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## Connecticut Transportation Updates

### Legislative Budget Passes, TEIP Funds Reduced

On March 27, the Appropriations Committee voted on Midterm Adjustments to their budget. TEIP funding in the DSS budget was reduced by \$1,000,000.

On Saturday evening May 3<sup>rd</sup> both the House and Senate approved an \$18.9 billion budget that added \$500,000 for TEIP funding in the DSS budget.



*Panelists (l to r):  
Mike Sanders, Sam  
Gold, Catherine  
Awwad, Nora  
Duncan, Barbara  
Kalosky, Jim Troup.*

### Transit Roundtable in Waterbury A Success

CACT, Transit for Connecticut, AARP and North East Transportation Co. sponsored a *Transit Roundtable Successes, Challenges and Your Community* on Wednesday, April 23 at Naugatuck Valley Community College. The panelists were Nora Duncan, AARP; Catherine Awwad, *Northwest Reg. Workforce Investment Board, Inc.*; Jonathan Rubell, *The Kennedy Center*; Barbara Kalosky, *North East Transportation Co.*; Sam Gold, *COG of Central Naugatuck Valley*; Mike Sanders, *ConnDOT Transit and Ridesharing Administration*; and Jim Troup Naugatuck Community College.

Introductory Remarks were given by Waterbury Alderman Christopher Ursini, Karen Burnaska from Transit for CT, Kenny Curran, State Director for Senator Murphy and Stephanie Podewell from Congresswoman Elizabeth Esty's office. Mary Tomolonius from CACT introduced the panelists.

NVCC Provost Jim Troup discussed the importance of the UPASS (\$10 per student registration fee) which offers free unlimited bus rides as long as a student is in college, noting that 20% of Waterbury households do not have a car. Jim would like to see a shuttle bus from NVCC to the Danbury Center of NVCC thus allowing more students to take courses in Waterbury.

NETCo General Manager Barbara Kalosky provided an overview of the new transportation options offered in Waterbury including Sunday service, Saturday service to Meriden, and Evening Service, all service provided with 82 buses both fixed and paratransit, and with ridership up 50%. Barbara said the service was "reliable, efficient and affordable", but need to keep current services funded, need funds to maintain and bus shelters to provide a comfortable place to wait.

Mobility Manager Jonathan Rubell said The Kennedy Center provided one-on-one training, travel training and outreach. "We try to educate to people to try and take the mystery out of taking public transportation".

"What's good for a 9 year old is good for a 90 year old", said ARP State Director Nora

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### CACT Member Highlight



**Barbara Kalosky, General Manager, North East Transportation**  
 Barbara has been in the transportation industry with North East Transportation Company, in Waterbury for over 26 years.

Barbara started with North East as a bookkeeper in 1987 working her way up to her current position as General Manager. She moved to assistant Accountant in 1994, Paratransit Operations Manager in 2000, to General Manager in 2003.

Barbara has experienced much of the inner workings of a transportation company from finance to customer service and dispatching, contracts, union negotiations, training and operational. Her first hand experiences have proved to be very advantageous in her capacity as General Manager.

During her years with North East, she has been instrumental in working with the Ct. Department of Transportation to implement additional services through the New Freedoms and Municipal Grants Programs as well as Sunday and evening bus and paratransit services in Waterbury.

Barbara enjoys going to work every day and feels rewarded to be able to provide such vital services to the general public, elderly and disabled. She plans to continue her work in the transportation industry until the time and age of her retirement.

### 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; 1/2 page \$150; and 1/4 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).

### GNHTD Offered Transit Workshops to Students

In the true spirit of community collaboration, the Greater New Haven Transit District offered their expertise to Gateway Community College's Transportation Career Trainee Program in April. Greater New Haven Transit District hosted nineteen students offering them first-hand experience with maintenance and operations staff on hand to provide their guests with information about different job opportunities and a "day in the life" overview of repair and maintenance in the real world. "We were delighted that the Gateway Community College offered to involve us with their students and we look forward to taking this collaboration to the next level," said Donna Carter, GNHTD Executive Director.

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## Transportation Guidebook



The "Know How To Go" Guidebook for transportation resources in southwestern Connecticut is now available.

The guide was funded under the New Freedom Program and produced by The Kennedy Center "with support from planning organizations and stakeholders who participated in the development of the Bridgeport/Stamford Urbanized Area's Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. It's a comprehensive colorful guide in large type for people with disabilities, veterans and seniors with explanations about the types of transit services available, transit agency phone numbers, service areas and contact information.

The guide is available in hard copy by calling The Kennedy Center at 203-365-8522 x. 263 or more info is available at [www.knowhowtogoct.org.org](http://www.knowhowtogoct.org.org).

## NEPTA Golf

NEPTA Scholarship Golf Tournament - Tuesday, June 17 at the Blackstone National Golf Course in Sutton, Massachusetts. For info: visit [www.nepta.org](http://www.nepta.org) or call 800-637-8201.

## Flower Street Public Info Meeting

**Monday May 12, 2014**  
'Open house' from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Presentation at 6:15 p.m. The Lyceum Resource and Conference Center, 227 Lawrence Street Hartford.

## DID YOU REGISTER FOR THE CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon Wednesday, June 25 ~ 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Indian Hill Country Club, 1 Golf St., Newington

### Calendar

**Thursday, May 15, 9:00 am.** CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, Middletown Area Transit.

**Wednesday, May 28, 10:30 am.** DOT Quarterly Meeting, DOT Headquarters, Newington

**Saturday, May 31.** Statewide Bus Rodeo Practice Day, Buckland Park & Ride Lot, Manchester.

**Sunday, June 1,** Statewide Bus Rodeo, Buckland Park & Ride Lot, Manchester.

**Wednesday June 25, 11:30 a.m.** CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon, Indian Hill Country Club, 1 Golf St., Newington, CT.

**Sunday, Aug. 3- Tuesday, Aug. 5..** "Sustainability & Public Transportation Workshop", Omni Parker Hotel, Boston. [kbella@apta.com](mailto:kbella@apta.com)

### Transit Roundtable *(continued from page 1)*

Duncan, "Part of the planning process doesn't consider the needs of older residents and the fact that people want to age in place". Nora gave an overview of the Complete Streets Program they conducted in the East Street Area of Bridgeport discovering many issues including the lack of handicapped cuts in sidewalks.

"Waterbury unemployment is the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest in the state" said Executive Director Cathy Awwad. The TEIP funding provides 1000 low income workers with transportation to work and "any further cuts would affect the low wage workers". Employers are searching for creative ways to provide transportation to meet their employee needs.

"The Naugatuck Valley region is becoming a net exporter of people, with more people going to Hartford" said COGCNV Executive Director Sam Gold. "CTfastrak is the most substantial transit project offering exciting new opportunities". COGCNV has been working on various projects including Complete Streets, getting bus stop signs installed in Waterbury, having 211 provide transportation info to callers, looking at other connection opportunities and optimizing rail service for the area.

"Partnerships are what make things happen" said ConnDOT Transit and Ridesharing Administrator Mike Sanders, "You need to bring the right people to the table....the Job Access Program began 15 years ago to meet the needs of workers getting to their jobs". The TransformCT, project will assist DOT by developing a strategic, policy and budget document that will quantify the value and benefits of public transportation to taxpayers.

A question, answer and comment period followed the presentations with Karen Burnaska thanking everyone for their participation.

### New Transit Center

The Nash-Zimmer Transportation Center opened at the Storrs Center in Mansfield in April. The intermodal facility connects interstate, regional and local bus lines with UCONN's student transportation network and provides bike storage, vehicle parking and transportation updates in real time.



# 2014 CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon Registration Form

**Wednesday, June 25, 2014 11:30 am –1:30 pm**

**Indian Hill Country Club, 111 Golf Street, Newington, CT**

For directions, visit: <http://www.indianhillbanquets.com/directions/directions.html>

*You are cordially invited to join CACT in recognizing the individuals who have contributed to promoting and improving public transportation in Connecticut. Celebrate progress and recognize the individuals whose achievements and actions make a difference in public transportation.*

The **Excellence in Transportation Award** will be given to persons who excel at their jobs in transportation at member organizations.

The **Friend of Public Transportation Award** will be given in recognition of outstanding leadership and dedication to the enhancement of public transportation in the State of Connecticut.

The CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon registration and luncheon fee is **\$45.00 per person and \$80 for Excellence in Transportation Awardees**. Luncheon Registration deadline is June 18, 2014.



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## 2014 CACT ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

<p>Name _____</p> <p>Organization or Agency _____</p> <p>E-mail address _____</p> <p>Contact Phone Number _____</p> <p><i>Please check your entrée choice. Meal includes salad, entrée &amp; dessert.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marinated Flank Steak</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Asiago w/prosciutto &amp; roasted peppers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Florentine in Puff Pastry</p> <p><b>Make check payable to:</b> Connecticut Association for Community Transportation (CACT)</p> <p><b>Return check &amp; registration form to:</b> CACT, 148 Bahre Corner Road, Canton, CT 06019</p>	<p><b>ATTENDEES:</b>                  Registration &amp; Lunch # attending _____                  (@ \$45 each)</p> <p>Excellence in Transportation Awardees, # attending _____                  (@\$80 each)</p> <p><b>TOTAL # Attendees</b> _____</p> <p><b>COSTS:</b>                  TOTAL Luncheon @ \$45 ea. \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL Excellence Awardees @80 ea. \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL Sponsorship (if applicable) \$ _____</p> <p><b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b> \$ _____</p> <p>Check #: _____</p>
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## 2014 CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon Awards Nomination Form For CACT Members

*Celebrate our progress in promoting and improving public transportation in Connecticut at the Annual CACT Meeting & Awards Luncheon on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014 and thank the people who have helped us succeed. All CACT members are invited to nominate an individual or individuals to receive the following awards at the Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon.*

### 2014 Excellence in Transportation Award

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 30, 2014**

You can recognize as many individuals from your agency as you want.

**COST:** \$80 for the Award, Awardees lunch, program booklet

**SUBMIT:** jpeg photo of awardee (labeled with nominee's name) & brief one page description about why the individual is being selected.

**EMAIL INFO TO:** [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com)

The *Excellence in Transportation Award* is given by CACT members to recognize the people within their agency who excel at their jobs in transportation but rarely have a formal recognition of their efforts by those in the public transportation industry. Honor individuals from your agency with this award and let everyone experience their appreciative smiles and heartfelt thanks at the Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon. Then you just sit back and bask in the glow of your award recipient.

**(Please copy this form for additional awardees)**

Nominee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

- Included a jpeg of nominee, properly labeled (sent via email [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com) )
- Included no more than a one page brief description (sent via email [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com) )
- SENT CHECK** (\$80 for *each* awardee) to CACT, 148 Bahre Corner Rd, Canton, CT 06019

### 2014 Friend of Public Transportation Award

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 30, 2014**

**EMAIL INFO TO:** [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com)

The *Friend of Public Transportation Award* is given in recognition of outstanding leadership and dedication to the enhancement of public transportation in the State of Connecticut. CACT members may submit a nomination for the Award by May 30. Typically 3 awards are given in this category each year.

Nomination Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's email address \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency/Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Included a one page brief description on why this individual deserves the award  
(sent via email- [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com) )



# Have you renewed your CACT membership?

## 2014 CACT MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

*Sincere thanks to everyone who's renewed their Membership for the year.  
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- A2. Large Transportation Agency \$200 + **\$8.50 per vehicle** \_\_\_\_\_ # of vehicles
- A3. Broker \$200
- B1. Community Agency \$125
- B2. National/State/Regional Organization \$125
- C. Business Member \$200
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