



Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

June 24 at Indian Hill Country Club, Newington

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Connecticut Transportation Updates



Stand Up 4 Transportation

On April 9th, the Great Hall at Union Station in Hartford was filled with transit advocates, construction workers, legislators, and transit agencies who were there to show their support for reauthorizing federal transportation funding as part of APTA's *Stand Up 4 Transportation*, a National Day of Advocacy event.

Featured speakers included Governor Malloy, Lieutenant Governor Wyman, Senator Murphy, Congresswoman Esty, Commissioner Redeker, and GBT CEO Doug Holcomb who all noted the need to reauthorize MAP-21 funding before May 31.

"What I am advocating is a dependable source to fund transportation...and how that gets done is up to Congress" said Governor Malloy.

"As you have heard this morning, we are fortunate in Connecticut to have leadership and a delegation that understands the importance of this work, is concerned about the future and needs no persuasion in this regard. We should be doing all we can to support their efforts to deliver such a program and help to answer the seemingly perplexing question of how to fund it - to provide stability to the transportation fund and find new and innovative partnerships to make the work before us possible" said GBT CEO Doug Holcomb.

Metro North News

Metro-North New Haven Line saw a 1.6% increase in riders in 2014 for a total of 39.6 riders with overall ridership on Metro-North up by 1.5%. On Friday, April 24, 2015, Connecticut and New York officials announced the federal government loan of \$1.6 billion was awarded to purchase a high tech GPS safety system on Long Island and Metro-North railroads.



CACT Member Highlight

Jennifer Carrier, Director of Transportation, CROG

Jennifer Carrier is responsible for managing the transportation functions of CROG and working closely with the 38 local elected officials and municipal engineers in the Capitol Region. Jennifer is involved in many transportation projects throughout the Capitol Region such the reconstruction of the Interstate 84 Viaduct in Hartford, transit planning and enhancements, jobs access and the programming of capital funds to municipalities. In addition to these efforts, she manages a number of federal initiatives including preparing the Long Range Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program. Prior to working at CROG, Jennifer was a Transportation Consultant involved in traffic engineering and planning projects.

Jennifer is a member of UConn's Technology Transfer Center subcommittees, a member of the University of Hartford's Civil Engineering Advisory Board, and a member of CT's State Transportation Innovation Council. She is a past president of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and a licensed Professional Engineer in Connecticut.

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.

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.

NEW! Job Postings in Newsletter

We are adding a new feature to our monthly newsletter: Job Postings. If you have an opening at your organization, let us know and we will include it in our newsletter. All postings must be emailed 7 days before the end of the month.

CTRTP Spring Conference a Success

The 2nd Annual CTRTP Conference at DOT featured 3 Sessions with *Wheelchair Securement* by Lisa Barney and Ed Simoncini; *Marketing for Transit* by Doug Holcomb and Susan Rubinsky and *Providing Exceptional Customer Service in Transit* by Terri Paige. If you are interested in getting the handouts from the sessions, contact Michele Brooks at Michele@ctrtp.org.

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Have you Nominated Your Employee (s) for the CACT Excellence in Transportation Award

The CACT *Excellence in Transportation Award* is presented each year at the Annual Meeting in June. You may nominate more than one employee. Awardees will be recognized at the luncheon and presented with a plaque for their service.

"We must get serious about presenting a plan to the legislature about what a finance package over the long haul would be like.... We realistically need a cohesive, coordinated strategy, a system that can withstand the needs of these improvements over the long term."

Governor Malloy
at April 28th, Transportation Finance
Panel's Meeting

Calendar

- **Thursday, May 7, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. FTA Bus Safety Oversight Program,** GNHTD, 1014 Sherman Ave., Hamden. To register: mary.cact@yahoo.com
- **May 11-15. CTRides Week.** 1-877-CTrides (1-877-287-4337)
- **May 15. Bike to Work Day.** www.bikewalkct.org
- **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 or call 860-693-0368.
- **Sunday, June 7, The 2015 Annual Connecticut Statewide Bus Roadeo,** Manchester Commuter Lot. Registration www.ctrtap.org or call 860-348-8879.
- **Mon. June 22 & Tues. June 23. 9:00-5:00. Certified Safety & Security Officer Program Training- A Two-Day Course.** To register: mary.cact@yahoo.com
- **Wednesday, June 24, 11:30 am. CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon.** Indian Hill Country Club, 111 Golf St., Newington, CT. Registration Forms on www.cact.info
- **Tuesday, September 22, Annual CACT Golf Tournament.** 18-hole tournament, Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon.

CPTC Public Hearings

The commission will hold public hearings on Tuesday, **May 5**, Norwich City Hall, Room 335, 100 Broadway, Norwich; Wednesday, **May 13**, Plainville Municipal Center, Council Chambers, Room 304, 1 Central Sq., Plainville and Wednesday, **June 3**, Hamden Government Center, 3rd Floor Conference Room, 2750 Dixwell Ave., Hamden.

Public Transit 101

The Kennedy Center will be presenting Public Transit 101 where attendees will learn about online trip planning, accessibility of vehicles, how to qualify for reduced fare, free assistance to help you use public transportation with a special emphasis on CTfastrak. Space is limited so register early. The classes are on **June 10**, 1:00-3:00 pm, GHTD, 1 Union Place, Hartford and **June 23**, 10 am-12noon, New Britain Senior Center. Send your name, title, email, organization or agency, address, phone, fax, special accommodations needed to Pat Manzi, fax: 203-365-8533; email: pmanzi@kennedyctr.org; phone: 203-365-8522 x273

Transportation Finance Panel Begins

The Governor's Transportation Finance Panel is a nonpartisan working group comprised of experts in transportation, finance, and economic development. The members: **Cameron Staples** (Chair): President and CEO, New England Association of Schools and Colleges; **Beth Osborne**: Senior Policy Advisor, Transportation for America; **William Bonvillian**: Director, Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Washington, D.C. Office; **Joan Carty**: President and CEO, Housing Development Fund; **Bert Hunter**: Chief Investment Officer, Connecticut Green Bank; **Oz Griebel**: President and CEO, MetroHartford Alliance; **Paul Timpanelli**: President and CEO, Bridgeport Regional Business Council; **Stanley Mickus**: Marketing and Public Affairs, Cross Sound Ferry Services and **Emil Frankel**: Consultant on transportation policy; Former Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Transportation.

The next meeting will be on May 18th in Hartford. Other meetings are scheduled