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Connecticut Transportation Updates

Transit Operator Workshop. Still Time to Sign Up!

The next CACT Workshop “Toolbox for Transit Operator Fatigue: Putting the Report into Action” is on Wednesday, October 22 at Greater New Haven Transit District and runs from 12 noon to 4 pm. The workshop will provide attendees with specific tools geared to the individual operator while other tools are for use by supervisors and managers involved in aspects of daily service planning and delivery. Space is limited so please register today. (Registration Form is on page 4 or on www.cact.info)



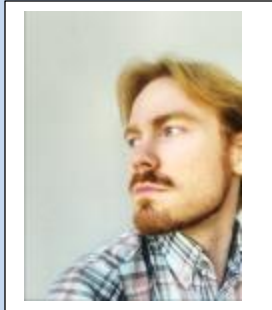
Gubernatorial Forum A Success

On Monday, September 15, 2014 the Gubernatorial Transportation Forum with Gov. Dan Malloy and Mr. Tom Foley was held at the Best Western Plus in North in North Haven. The packed room included a cross section of individuals and organizations interested in hearing the gubernatorial candidates answer questions on transportation. CCIA President Don Shubert gave the opening remarks and moderated the event. “I hope to bring a dialogue to Connecticut” said Mr. Foley. He noted this has been the “worst job recovery in the whole US”. Education reform is his highest priority noting we “need to invest more in our schools....premise & promise”. Tom believes the transportation challenges are numerous including “projects stuck in an abyss”, “need to get control of the budget”, “mass transit isn’t for everyone”, “tremendous social cost to traffic congestion”, “need to restore pride and prosperity” and “not a whole lot is being done to increase capacity on our roads and highways.”. When asked how to fund transportation, Mr. Foley, replied “we need to maximize federal support for transportation” but does not support additional taxes although he would consider tolls as a “traffic management tool”. Additionally he felt it was “not fair to spend Connecticut taxpayer dollars to out of state contractors”. Mr. Foley said he would not support a constitutional amendment to lockbox transportation revenue because if he was Governor he would be sure the revenue was only spent on transit.

Governor Malloy began by listing his accomplishments: increased transportation funding; outspent prior governors in transit spending; increased funding to communities; direct bond funding to communities, received 5 TIGER grants and noted his administration is “committed to funding transportation infrastructure”. “We need to move goods and people through the state...need to put people back to work (noting the economy grew by 2% last year). “We need to make timely and appropriate investments...and incentivize transit cities to work together” Governor Malloy noted the importance of “making the rail system work like a subway”. When asked about a constitutional amendment to ensure transit revenue is only used for transportation, Governor Malloy said he would sign a bill if it came to him.

CACT Member Highlight

Francis R. Pickering, Deputy Director, Central Regional Planning Agency (CCRPA)



Mr. Pickering manages regional programs in transportation planning, land use planning, economic development, environmental management, and the region's paratransit service. Under his leadership, CCRPA has promoted improved transit and integration of transportation into community planning. These efforts won CCAPA's Innovative Plan of the Year in 2013 and NADO's Innovation Award in 2014. Francis is also active in the development of major regional transit initiatives, including service planning for CTfastrak, New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail, and serves on the Connecticut Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board. At CCRPA, Mr. Pickering has proven an effective manager, bringing in \$20 million in competitive grants and nearly tripling the agency's staff.

A Storrs native and German speaker, Francis holds an M.A. in Environmental Management from the Free University of Berlin (Germany) in addition to a B.A. from Princeton University and an M.A. in Geography from the University of Connecticut. Mr. Pickering resides in Southington and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in transportation geography at the University of Connecticut. In his free time, he is an avid mountain biker.

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.

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Legislative Committee Members Wanted

CACT is looking for volunteers to serve on our Legislative Committee. We can have the meetings via conference calls too. So if you are interested in serving, please contact either CACT Chairman Joe Comerford at (860) 510-0429 x1004 or CACT Executive Director Mary Tomolonius at 860-693-0368.

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Calendar

Thursday, Oct. 16, 9 am. CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, Middletown Area Transit Meeting Room.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 12 noon-4 pm. The CACT “*Toolbox for Transit Operator Fatigue: Putting the Report into Action*” Workshop at Greater New Haven Transit District. To register, email mary.cact@yahoo.com.

Thursday, Dec. 4. NEPTA Annual Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker, Dr. Beverly A. Scott. FTA will host an Update Panel, followed by a reception and the NEPTA Annual Holiday Dinner Meeting. www.nepta.org

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 8:30 am. Transit Roundtable, Greater New Haven Transit District (registration 8:30 am; Program 9:00-11:00 am)

Thursday, Nov. 20, 9 am. CACT Executive Committee Board Meeting, Middletown Area Transit Meeting Room.



CACT Golf Tournament

The 2nd Annual CACT Golf Tournament held on Tuesday, September 23, at Blue Fox Run Golf Course in Avon, CT. was quite a success. The weather was picture perfect and the golfers, volunteers and sponsors had a great time. Many thanks to our sponsors: **Gold Luncheon Sponsors:** Luchs/DeCarlo & Doll Architects & Engineers, Montstream & May, LLP; **Silver Breakfast Sponsors:** Santa Buckley Energy, Inc., Connecticut Occupational Medicine Partners, Ecolane; **Bronze Drink Sponsors:** Duhamel Auto Appraisers, Kenny, Brimmer & Mahoney; **Par 3 Tee Sponsors:** First Transit, On Time Screen Printing; **Tee Sponsors:** Shepard Bros. Inc., Pomeranz, Drayton & Stabnick, LLC., Levitsky & Berney, P.C., Matthew Buses, Inc., Motor Coach Industries, Inc., Bus Stuf Inc. and USSC Group.

Toolbox for Transit Operator Fatigue: Putting the Report Into Action

Date: Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2014 Time: 12 noon-4pm
Greater New Haven Transit District, 1014 Sherman Avenue, New Haven, CT

This workshop will offer a variety of resources, methods and techniques to deal with operator fatigue.

- You will be provided a structured process for implementing a fatigue management program that incorporates appropriate tools.
- Some specific tools are geared to the individual operator while other tools are for use by supervisors and managers involved in aspects of daily service planning and delivery.



• TO REGISTER

Contact: Mary Tomoloni
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This workshop is for operations managers, safety officials, risk managers, human resource professionals, and transit supervisors.

• Registrations will be accepted as space permits—first come, first served! The workshop is *free*.

• Please email your registration by **October 10, 2014** to mary.cact@yahoo.com

This workshop is being conducted by an instructor from the National Transit Institute. Course materials will be provided free of charge.

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