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**Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments
and Lower Connecticut River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization**

APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

RiverCOG Members:

Chester: Lauren Gister *
Clinton: Bruce Farmer
Cromwell: Anthony Salvatore *
Deep River: Angus McDonald, Jr. *
Durham: Laura Francis *
East Haddam: Emmett Lyman *
East Hampton: Michael Maniscalco *
Essex: Norm Needleman
Haddam: Lizz Milardo *
Killingworth: Cathy Iino *
Lyme: Ralph Eno
Middlefield: Ed Bailey * (9:23)
Middletown: Daniel Drew - Joseph Samolis proxy *
Old Lyme: Bonnie Reemsnyder
Old Saybrook: Carl Fortuna *
Portland: Susan Bransfield *
Westbrook: Noel Bishop *

MPO Members:

Middlesex Chamber of Commerce: Darlene Briggs
Estuary Transit District: Joe Comerford
Middletown Area Transit: Andrew Chiaravallo

Others Present:

Pat Bandzes, Eversource
Edgar Wynkoop, DOT
Maureen Goulet, CRCOG Purchasing
Daniel Giungi, CCM
Carol Conklin
Frank DeFelice, RPC
Stephanie Warren, RPC
Samantha Sojka, Eversource
Andy Brydges, Eversource
John Guskowski

* Members Present

Staff Present:

Samuel Gold, AICP
Judy Snyder
Rob Haramut
Torrance Downes
Dan Bourret
Margot Burns
Janice Ehle/Meyer
Jon Curtis
Nate Hougrand

1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, PUBLIC SPEAKING

Vice Chairman Michael Maniscalco called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. at the RiverCOG offices, 145 Dennison Road, Essex, CT. Roll call was taken by Sam Gold, Executive Director and guests were introduced.

Frank DeFelice, Lower CT River Valley Regional Planning Committee Chairman, said that the towns need to have representatives come to the RPC meetings. Judy Snyder will e-mail the COG members the attendance records of their representatives.

a. Eversource Clean Energy Communities Update

Pat Bandzes, Eversource, introduced Samantha Sojka and Andy Brydges. Ms. Sojka said that she will give a brief update of the information in the folder that everyone has in front of them for their specific town. Every town has signed a non-legally binding pledge for their town's municipal and board of education buildings to reduce and save energy by 2018 as shown on the first page. On the next page the bronze, silver and gold categories show what the town has achieved and how many points were received towards the grant. A description of how the town can earn points that can be redeemed, an application form, and an example of projects other towns have used their grants for is included.

Andy Brydges said that this year Eversource is offering the opportunity for building operator certification training and Eversource will subsidize the total cost for one employee per town to attend that training. He said there is also an instructional sheet stating the application process for an Energy Star certification for your town in the folder.

b. Election Monitor

Carol Conklin, Election Monitor for the RiverCOG, updated the members on the position. She stated that a Bill was introduced to kill the position of the regional election monitor. Sam Gold asked if the Secretary of State had added money for this position. Ms. Conklin said that as of now no. Laura Francis asked if there had been any consequences to the COG that chose to not participate in this program. Mr. Gold said no. Mr. Maniscalco thanked Ms. Conklin for the update.

- c. Capitol Region COG Purchasing Council, Maureen Goulet, Project Manager

Maureen Goulet distributed brochures explaining what the Capitol Region Purchasing Council (CRPC) does and the benefits of this program. Towns can purchase goods and services individually or in a group bidding process. CRPC also offers other cooperative programs to its members in the areas of energy and construction services for a small fee.

2. LCRMPO BUSINESS

- a. Approval of Minutes of the March 22, 2017 LCRVCOG and LCRMPO Meeting

Upon motion of Noel Bishop, seconded by Carl Fortuna, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2017 LCRVCOG and LCRMPO meeting.

- b. Transportation Updates

- i. 2015 TIP amendment #36, Statewide transportation demand management program, project 0170-3450

Upon motion of Tony Salvatore, seconded by Lauren Gister, it was unanimously voted to approve the 2015 TIP amendment #36, Statewide transportation demand management program, project 0170-3450.

- ii. FY16 FTA Section 5310 program MARC, Cromwell, Middlefield, ETD, review and prioritization

Robert Haramut discussed the ranking of the three lift assist/handicapped bus vehicle grant applications. The three traditional applications for the Hartford TMA were MARC ranking at 86 points, Cromwell at 76 points and the Durham/Middlefield project ranked at 63. The Cromwell application did not include answers for two questions, causing the ranking to be lower, once that was corrected the ranking increased to 86 points, same as MARC.

Robert Haramut stated that for the New Haven TMA there were no bus applications submitted however we did receive one from Joe Comerford at Estuary Transit District for operating funds for the mid-shore extension route and another application from North East transit in Meriden for dial-a-ride trips, including trips to Middletown. These two applications together are about \$10,000 over what the New Haven TMA is allotted so Mr. Haramut is assuming they are both going to move ahead. The Meriden Service is dial-a-ride from the transit district and is included because the RiverCOG does have towns that fall into the New Haven TMA.

Laura Francis said because Middlefield is in one district and Durham is in another is one district better than another and would it be better if the town with the better district took the lead or could each town submit the same application in their separate districts. Mr. Haramut will look into that.

Upon motion of Noel Bishop, seconded by Lauren Gister, it was unanimously voted to approve the rankings for Cromwell and MARC at 86 and Durham/Middlefield at 63.

iii. Draft UPWP

Robert Haramut gave an overview of the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for regional transportation planning. The RiverCOG members will vote on this issue at their next meeting.

Sam Gold said that on Page 30, it states that the percentage of money received will be Federal 80%, State 10% and local towns 10%. However, the RiverCOG has received notification from DOT that the funds are limited and will not be available to make the 10% match with the towns.

iv. 2018 Draft TIP Update

The RiverCOG members will vote on this issue at their next meeting.

Noel Bishop asked how the 2018-2021 project list is developed and can the numbers be prioritized (attachment #1). Robert Haramut said that the transit districts have been working on this with the DOT.

v. Transportation Alternative Program Update (TAP)

Robert Haramut said that six projects were submitted with Haddam further ahead and ready to start Phase II which will start from Route 154 to Eagle Landing rather than Phase 1 which would start at Eagle Landing and go to the bridge, including the sidewalks (attachment #2).

Susan Bransfield asked what the next steps are for the Portland and Durham projects. Robert Haramut said Old Saybrook and Westbrook also are waiting for sidewalk jobs on state roads, but there is no funding source at this time. The towns have to wait for the next round of TAP funding or try to get some of the funding through LOTCIP. LOTCIP is not really designed as a sidewalk program but DOT may allow the towns to do a small amount of work here and there.

vi. Municipal Grant Program Update

Robert Haramut said that the Municipal Grant applications are available, with maintenance agreements, and to sign off and mail the maintenance agreement to Joe Comerford at the 9 Town Transit or Andy Chiaravallo at the Middletown Transit District.

vii. Route 66 and Route 81 Corridor Studies

Robert Haramut said that there were three RFQ responses for each of the studies and these projects will be going to the interview process shortly.

viii. Bus Ridership Counts

Sam Gold said that a training session is scheduled for Thursday at the RiverCOG for the people working on the bus ridership counts. These people will ride each bus, on each route, count the passengers getting on, getting off and where these locations are. The results of these counts will determine peak travel times, the possible rescheduling of some routes and this data will lead into

an operation study. Mr. Gold stated that he had met with DOT officials and it was determined that there is a value of moving forward with the operation study. There has been substantial growth in bus ridership. The RiverCOG would use \$200,000 - \$300,000 of its highway urban money and the state would match this. The 9 Town Transit can use the data in the study to determine the planning of a new maintenance facility.

3. LCRVCOG BUSINESS

- a. Appointment of a FY17 Auditor – Michaud, Accavallo, Woodbridge & Cusano, LLC

Sam Gold asked the members to make a motion to appoint the firm of Michaud, Accavallo, Woodbridge and Cusano, LLC as the auditors for the FY 2017 RiverCOG audit.

Upon motion of Susan Bransfield, seconded by Noel Bishop, it was unanimously voted to approve the audit firm of Michaud, Accavallo, Woodbridge and Cusano, LLC, to conduct the fiscal year 2017 audit for the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments and the Lower CT River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization.

- b. GrowSmart Implementation Proposal

Jon Curtis said that the RiverCOG and Ninegret Partners had a meeting with stakeholders to prioritize recommendations from the GrowSmart Regional Economic Growth Strategies report. The two priorities that emerged from that meeting are first to study and plan for the creation of a regional development authority to help with redevelopment and other large projects with regional impact and secondly to assess the feasibility of creating a makers space in the region where small businesses and individuals can join for a membership fee and use tools and equipment to help them grow their business. Ninegret Partners proposal fee is \$50,000, however \$5,000 has already been paid to Ninegret for running the prioritization meeting.

Upon motion of Carl Fortuna, seconded by Tony Salvatore, it was unanimously voted to authorize the RiverCOG to enter into a contract with Ninegret Partners for \$45,000 for the two implementation projects.

- c. RiverCOG Office Space

Sam Gold announced that the building in Haddam had been chosen as the RiverCOG's new office location. A letter of intent to lease part of the building will be sent shortly to the realtor and once accepted an inspection of the property will be done. The lease to own agreement will be for 5 years with a 5 year renewal clause.

Upon motion of Lizz Milardo, seconded by Ed Bailey, it was unanimously voted to authorize the RiverCOG to enter into a lease to own agreement for 7 Island Dock Road, Haddam, CT.

Lauren Gister asked Mr. Gold what the timeframe is. Mr. Gold stated this will be as soon as possible with a July moving date.

Laura Francis said that the towns may have furniture the RiverCOG might want and should check with the towns before purchasing new furniture.

Noel Bishop thanked members and staff for all their hard work on this endeavor.

d. MOU to Join the Metropolitan Area Partnership (MAP) Forum

Sam Gold explained that MAP is led by the New York Metropolitan Transportation Committee and this organization was leading the movement against the federal regulations to change the structure of the MPOs. Mr. Gold started that he has been an informal member going to their meetings since some of our towns are part of the New Haven Urbanized Area. The NYMTC is looking to expand their partnership. This would be voluntary with meetings quarterly. Their membership extends from Connecticut to Pennsylvania. Mr. Gold said he has enjoyed working with them and there is no cost associated with joining the committee.

Upon motion of Cathy Iino, seconded by Carl Fortuna, it was unanimously voted to authorize the Chairman Bonnie Reemsnyder to enter into the MOU to join the Metropolitan Area Partnership.

e. RiverCOG Budget Update

Sam Gold said that because of the state's budget uncertainty the COG budget has been delayed. He said that next month he will have a draft budget to present.

f. Legislation Update

Sam Gold said that a letter was sent yesterday to be presented at the hearing on HB7322 (attachment #3). He is concerned because it gives a lot of power to the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations over the COGs funding and the work that is being done. Mr. Gold is going to try to be appointed to ACIR, but the recommendation was to have all the COGs have some kind of role on the ACIR and be sure that each region in Connecticut is represented.

Mr. Gold also submitted a letter in opposition to the sale tax exemption removal on non-profits.

Mr. Gold stated that the MPO federal rule is going to a vote in the House today to be repealed.

Tony Salvatore asked for a list of bills that are of concern to the COG. Mr. Gold said that HB7322 is probably the most detailed where the COG could get involved. Most concerning was that it would mandate that every COG develop a regionalization cooperation plan or study. Mr. Gold said that staff sharing does not always mean a reduction in the total cost.

Daniel Giungi, CCM, stated that CCM does not necessarily agree with the bill.

Lizz Milardo asked if there was anything new on the toll issue on Connecticut roads. Mr. Gold said that he hasn't heard anything. He said that his view, when he testified was neutral.

g. Regional Plan Update

Jon Curtis said that FHI will be ready for the workshop kick off in late June for the Regional POCD and meanwhile pop-up events are planned.

h. Resiliency Plan Update

Margot Burns said that the second workshop was last week in Old Lyme Town Hall and the technical explanation of the modeling of the flood resiliency data. The third and last workshop will be in Middletown on May 9th.

i. Mobilitie Update

Jon Curtis said that a meeting was held with the Mobilitie spokesperson Brian Gaudet. Mobilitie has changed from the 120' poles originally discussed to poles 30'-40' with small canisters. Mr. Gaudet expressed his willingness to work with each town individually. Tony Salvatore asked if there were rules for cell companies to abide by and can the towns tax them. Mr. Curtis stated that towns have negotiated payments from the cell companies for these canisters.

4. CHAIRMAN'S AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Sam Gold said the River COG budget is on target.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

a. DEMHS Update

Torrance Downes said that Region 2 is in the process of negotiating a budget for 2017. Presently Region 2 is operating under two grants, 2015 and 2016. At the next meeting the ECF chairs will propose their projects and decide priorities with the money available. Mr. Downes stated that Hughes Net Satellite Service has been used for emergency purposes and paid for by Region 2 for several years. As of July 1st this service will become the responsibility of the municipalities.

Sam Gold stated that Al Alper, Absolute Logic will make a presentation at the May COG meeting.

Laura Francis asked the members of Region 2 to please be sure to have representation at the DEMHS meetings. The budget was not approved at the last meeting due to a lack of a quorum.

Margot Burns said that she had gone to UCONN's Avery Point campus for the kick off of the State's Blue Plan for Long Island Sound. The plan is intended to protect the Sound's natural resources and traditional human uses. She wanted the members to be aware that committees are being formed and work has started on the planning document for Long Island.

Carl Fortuna said he met with Carol Fitzsimmons, CIRMA to discuss cybercrime coverage which starts at \$15,000. He recommends that the members review their policies.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Snyder
Recording Secretary

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2018-2021 ECT LIST
Region 11

Highway	EA Code	Proj#	Phases	Description	Phase	Year	Total (\$)	Fed (\$)	State (\$)	Local (\$)
HADDAM	STPH	0090-0160	CT 82/CT 154	REPLACE 2 T-TYPE INTERSECTIONS WITH ROUNDABOUTS	FD	2018	300	300	0	0
HADDAM	STPH	0090-0160	CT 82/CT 154	REPLACE 2 T-TYPE INTERSECTIONS WITH ROUNDABOUTS	ROW	2018	200	160	40	0
HADDAM	STPH	0090-0160	CT 82/CT 154	REPLACE 2 T-TYPE INTERSECTIONS WITH ROUNDABOUTS	CON	2019	5,000	4,000	1,000	0
MIDDLETOWN	STPH	0092-0320	MAIN STREET	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, BREAKOUT OF R2-318	CON	2018	3,100	2,480	620	0
EAST HADDAM	STPR	0040-0141	CT 82	REHAB BR 01138 OF CT RIVER	FD	2018	300	240	60	0
EAST HADDAM	STPR	0040-0141	CT 82	REHAB BR 01138 OF CT RIVER	CON	2019	7,625	6,260	1,365	0
HADDAM	STPR	0090-0168	CT 9	REHAB BR 05728 OVER MILL RIVER	CON	2019	600	480	120	0
MIDDLETOWN	HPPS	0092-0308	CEB PARKING	CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PARKING GARAGE	CON	2018	13,000	5,936	0	7,064
MIDDLETOWN	NHPP-BRX	0092-0312	CT 66	NHS - PHASE 2 REPLACE BR 00524 (ARRIGONI), APPROACH SPANS - AC CONVERSION	CON	2018	12,500	10,000	2,500	0
MIDDLETOWN	NHPP-BRX	0092-0312	CT 66	NHS - PHASE 2 REPLACE BR 00524 (ARRIGONI), APPROACH SPANS - AC ENTRY	CON	2018	0	0	0	0
MIDDLETOWN	NHPP-BRX	0092-0312	CT 66	NHS - PHASE 2 REPLACE BR 00524 (ARRIGONI), APPROACH SPANS - AC CONVERSION	CON	2019	12,500	10,000	2,500	0
MIDDLETOWN	NHPP	0092-0318	CT 9	REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON ROUTE 9 - AC ENTRY	CON	2020	0	0	0	0
MIDDLETOWN	NHPP	0092-0318	CT 9	REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON ROUTE 9 - AC CONVERSION	CON	2020	25,000	20,000	5,000	0
MIDDLETOWN	NHPP	0092-0318	CT 9	REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON ROUTE 9 - AC CONVERSION	CON	2021	25,000	20,000	5,000	0
MIDDLETOWN	NHPP	0092-0318	CT 9	REMOVAL OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON ROUTE 9 - AC CONVERSION	CON	FY1	25,000	20,000	5,000	0
CROMWELL/MIDDLETOWN	CMAQ	0171-0413	I-91	I-91 CCTV INSTALLATION	CON	2018	9,484	8,536	948	0
CROMWELL/FARMINGTON	CMAQ	0171-0415	RT 972	RT 972 CCTV INSTALLATION	PD	2019	890	890	170	0
CROMWELL/FARMINGTON	CMAQ	0171-0415	RT 972	RT 972 CCTV INSTALLATION	FD	2020	395	292	73	0
CROMWELL/FARMINGTON	CMAQ	0171-0415	RT 972	RT 972 CCTV INSTALLATION	CON	2021	12,076	9,661	2,415	0
CROMWELL/MIDDLETOWN	CMAQ	0171-0416	RT 9	RT 9 CCTV INSTALLATION	PD	2020	340	272	68	0
CROMWELL/MIDDLETOWN	CMAQ	0171-0416	RT 9	RT 9 CCTV INSTALLATION	FD	2021	150	120	30	0
CROMWELL/MIDDLETOWN	CMAQ	0171-0416	RT 9	RT 9 CCTV INSTALLATION	CON	FY1	4,849	3,879	970	0
DISTRICT 1	STPA	0171-0422	VARIOUS	TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS IN DISTRICT 1	CON	2018	3,570	3,570	0	0
DISTRICT 1	STPA	0171-0417	VARIOUS	OSTA TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN DISTRICT 1	ROW	2018	110	110	0	0
DISTRICT 1	STPA	0171-0417	VARIOUS	OSTA TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN DISTRICT 1	FD	2018	187	187	0	0
DISTRICT 1	STPA	0171-0417	VARIOUS	OSTA TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN DISTRICT 1	CON	2019	3,350	3,350	0	0
DISTRICT 2	STPA	0172-0444	VARIOUS	TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATIONS AND REVISIONS	CON	2018	3,000	3,000	0	0
DISTRICTS 1 & 2	STPA	0172-0471	VARIOUS	REPLACE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT 12 LOCATIONS	FD	2019	0	0	0	0
DISTRICTS 1 & 2	STPA	0172-0471	VARIOUS	REPLACE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT 12 LOCATIONS	ROW	2019	0	0	0	0
DISTRICTS 1 & 2	STPA	0172-0471	VARIOUS	REPLACE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT 12 LOCATIONS	CON	2020	4	4	0	0
STATEWIDE	HSIP(SIPH)	0170-SFTY	VARIOUS	SAFETY PROGRAM, HSP - RURAL & OTHER (SAFETY REPORT)	ALL	2018	26,608	23,948	2,661	0
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STATEWIDE	HSIP(SIPH)	0170-SFTY	VARIOUS	SAFETY PROGRAM, HSP - RURAL & OTHER (SAFETY REPORT)	ALL	2020	26,608	23,948	2,661	0
STATEWIDE	HSIP(SIPH)	0170-SFTY	VARIOUS	SAFETY PROGRAM, HSP - RURAL & OTHER (SAFETY REPORT)	ALL	2021	26,608	23,948	2,661	0
STATEWIDE	HSIP(SIPH)	0170-SFTY	VARIOUS	SAFETY PROGRAM, HSP - RURAL & OTHER (SAFETY REPORT)	ALL	FY1	26,608	23,948	2,661	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP	0170-3415	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NHS ROADS (9/17/16 - 8/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	1,168	934	234	0
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STATEWIDE	NHPP	0170-3415	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NHS ROADS (9/17/16 - 8/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2020	2,920	2,336	584	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP	0170-3415	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NHS ROADS (9/17/16 - 8/31/20) - AC ENTRY	OTH	2018	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP	0170-3444	VARIOUS	PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS & DATA COLLECTION (4/17/17 - 3/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	PL	2018	668	534	134	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP	0170-3444	VARIOUS	PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS & DATA COLLECTION (4/17/17 - 3/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	PL	FY1	443	354	89	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP	0170-3444	VARIOUS	PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS & DATA COLLECTION (4/17/17 - 3/31/20) - AC ENTRY	PL	2018	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-0BRX	VARIOUS	ON/OFF-SYSTEMS BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS, BRX & BRZ (BRIDGE REPORT)	ALL	2018	50,000	40,000	10,000	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-0BRX	VARIOUS	ON/OFF-SYSTEMS BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS, BRX & BRZ (BRIDGE REPORT)	ALL	2019	50,000	40,000	10,000	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-0BRX	VARIOUS	ON/OFF-SYSTEMS BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS, BRX & BRZ (BRIDGE REPORT)	ALL	2020	50,000	40,000	10,000	0

STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3382	VARIOUS	ON/OFF-SYSTEMS BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS, BRX & BRZ (BRIDGE REPORT)	ALL	2021	50,000	40,000	10,000	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3382	VARIOUS	ON/OFF-SYSTEMS BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS, BRX & BRZ (BRIDGE REPORT)	ALL	FY	50,000	40,000	10,000	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3382	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	2,000	1,600	400	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3382	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2019	2,000	1,600	400	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3382	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2020	2,000	1,600	400	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3411	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC ENTRY	OTH	2018	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3411	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	3,703	2,982	741	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3411	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2019	3,926	3,141	785	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3411	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2020	4,162	3,330	832	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3411	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3411	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	19,010	15,208	3,802	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3413	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2019	20,150	16,120	4,030	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3413	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2020	21,360	17,068	4,272	0
STATEWIDE	NHPP-BRX	0170-3413	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3416	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NON-NHS ROADS (9/1/16 - 8/31/21) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	250	200	50	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3416	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NON-NHS ROADS (9/1/16 - 8/31/21) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2019	250	200	50	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3416	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NON-NHS ROADS (9/1/16 - 8/31/21) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2020	750	600	150	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3416	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NON-NHS ROADS (9/1/16 - 8/31/21) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3417	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NON-NHS ROADS (9/1/16 - 8/31/21) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	1,000	800	200	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3417	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NON-NHS ROADS (9/1/16 - 8/31/21) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2019	500	400	100	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3417	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NON-NHS ROADS (9/1/16 - 8/31/21) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2020	500	400	100	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3417	VARIOUS	CE SIGN SUPPORT INSP - NON-NHS ROADS (9/1/16 - 8/31/21) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3383	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	1,000	800	200	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3383	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2019	1,000	800	200	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3383	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2020	1,000	800	200	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3383	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3412	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	2,860	2,288	572	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3412	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2019	3,032	2,426	606	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3412	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2020	3,214	2,571	643	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3412	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	0	0	0	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3414	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	8,340	6,672	1,668	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3414	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2019	8,840	7,072	1,768	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3414	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2020	9,370	7,496	1,874	0
STATEWIDE	STPA	0170-3414	VARIOUS	LOAD RATINGS FOR BRIDGES - NON-NHS ROADS (1/1/16 - 12/31/20) - AC CONVERSION	OTH	2018	0	0	0	0
TRANSIT										
VARIOUS	EA Code	Proj#	Rte/Sys	Description	Phase	Year	Inst(\$)	Fed(\$)	St(\$)	Lea(\$)
VARIOUS	5309	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FY 18	CON	2018	4,440	3,552	888	0
VARIOUS	5309	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FY 19	CON	2019	4,551	3,641	910	0
VARIOUS	5309	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FY 20	CON	2020	4,665	3,732	933	0
VARIOUS	5309	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS FY 21	CON	2021	4,781	3,825	956	0
VARIOUS	5309	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY 18	ACQ	2018	4,440	3,552	888	0
VARIOUS	5309	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY 19	ACQ	2019	4,551	3,641	910	0
VARIOUS	5309	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY 20	ACQ	2020	4,665	3,732	933	0
VARIOUS	5309	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY 21	ACQ	2021	4,781	3,825	956	0
STATEWIDE	5307C	0170-XXXX	VARIOUS	TRANSIT CAPITAL PLANNING FY 21	OTH	2021	600	460	120	0
STATEWIDE	5307C	0170-XXXX	VARIOUS	TRANSIT CAPITAL PLANNING FY 19	OTH	2019	500	400	100	0
STATEWIDE	5307C	0170-XXXX	VARIOUS	TRANSIT CAPITAL PLANNING FY 20	OTH	2020	550	440	110	0
VARIOUS	5307C	0170-XXXX	VARIOUS	TRANSIT CAPITAL PLANNING FY 18	OTH	2018	450	360	90	0
VARIOUS	5307C	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS/MISC ADMIN CAPITAL	OTH	2018	12,000	9,600	2,400	0
VARIOUS	5307C	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS/MISC ADMIN CAPITAL FY 19	OTH	2019	8,250	6,600	1,650	0
VARIOUS	5307C	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS/MISC ADMIN CAPITAL FY 20	OTH	2020	6,625	5,300	1,325	0
VARIOUS	5307C	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS/MISC ADMIN CAPITAL FY 21	OTH	2021	25,000	20,000	5,000	0
VARIOUS	5307C	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY 20	ACQ	2020	26,375	20,300	5,075	0
VARIOUS	5307C	0400-XXXX	CTTRANSIT	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY 21	ACQ	2021	15,000	12,000	3,000	0

MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - ADA OPERATING - FY2018	OTH	2018	216	0	216	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - ADA OPERATING - FY2018	OTH	2018	216	0	216	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - ADA OPERATING - FY2019	OTH	2019	216	0	216	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - ADA OPERATING - FY2020	OTH	2020	216	0	216	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - ADA OPERATING - FY2021	OTH	2021	216	0	216	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - ADA OPERATING - FY2018	OTH	2018	112	0	112	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - DIAL-A-RIDE - FY2018	OTH	2018	112	0	112	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - DIAL-A-RIDE - FY2019	OTH	2019	112	0	112	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - DIAL-A-RIDE - FY2020	OTH	2020	112	0	112	0
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MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2018	OTH	2018	1,159	0	1,159	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2019	OTH	2019	1,159	0	1,159	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2020	OTH	2020	1,159	0	1,159	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2021	OTH	2021	1,159	0	1,159	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2018	OTH	2018	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2019	OTH	2019	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2020	OTH	2020	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2021	OTH	2021	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2018	OTH	2018	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2019	OTH	2019	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2020	OTH	2020	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2021	OTH	2021	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2018	OTH	2018	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2019	OTH	2019	868	0	868	0
MIDDLETOWN	S/N/A	0422-XXXX	MIDDLETOWN TD	MIDDLETOWN TD - FIXED ROUTE - FY2020	OTH	2020	868	0	868	0
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Transportation Alternative Program (FAST Act)

On June 30, 2016, CTDOT in cooperation with FHWA, solicited applications for funding from CT COGs under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) program set aside funding for transportation alternatives. The deadline for submission was December 30, 2016. The Department, with assistance from its liaison consultant, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB), has been performing a detailed budget analysis, as well as a scope and field review of projects. These reviews have revealed that the application cost estimates are typically lower than that of the estimates developed using current CTDOT estimating guidelines for federally-funded projects, thereby resulting in fewer fundable projects.

Hartford TMA

Applications have been received from the following municipalities that fall within the Hartford urbanized area; Rocky Hill, Hartford, New Britain, Ellington, Haddam, Portland, Durham, and Plymouth. Based on CTDOT estimates outlined in the table below, four projects within the Hartford Urbanized Area have been identified as candidates, for initiation using TA available program funding: Rocky Hill (Silas Deane Highway), Haddam (Swing Bridge Sidewalk), Hartford (Hartford-Windsor Riverwalk), and New Britain (Stanley Loop Trail).

Municipality	Project	Application Cost Estimate	DOT Cost Estimate	Anticipated Municipal Share
Rocky Hill	Silas Deane Highway	\$2,627,520	\$2,882,160	\$576,432
Hartford*	Riverwalk	\$1,546,500	\$3,161,867	\$632,373
New Britain	Stanley Loop Trail	\$1,067,000	\$1,796,560	\$359,312
Haddam**	Swing Bridge	\$1,400,000	\$1,618,661	\$323,732

**** Haddam:** The Haddam Swing Bridge sidewalk project as proposed does not include a logical terminus at its eastern end as required by federal regulations, as noted above. The eastern terminus of the project is a yet to be designed potential pedestrian walkway affixed to the swing bridge. In addition, advancing the project as proposed may constrain decisions necessary for the efficient design of the potential swing bridge pedestrian walkway. It is therefore CTDOT's recommendation to advance Phase 2 of this project as submitted, which will include pedestrian infrastructure improvements from Route 154 to Little Meadow Road/Eagle Landing State Park. The CTDOT cost estimate provided above is based on initiating Phase 2 of this project. The COG shall confirm that this will be a desirable solution for both the Town and the MPO.

New Haven TMA

Applications have been received from the following municipalities that fall within the New Haven urbanized area; Hamden, Guilford, Meriden, New Haven, Wallingford, Essex, Clinton, Old Lyme, and Cheshire. Based on CTDOT estimates outlined in the table below, the following projects within the New Haven Urbanized Area have been identified as candidates for initiation using TA program funding; Hamden (Walkable Sidewalk) and Guilford (Linear Path).

Municipality	Project	Budget Submitted	DOT Estimated Budget	Anticipated Municipal Share
Hamden	Walkable Sidewalk	\$850,000	\$2,723,654	\$544,731
Guilford	Linear Path	\$656,650	\$1,486,047	\$297,209

Next Steps

- Confirmation Haddam will be able to provide the additional local matching funds or notification that the municipalities will be revising their project scopes to better fit the requested application amount. If a municipality intends to revise the scope of its project to fit within the application estimate, the COG must submit the municipality's revised scope to Sara Radacsi by May 19, 2017.
- A letter from the MPO's Board supporting any changes.



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Representative Jason Rojas, Co-Chair
Senator John Fonfara, Co-Chair
Senator Scott Frantz, Co-Chair
Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 3700
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RE: HB 7322 An Act Concerning State and Local Revenue

Dear Co-Chair Rojas, Co-Chair Fonfara, Co-Chair Frantz, and Members of the Committee:

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) generally supports the provisions found in HB 7322. We realize the severity of the current financial situation in Connecticut and believe this bold bill offers some real solutions. In particular, we support a uniform increase in the sales tax, rather than forcing certain municipalities to raise property taxes through additional unfunded mandates and reductions in state aid. We do, however, have concerns about a few specific provisions of the bill that we feel need to be addressed:

Section 4. We support the full funding of PILOT, rather than the partial funding proposed in the current bill. Municipalities should receive sufficient support for the costs of hosting regionally important state and non-profit institutions and properties.

Section 5. While we support oversight for regional collaboration and sharing of services plans, we feel that the Connecticut Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations needs to be restructured in such a way that each Regional Council of Governments in the state is represented. The current model, which is based on the nomination of representatives by the Connecticut Association of Councils of Government could create conflicts of interest and does not ensure that the interests of all regions of the state are represented.

Additionally, we suggest that there be a framework or guidelines created at the state-level for the various COGs to follow for their collaboration/shared services plans. This will help create consistency among the different COGs and also allow for standardized evaluation and implementation.

Section 31. We strongly object to the elimination of the sales tax exemption for non-profits. The work performed by Connecticut's non-profit organizations support the health, safety, culture, and education of our state's residents. Removing the exemption will raise the cost of doing business for non-profits at the same time when these organizations struggle to fill the vacuum left by cuts funding on state and municipal levels. The imposition of the sales tax will put some non-profits out of business. The harm caused by the tax will surely be greater than the tax revenue raised.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding these comments and RiverCOG thanks you for this opportunity to provide comments.

Sincerely,

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