



## APRIL 2011

### CACT UPDATES:

#### **And the envelope please ....**

At the 2011 NEPTA Conference & Expo on Thursday, March 31, the presentation of the Best Transit Maps Honorary Awards were made. CACT Board member **Ron Kilcoyne**, *Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority* accepted for the Best Mid to Large Size System Map. CACT member **David Lee**, *CT TRANSIT* accepted for Best Map Theme for a Family of Regional Services. CACT member **Lou Schulman**, *Norwalk Transit District* accepted for Best Multilingual Web Based Map.

Congratulations to NEPTA president and CACT member **Vicki Shotland**, her staff and board members who planned, coordinated and successfully ran the event. The speakers were informative and engaging and the breakout sessions interesting and timely.

#### **About the New Britain-Hartford Busway....**

Governor Malloy was the luncheon speaker at the NEPTA Conference on Wednesday, March 30. He spoke about his support of transit operations and infrastructure and the key role this plays in the Connecticut economy. He also noted he's been traveling to Washington, DC advocating for increased federal transportation dollars. Governor Malloy will announce his decision about the New Britain-Hartford Busway today at 1:20 pm, Room 1A at the Legislative Office Building.

#### **Mobility Choices in Connecticut Workshop**

CACT and Connect-Ability have scheduled their next workshop for Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm at the Greater Hartford Transit District. The event features Jim Travers, Acting Director, New Haven DOT Traffic & Parking; Lisa Rivers, CT DOT Transportation Supervising Planner; Keleigh Arian, Mobility Information Specialist for the Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium; and Nancy Krodel, Deputy Director for Operations, Senior Resources – Area Agency on Aging. The flyer is attached. Please forward to anyone you think would benefit from this timely workshop. *(Flyer Attached as a pdf)*

#### **CACT Annual Meeting**

The CACT Annual Meeting is Wednesday, June 22, 11:30-3:30 at the Indian Hill Country Club, 111 Golf Street, Newington. The **Excellence in Transportation Award** will be given to persons who excel at their jobs in transportation at member organizations. The **Friend of Public Transportation Award** will be given in recognition of outstanding leadership and dedication to the enhancement of public transportation in the State of Connecticut. The **Connecticut Association for Community Transportation Service Award** will be

given for years of service to CACT by as an officer, executive committee member, or both. Flyers will be going out next month.

## CACT Membership Dues

The annual CACT Membership Dues Invoices will be mailed in the next few weeks. Working together we are building a strong voice for public transportation in Connecticut. We appreciate your continued support.

## Legislative Bills Updates

SB 1063. AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDS FOR EVENING BUS SERVICE. To provide funding for evening bus service in order to enhance access to educational, job training and employment opportunities, and promote economic development. *March 31: Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Fiscal Analysis. Report by 4/5/11.*

SB 700. AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL DEMAND RESPONSIVE TRANSPORTATION FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY WHO ARE SIXTY OR MORE YEARS OF AGE. To restore funding for the state matching grant program for municipal and regional demand responsive transportation for persons with a disability who are sixty or more years of age. *Public Hearing held on March 7.*

## Understanding Transportation Workshop

The Kennedy Center is offering four workshops on "Understanding Public Transportation". The workshops are free and open to the public. *(Flyer Attached as a pdf)*

## The Royals

Today it was announced that the royals will arrive at Westminster Abbey for the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton on rented mini buses! So even royals understand how efficient and cost-effective bus transportation can be.

## The WTS Award

Former CACT Executive Director, **Gloria Mills**, will receive the Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award at the WTS Annual Awards & Scholarship Banquet on April 27. Congratulations Gloria!