



# NOVEMBER 2012 Newsletter

## Connecticut Transportation Updates

### **Transit Forum**

“Transportation Funding in Connecticut: Where We Are and What is Next” featuring Keynote Speaker James Basso will be held at the State Capitol, Old Judiciary Room on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 12 noon (registration begins at 8:30). Attendees should rsvp by December 3 to [vwormely-radford@ctenvironment.org](mailto:vwormely-radford@ctenvironment.org).

### **Getting Where You Want to Go**

The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters recently published “Getting Where You Want To Go” which identifies transportation problems and identifies goals to meet the transit challenges Connecticut faces. [www.conservativeeducation.org](http://www.conservativeeducation.org), email: [ctlcvc@ctlcvc.org](mailto:ctlcvc@ctlcvc.org) or call 860.236.5442.

### **Ridership up in Bridgeport**

At a recent DOT Quarterly meeting, GBT Chief Executive Officer Doug Holcomb gave a presentation about GBT operations and noted in 2007 there were 13,000 riders and in 2012 ridership increased to 22,000 riders. Additionally, four buses were rolled out in September sporting the new GBT logo. Check them out on their website:

<http://www.gogbt.com/index.php?mact=News,cntnt01,detail,0&cntnt01articleid=163&cntnt01origid=15&cntnt01detailtemplate=News%20Detail&cntnt01returnid=59>

### **Safety Roundtable**

The next Safety Roundtable is scheduled for November 20. For further information contact DJ Gonzalez at 860-247-5329 x 3080 or [djgonzalez@hartfordtransit.org](mailto:djgonzalez@hartfordtransit.org).

## National Transportation Updates

### **FTA Annual Conference**

Mark your calendars for the 2013 8th Annual FTA Drug and Alcohol Program National Conference on April 9-11, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix. One of the panelists will be Kim Dunham from Greater Hartford Transit District. <http://transit-safety.fta.dot.gov/DrugAndAlcohol/Training/NatConf/2013/>

### **The Connection**

The DOT has a series of fact sheets available as pdf downloads on their website: [http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/fact\\_sheets/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/livability/fact_sheets/) including “Transportation, Development and Environment”.

### **NEPTA Convention**

The 2013 Northeast Passenger Transportation Conference will be held in Hartford Monday March 25-27. The 2012 Annual NEPTA Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Union Station, 2 Washington Square, Worcester, MA. Further information is available on their website: <http://nepta.org/>

### **Did You Know...**

The new hybrid buses use 40% less gas.

## CACT Updates

### Quarterly Meeting & Workshop

"New Freedoms and Mobility Management" will be held on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in the Greater Hartford Transit District Meeting Room. Parking is available on opposite the bus depot, and the parking tickets are validated at the registration table. (The CACT Quarterly meeting will be held just prior to at 1:00 pm.). The event is free and flyers will soon be emailed.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> of each month. The newsletter is emailed during the first week of each month. Email your ad to [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com).

### Opinions & Opportunities

#### Share Your News & Updates.

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# It's Not Pretty Just Pretty Effective



This cross section of our galvanized steel roll cage makes a bus "a bus". These steel sidewalls extend beneath the floor and when welded and bolted in place, provide added strength and safety in the event of an accident. It may seem strange, but we spend considerable time thinking about safety, because although your passengers take it for granted, we can't. That's why we build it in from the ground up, then test it—specifically the FMVSS 214 side impact test.

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Here are just a few more features:

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