan served on the CACT board as both a member and President and his knowledge, wisdom and sense of humor was much appreciated and will be missed. Thanks Alan for all of your contributions to CACT.

*"Today, I am proposing that Connecticut create a secure transportation lock box that will ensure every single dollar raised for transportation is spent on transportation, now and into the future..."*

Governor Malloy's  
State of the State Address  
January 7, 2015

## Calendar

**Wednesday, Feb. 18, Governor Malloy Presents his budget to the General Assembly.** State Capitol, Hartford.

**Wednesday, Feb. 25, 9:00 am. CACT & WTS Annual Legislative Breakfast,** Old Judiciary Room at the state capitol. CONNDOT Deputy Commissioner Anna Barry will be the main speaker. Registration 8:30 am. To register email: [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com). Space limited.

Registration Link: <https://eventbrite.com/event/15444507939/>

**Tuesday, Mar. 24, & Wednesday, Mar. 25, 9:00 am. NEPTA Conference and Expo,** Hartford Marriott, Hartford. Registration and further information: [www.nepta.org](http://www.nepta.org) or 800-637-8201.

**Wednesday, April 1, 9:00 am. Understanding ADA.** Greater Hartford Transit District. (8:30 am registration, 9-1pm workshop). Reservations required since space is limited. The event is free, so sign up today. [Mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:Mary.cact@yahoo.com) or call 860-693-0368. Registration Link: <https://eventbrite.com/event/15555258196/>

**Thursday, April 9. . APTA Stand up for Transportation Day..**

**Tuesday, June 2 & June 3, 1 ½ day workshop. Developing a Transit Emergency Management Plan.**(June 2, 8:30 registration, 9-5 workshop. June 3, 8:30 registration, 9-12 noon workshop) Greater New Haven Transit District, 1014 Sherman Ave., Hamden. The event is free, so sign up today. [Mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:Mary.cact@yahoo.com) or call 860-693-0368.

Registration Link: <https://eventbrite.com/event/15555713558/>

**Wednesday, June 23, 11:30 am. CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon.** Indian Hill Country Club, 111 Golf St., Newington, CT.

Registration Link: <https://eventbrite.com/event/15617635769/>

## Understanding ADA Course

On Wednesday, April 1, CACT will be offering the "Understanding ADA" course at Greater Hartford Transit District, 1 Union Place, Hartford, CT. Registration begins at 12:30 pm and the course runs from 1-5 pm. The instructor, Paul J. Larrousse serves as the Director of the National Transit Institute in the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. Prior to becoming the NTI director, Mr. Larrousse served as the general manager of the Madison Metro System in Wisconsin. Under his leadership, transit ridership increased over 30% and the system was reorganized with the construction of 4 transfer stations. Before Madison Metro, Mr. Larrousse served as the initial general manager and led the start-up of the Waukesha Metro Transit System in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Mr. Larrousse serves as Chair Middlesex County NJ Transportation Coordinating Committee, the East Brunswick Township NJ Traffic Advisory Board and is involved on APTA and TRRP Committees.

This workshop will teach transit providers about the legal background of ADA and Paratransit requirements. You will learn about the ADA legal requirements that apply to public and private transportation; the criteria for complementary paratransit service; requirements for existing and new transportation facilities; compliance and enforcement responsibilities for FTA, DOT and DOJ; and more.

See registration above under Calendar.

## CACT Excellence in Transportation Award

Start thinking about which employees you'd like to nominate for the CACT Excellence in Transportation Award which is given each year at the Annual Meeting