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**Connecticut Transportation Updates**



Top L to r: Governor Malloy; Don Shubert, Commissioner Redeker, Joe McGee, Doug Hausladen, Veronica Vanterpol; Karen Burnaska  
L to r: Doug Hausladen, Veronica Vanterpol, James Corless; Audience

**December Transportation Investment Forum**

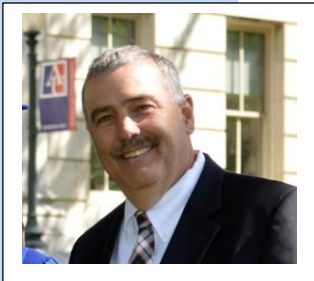
“Keeping Transportation Investment on Track in Connecticut” held on Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Legislative Office Building was quite a success. The event was co-sponsored by the Capital Region Council of Governments (CROG), Connecticut Association for Community Transportation (CACT), Connecticut Construction Industries Association (CCIA), Transit for CT, CT Fund for The Environment (CFE) and Tri-State Transportation Campaign.

“Transportation is critical to business” said James Corless (TFA) and “we’ve been duct taping our way to fund transportation.” He noted that 23 states have increased transit funding since 2012, including Virginia, which passed a series of state transportation bills; Wisconsin, where the Governor raised the gas tax by .10/gallon and Utah which approved a .5/gallon increase starting this year.

Governor Malloy said an “ transportation investment over time positions Connecticut to be competitive”, noting the recently passed ½ cent per gallon increase dedicated to transportation. The lockbox “is not about tolls, it’s about transportation.” Commissioner Redeker noted that over 80% of all businesses look at transportation as critical to the economy, and the cost of not investing in transportation costs \$4.2 million. Joe McGee, Business Council of Fairfield County talked about the need to have more frequent and faster trains to Manhattan. Doug Hausladen, N.H. Dept. of Transportation noted that New Haven is #2 in job growth in the country and that “planning is everything when it comes to transportation.” Veronica Vanterpol, Tri-State Transportation Campaign said 78% of Connecticut residents drive to work and 3.5% of Connecticut can’t afford a car. Commissioner Redeker reiterated the need that “we need to work all together and be on the same page” urging the audience to read and familiarize themselves with the *Let’s Go CT* program.

Lyle Wray, CRCOT, provided a wrap up on the current transportation activities and noted everyone is waiting for the final recommendations from the Governor’s Finance Panel. Karen Burnaska, Transit for CT, thanked the speakers and audience and reminded everyone how critical the need is for Connecticut to invest in transportation for the future, for the economy, for congestion and the environment.

(You can view the forum on CT-N)



## CACT Member Highlight

### Dennis Jolly, STV, Project Manager & Planner

STV, is a leading Transit facility consulting firm providing engineering, planning, architectural, environmental and construction management services for transportation systems and infrastructure for more than 100 years. Jolly has 35 years of experience overseeing transportation planning and capital programs, primarily for the Connecticut Department of Transportation which he joined shortly after graduating from the University of Connecticut.

During his tenure with ConnDOT, Jolly led the Program Design and Project Implementation division and programmed and oversaw major statewide transportation bus capital improvements. Jolly promoted the use of efficient and clean public transportation alternatives in Connecticut and developed innovative programs including the acquisition of hybrid electric buses and implementation of intelligent transportation systems. Dennis was also responsible for the regulatory compliance and community advocacy units as well as the Ridesharing and Telecommute Connecticut Program.

Most recently, Jolly has been analyzing parking options and transit coordination as part of Connecticut's initiative to launch commuter rail service on the 62-mile New Haven-Hartford-Springfield line. The new line includes the construction of five new stations and modifications to six existing stations along with other infrastructure improvements. He will also soon be working on the CT Transit Hartford Facility assessment and the Greater Hartford Transit District's Union Station Master Plan.

Jolly, 59, lives in Hebron with his wife Donna. The couple has two grown children and two grandchildren.

### CACT Member Highlights

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## CACT Board

On December 17<sup>th</sup>, the CACT membership unanimously appointed Barbara Kalosky, North East Transportation Co., Vice President, to fill the vacancy left by Brandon Fosters' resignation.

## Gas price

For the first time since 2009 gas is below \$2/gallon.

## Save The Date

The *Annual Legislative Breakfast* sponsored by CACT and WTS will be held on **Tuesday, Feb. 23** at the State Capitol, Old Judiciary Room with featured speaker Commissioner Redeker. Registration/check in 8:30 am; program 9-10 am) To register or for more into email: [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com) or 860-693-0368.

## Connecticut Wage Withholding Deadline Information

State of Connecticut employers must now electronically submit to the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) copies of federal **Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement**, and **Form CT W-3, Connecticut Annual Reconciliation of Withholding**, by January 31st.  
-CT Dept. of Revenue Services

**Congress recently passed a five-year, \$300 billion transportation bill.**

## Calendar

- **Wed., Jan. 13 4-7 pm FRA public Forum on the NEC Future Draft Environmental Impact Statement.** Brief presentations at 4:30 and 6:00 at the Lyceum, Hartford
- **Thurs., Jan. 21, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting,** MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown
- **Wed., Feb. 4, 2016, Legislative Session convenes**
- **Thurs., Feb. 18, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting,** MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown
- **Tues., Feb. 23, 2016, 9:00 am Annual Legislative Breakfast,** Old Judiciary Room (registration 8:30)
- **Thurs., Mar. 17, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting,** MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown
- **Wed., Apr. 20, 2016, 9:00 am Understanding ADA workshop,** GHDT
- **Thurs., Apr. 21, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting,** MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown
- **Thurs., May 19, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting,** MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown
- **Thurs., Jun. 16, 2016, 9:30 am, CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting,** MAT Maintenance Facility, 91 North Main St, Middletown
- **Wed., June 22, 2016, 11:30 am, Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon**
- **Tues., Sept., 2016, 9:00 am, Annual Golf Tournament,** Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon (registration 8:30 am)

## Hartford Transit Study Meetings

As part of CRCOG's Hartford Transit Study, they will be hosting the following meetings:

**Tues. Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>:** Goodwin College, Community Room, 1 Riverside Dr., East Hartford, 11:00am to 1:00pm; Whiton Memorial Library, Auditorium, 100 N. Main St. Manchester, 5:00pm to 7:00pm (NOTE: These two meetings will also include a presentation about the CTfastrak East Study)

**Wed., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Hartford Public Library, Center for Contemporary Culture, 500 Main St., Hartford, 11am-1pm; Elmwood Community Center, Room 29/211, 1106 New Britain Ave, West Hartford.

**Thurs., Jan. 21:** Windsor Town Hall, Ludlow Room, 275 Broad St., Windsor, 5-7 pm.

*\*In the event of severe weather, the meetings scheduled for January 19 will be held on on January 26; the meetings scheduled for January 20 will be held on January 27; and the meetings scheduled for January 21 will be held on January 28*

## Bus Expansion Study

The South Windsor Mass Transit and Highway Advisory has recently initiated a study of expanding routes in town and connecting to CTfastrak East. The town website has a survey on the potential expansion.

## FAST Act

The Community Transportation Association (CTAA) has a complete list of the FAST Act including an analysis, program and state allocations, program comparison graphs, conference report, house and senate votes and comments submitted to FTA for the transit asset management (TAM) plans. To access go to [www.ctaa.org](http://www.ctaa.org).

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