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Connecticut Transportation Updates

Drug & Alcohol Testing Consortium TPA Meeting

Kim Dunham, Connecticut Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium Coordinator, announced that they will be hosting a TPA Transition Meeting and request the presence of all DAPMs and invite any additional staff that are involved in the administration of the Drug and Alcohol Testing Program to attend. The event is on Tuesday, June 11th from 10:00 a.m. –12 noon at the Connecticut Department of Transportation, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT. “This will be an extremely important meeting, as we will be working with a new TPA effective July 1, 2013 and many program administration changes will occur. New Policy Distribution, Contact Information, Client Portal Training, etc. will be reviewed” said Kim. For further information contact Kim at (860) 247-5329 or kdunham@ghtd.org.

Bike Walk Connecticut

May is National Bike Month and Connecticut is celebrating this event with *Bike to Work Week* May 13-17 and *Bike to Work Day* on May 17. For further information about how to participate to www.bikewalkconnecticut.org.

WTS Award

On April 11th the WTS Connecticut Chapter held their Annual Awards and Scholarship Banquet. The keynote speaker was DMV Commissioner Melody Currey who assured everyone that DMV was changing the way they did business to make their services more accessible and timely. The Woman of the Year Award was presented by CACT Executive Director Mary Tomolonius to Cheryl Malerba from CTDOT. The Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award was presented by GBT HR Manager Crystal Engram to JobLinks of Northwest Connecticut Coordinator, Carolann Beleferti, Congratulations to the awardees!

Volunteers Needed for Annual Bus Roadeo

The always exciting Annual Bus Roadeo is Sunday, June 9, and volunteers are needed to help score the roadeo contestants. Registration starts at 8am with the competition beginning at approximately 8:45am. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Cathy Gross at cgross@cttransit.com or by phone at 860 707 1221.

National Roadeo

The Community Transportation Association announced the 24th Annual National Community Transportation Roadeo is being held on June 1-2 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. To register to be a competitor (drivers do not need to have won a state or local roadeo to compete) or volunteer to judge go to www.cgtaa.org/roadeo.

Connecticut RTAP

Cindy Frene and Michele Brooks from TransAction Associates, Inc, Woburn, MA were awarded the RTAP contract by DOT and have begun visiting all the rural transit agencies to better understand their needs and operations.

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 camera ready in either a tiff or jpeg format and received by the 25th of each month. The newsletter is emailed during the first week of each month. Email your ad to: mary.cact@yahoo.com

CACT Membership Dues

We've had an excellent Membership Dues Drive this year and want to thank everyone who has sent their dues in to date. We want to remind everyone else to please mail in your dues. If you are interested in becoming a member, the information and Membership Dues Forms are available on our website: www.cact.info.

New Transportation Secretary Nominated

President Barack Obama nominated Charlotte, North Carolina Mayor Anthony Foxx to replace Ray LaHood for Transportation Secretary. The nomination now goes to the Senate for confirmation. During LaHood's tenure more than 6,000 miles of rail were upgraded and invested \$7.9 billion to build new transit rail and bus infrastructure projects across the country.

FTA Reviews

Michael Guerrero, CTDOT announced that the FTA reviews have been rescheduled for the end of June and all agencies should have appropriate staff to assist with the audit.



SAVE THE DATE

1st Annual CACT Golf Tournament

Tues., Sept. 24, 2013

Blue Fox Run Golf Course

Avon, CT

8:00 am – Registration, includes continental breakfast

8– 9:00 am —Putting Contest

9:00 am – Shotgun Scramble

Barbecue Luncheon w/ 1 ½ hour open bar

We are looking for Golfers, Sponsors & Volunteers

For more information contact: CACT Golf Chair DJ Gonzalez at 860-247-5329 x3080 or DJGonzalez@ghtd.org. CACT Executive Director Mary Tomolonius 860-693-0368 or Mary.cact@yahoo.com. Some or all of the proceeds will assist CACT in their ongoing effort to raise awareness of Public Transportation needs and offer Training Opportunities.

CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

The CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Indian Hill Country Club in Newington. Each year transit agencies are urged to present their employees who've excelled at their jobs with the Excellence In Transportation Award. We are also looking for Friend of Public Transportation nominees and vendors to sponsor the event at various levels from Platinum Sponsor to General Sponsor. The forms are on page 4.

CACT Survey

CACT sent an email on April 30th to all members, supporters and advocates asking they complete the 9 question survey on Workshop/Training Sessions. CACT has provided numerous workshops throughout the years and the survey will help us to better determine which types of workshops/training sessions will meet your needs. We will provide the survey results in an upcoming monthly newsletter. Please click on the link below to complete the survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VKGM57R>

Insurance Roundtable

DJ Gonzalez announced the next Insurance Roundtable will be held during the week of May 24th (date to be announced) at Greater Hartford Transit District. For further information, contact DJ at 860-247-5329 x3080 or DJGonzalez@ghtd.org.

CT Rides

CT rides is offering free trial rides through CTTRANSIT, GBT and The Rideshare Company. To participate in the program, call 877-287-4337. <http://ctrides.com>

Nominations for CACT Board

There is an opening on the CACT Executive Board. If you are interested or would like to nominate a colleague to serve a one year term on the board please contact CACT Board Chair Jonathan Rubell at 203-365-8522 or jrubell@kennedyctr.org.

Transportation Conference

APTA is sponsoring a 2013 Transit Initiatives and Communities Conference, June 23-26 in Atlanta, GA. This biennial event brings together transit agencies, local officials, transportation supporters, advocates, and ballot measure campaign professionals to discuss the latest information on transportation ballot measures. For further info contact Nicole DuPuis at 202.496.4807 or ndupuis@apta.com.

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CACT Member Highlight



Loraine Cortese-Costa

Loraine Cortese-Costa is an attorney and Shareholder/Director of Durant, Nichols, Houston, Hodgson & Cortese-Costa, P.C. in Bridgeport, Connecticut where she has practiced labor and employment law for over twenty years. Loraine has represented many clients in the transit industry including several CACT members and has extensive experience in labor negotiations, union contract administration, interest and grievance arbitration, work rule and policy development, state and federal labor and employment laws and all types of litigation. Loraine comes from a thoroughly transit family (her grandfather, father and three brothers all had careers with the NYCTA) and has a keen interest in public transportation development.

Job Access Program

Agencies need to put in their proposals for New Freedom Projects by May 13th. The new MAP 21 program, which replaces SAFTEA LU, will be run differently according to Lisa Rivers. She can be contacted at (860) 594-2834. www.ctgov/dot.

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2013 CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon Forms

Email forms to mary.cact@yahoo.com. Make check payable to: Connecticut Association for Community Transportation (CACT)

Send check & form(s) to: CACT, 148 Bahre Corner Rd, Canton, CT 06019

2013 Excellence in Transportation Award FORM SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 30, 2013

You can recognize as many individuals from your agency as you want. COST: \$75 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. 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: _____ Email: _____

Included a jpeg of nominee, properly labeled (sent via email) Included no more than a one page brief description (sent via email)
 SENT CHECK, (\$75 for each awardee)

2013 Friend of Public Transportation Award FORM SUBMISSION DEADLINE May 30, 2013

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.

Nomination Name: _____

Nominee's email address _____

Nominee's phone _____

Nominated by: _____ Agency/Company _____

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

2013 Annual Meeting Sponsorship FORM SUBMISSION DEADLINE May 20, 2013

Vendors are invited to become a sponsor and highlight your company and products at the event.

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Your Title _____ Organization/Company: _____

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Email: _____

Please indicate what you wish to sponsor by placing an X next to the sponsor amount.

\$400 2013 Platinum Sponsor - (Unlimited Sponsors) includes a Full-page company ad in program booklet and your logo on the 2013 CACT Awards Program Booklet Cover. Your Company sign that will be displayed at the luncheon. *You provide the ad, sign and a jpeg of your logo.*

\$300 2013 Gold Sponsor - (Unlimited Sponsors) includes a Half-page company ad in program booklet and your logo on the 2013 CACT Awards Program Booklet Cover. Your Company sign that will be displayed at the luncheon. *You provide the ad, sign and a jpeg of your logo.*

\$250 Sponsor of the 2013 CACT Awards Luncheon - (Unlimited Sponsors) includes Your Company logo on 2013 CACT Awards Luncheon Program Booklet Cover. Your Company sign that will be displayed at the luncheon. *You provide the sign and a jpeg of your logo.*

\$225 Sponsor of the 2013 Excellence in Transportation Awards - (8 Sponsors) includes Your Company logo on sign on award table noting award sponsorship. *You provide a jpeg of your logo.* Your Company logo in 2013 CACT Awards Luncheon Program Booklet noting sponsorship.

\$225 Sponsor of 2013 Friend of Public Transportation - (2 Sponsors) includes Your Company logo on sign on award table noting award sponsorship. *You provide a jpeg of your logo.* Your Company logo in 2013 CACT Awards Luncheon Program Booklet noting sponsorship.

\$100 2013 General sponsor - (unlimited sponsors) includes Your Company name listed in 2013 CACT Awards Luncheon Program Booklet noting general sponsorship.

PLEASE NOTE: * Company logo must be presented camera ready. A jpeg file is acceptable. CACT will take all reasonable precautions in the production and presentation of company information. It is expressly understood and agreed that no officer, director, employee, agent or representative of CACT will be held responsible for any losses, damages, and claims that may arise out of a sponsor's participation at this event. CACT does not assume any liability for errors or misprints.