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Connecticut Transportation Updates

Bus Fare Increase Proposed

DOT has proposed a rate increase, raising fares from \$1.30 to \$1.50 for a one-way ride; ADA and paratransit would go from .65 cents to .75 cents; ADA would rise to \$3.00 from \$2.60; and monthly commuter fares on express routes from between \$12 and \$24. Public hearings are scheduled below and comments may be sent to dot.farecomments@ct.gov or to the DOT, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131-7546. Fares increased by 4% in 2012

- Hartford Public Library, Sept. 11, 2 pm and 4:30 -6:30 pm
- New Britain Senior Center, Sept. 12, 12 noon- 2 pm
- Meriden Town Hall, Sept. 17, 12 noon – 2 pm
- New Haven Hall of Records, Sept. 18, 4-6 pm
- Waterbury's Silas Bronson Library, Sept. 19, 4-6 pm
- Stamford UCONN Branch, Sept. 25, 4-6 pm

The proposed rate schedule is available at <http://tinyurl.com/o7yx8u2>.

An Update on CTfastrak

On Sept. 25 at The Lyceum in Hartford, the Partnership for Strong Communities, Transit For Connecticut, CGROG and CACT are hosting "Housing, Transit and Access to Jobs: An Update on CTfastrak", a follow-up to the May 22nd "Last Mile" forum. Featured speakers include DOT Commissioner Jim Redeker and special guests CT Housing Commissioner Evonne Klein and CT DECD Commissioner Catherine Smith. Lyle Wray from CRCOG will provide information about BRT systems in Cleveland, Minneapolis and Berlin. Space is limited so please register no later than September 20 to david@pschousing.org. The event begins at 8:00 am with registration and the program runs from 8:30 – 10:30 am.

CTRTPAP

TransAction Associates, Inc., was awarded the CT DOT contract for managing the RTAP program in Connecticut. During the August DOT Quarterly Meeting, Michele Brooks, TransAction Associate Senior Associate provided an update. Michele noted that a recent survey they had conducted indicated a strong interest in online workshops, preferences for materials to be produced in hard copy, and a very strong interest in training and being able to download materials. They are working on developing a training schedule for the year with both regional and online training sessions. Michele said they were also looking at the DATCO Training System which would go from site-to-site. A CTRTAP Advisory Board had their first conference call meeting in August to discuss the CTRTAP website, training ideas, potential webinar topics and dates and potential uses for the \$5000 in training funds. If you have any questions about CTRTAP, contact Michele Brooks at 781-895-1100 or email: mbrooks@transactionassoc.com.

Webinar

The Easter Seals Project ACTION (ESPA) is sponsoring a webinar on "Accessible Transportation and Emergency Preparedness Planning" on September 18th. To register, <http://www.projectaction.org/News/tabid/727/token/detail/nid/135/Default.aspx> by

Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium Training

The Training will take place on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at the GHTD Offices, One Union Place, Hartford.

10:00 a.m. to noon

Drug and Alcohol Program Management (DER) Training

Target Audience: New DERs responsible for program administration oversight as well as seasoned DERs wishing to take a refresher course. This training will include a review of the client portal and forms used by the new TPA.

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

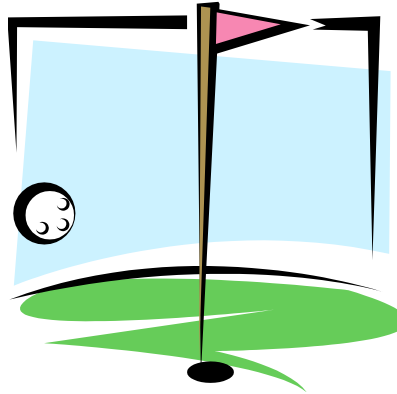
Reasonable Suspicion Training

Target Audience: Supervisors, Dispatchers and/or DERs who will be responsible for making Reasonable Suspicion determinations. Individuals authorized to do so must receive this training in accordance with 49 CFR Part 655.14 prior to making such determinations.

To register or for more information, please contact Kim Dunham at (860)247-5329 ext. 3009 or kdunham@ghtd.org

“Fourteen states have at least discussed raising their fuel taxes, and several have moved to protect transportation funding from being raided for general expenditures.”

US DOT Secretary Anthony Foxx
U.S. Department of
Transportation website



Golfers & Sponsors

You don't have to be Phil Mickelson to play in the CACT Golf Tournament on September 24 at Blue Fox Run Golf Course in Avon. But you do have to sign up in order to participate in this fun and exciting day. So what are you waiting for? Sign up today. Forms are on page 4. We have exciting trips to win and there will be great food (a continental breakfast to start, and a BBQ lunch along with a 1 ½ hour open bar), a Putting Contest, raffle and prizes. Sponsors are needed too. To sign up go to www.cact.info on the left side click on the 2013 Golf Tournament pdf for the forms.

Thanks to our Sponsors to date:

USSC Group

Routematch Software

Motor Coach Industries, Inc.

Bus Stuf Inc.

There is still time to be a sponsor.



Ridership is UP, UP, UP

Greater Bridgeport Transit Chief Executive Officer Doug Holcomb noted that GBT has had a “9% increase in ridership with a record setting 5.7+ million boarding’s last year.”

Did you know?

CACT was started by Tom Phillips somewhere between 1984-85. Tom was the City of Hartford’s Transportation Director and a member of CTAA and thought that there should be something mirroring CTAA locally in Connecticut. Tom is now the President and CEO at Capital Workforce Partners in Hartford.

Welcome New CACT Members

- Loraine M. Cortese-Costa, -
Durant, Nichols, Houston,
Hodgson & Cortese-Costa, P.C*
- Jim Borsari -
Northern Bus Sales Inc.*
- Pat Trotta -
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- David Marchitello -
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- Rachel Pereira -
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- Jim Gallagher -
Bus Stuf Inc.*
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Advertising in the CACT Newsletter

The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ 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.



CACT Member Highlight

Tom Silengo

Tom Silengo is the National Sales Manager for AccuCOMP USA based in Guilford, CT. Tom has a BS in Accounting and MBA in Finance. He was CFO for a 25 store McDonald's Restaurant franchisee and then a large local insurance agency. Tom was a client of AccuCOMP USA in the mid-90's and joined them in a sales capacity in 2003.

AccuCOMP USA is a worker compensation recovery service. Their clients include North East Transportation and Greater New Haven Transit District. They are compensated only if they generate a recovery for you on expired policies. Your time commitment is 15 minutes. The minimum annual worker compensation premium is at \$75,000. He can be reached at 888-545-4503 ext. 102.

Tom has been a sponsor of our annual luncheon for the past several years and is looking forward to a long relationship with our association.

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½ page ad in the program book (sponsor provides a jpeg ad), Tee sign (sponsor provides jpeg logo)

Bronze "Drink" Sponsor. \$250.

¼ page ad in the program book (sponsor provides a jpeg ad), Tee sign (sponsor provides jpeg logo)

Par 3 Sponsors. \$150.

A sign on the green (sponsor provides a jpeg logo)

Tee Sponsors. \$100.

A sign on the tee (sponsor provides a jpeg logo)

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Tues. Sept. 24, 2013

Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon, CT

8:00 am Registration, Putting Contest

9:00 am Shotgun Scramble

CACT Golf Tournament

2013 Golf Registration

\$125 includes golf, cart, continental breakfast, BBQ lunch & salad, 1½ hour open bar

Player 1

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Player 3

Player 3 Golf Handicap _____

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Some or all of the proceeds will assist CACT in their ongoing effort to raise awareness of Public Transportation needs and offer Training Opportunities.