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Connecticut Transportation Updates

MAT Receives Loan

Middletown Area Transit received a \$965,339 state loan to assist in the clean up of soil at its future Pease Avenue maintenance facility. The funds are part of a \$10.5 million state loan and grant program which assists towns and cities in cleaning up contaminated soil. MAT will be building a 19,000 square-foot facility for bus and van storage and the maintenance of the fleet. The new facility will be named in memory of former administrator Thomas Cheeseman.

Annual Bus Roadeo

The Annual Bus Roadeo is Sunday, June 9. Registration starts at 8am with the competition beginning at approximately 8:45am. Award presentations will begin once the scores are completed. Come out and enjoy the fun. Exit 62 off I-84.

NEPTA Golf Tournament

The NEPTA 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is on Tuesday, June 18 at the Blackstone National Golf Course, Sutton, MA. There will be a training workshop "Safe Transportation of the Public under the ADA" offered at no additional charge. There is a BBQ lunch, 18 holes of golf, reception and raffles. For registration information: www.nepta.org

The Last Mile

CACT, Transit for Connecticut and the Partnership for Stronger Communities held a "The Last Mile: Housing, Transit and Access to Jobs: A Conversation with DOT Commissioner Jim Redeker" on Wednesday, May 22 at The Lyceum in Hartford. Commissioner Redeker provided an update on CTfastrak, citing it's a dedicated fixed route "shuttle service" with high service frequency like the New York subway. As Jim noted "You go to the subway stop to get somewhere...Buses don't take you everywhere, it takes you from point to point..." CTfastrak is accessible and bike friendly. Tom Maziarz from CONNDOT noted, it now takes a 45 minute bus ride from New Britain to Harford, and when CTfastrak is operating it will take 20 minutes, a significant reduction in travel time. CRCOG Executive Director Lyle Wray talked about "putting jobs near transit." CRCOG is sponsoring meetings with towns to discuss Transit Oriented Development and the myriad of opportunities to expand economic development and affordable housing. Newly appointed Housing Commissioner Evonne Klein is in the process of consolidating the housing agency and spoke about determining where is housing needed at different levels and the importance of placing housing near public transportation.

Commissioner Redeker said the DOT has a commitment to look at all transit issues and that transit and housing work based on accessibility.

*"Public transit is a vital link for the more than
51 million Americans with disabilities."*

American Public Transportation Association

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 25th of each month. The newsletter is emailed during the first week of each month. Email your ad to: mary.cact@yahoo.com



Who Needs A Ride?

AARP's Public Policy Institute recently did an analysis of the federal government's National Household Travel Study and notes that many citizens age 65+ have no access to public transportation, and 20% don't drive and yet the use of public transportation by older Americans has increased by 40% between 2001 and 2009. Clearly public transportation will need to respond to this trend as the older population increases.

FTA Update

Due dates and expiration dates for Title VI programs on FTA's Title VI webpage: <http://www.fta.dot.gov/civilrights/12328.html>. If you do not see your transit agency, metropolitan planning organization, or State, please contact your regional civil rights officer immediately.



SAVE THE DATE

1st Annual CACT Golf Tournament

Tues., Sept. 24, 2013

Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon, CT

8:00 am – Registration, includes continental breakfast

8– 9:00 am —Putting Contest

9:00 am – Shotgun Scramble

Barbecue Luncheon w/ 1 ½ hour open bar

We are looking for Golfers, Sponsors & Volunteers

(Check out the course at: www.bluefoxent.com)

For more Information contact: CACT Golf Chair DJ Gonzalez at 860-247-5329 x3080 or DJGonzalez@ghtd.org. CACT Executive Director Mary Tomolonius 860-693-0368 or Mary.cact@yahoo.com. Some or all of the proceeds will assist CACT in their ongoing effort to raise awareness of Public Transportation needs and offer Training Opportunities.

CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon

The CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 26, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm at Indian Hill Country Club in Newington. Each year transit agencies present their employees who've excelled at their jobs with the Excellence In Transportation Award. We will be awarding the Annual Friend of Public Transportation Award. ***There is still time to register for the Luncheon.*** See page 4.

Connecticut Budget Passes

On Monday, June 3rd the State Senate approved the state budget, following the House's approval. The budget provides \$3 billion for cities and towns including monies for public and private school buses.

TOD Tool-Kit

Communities have an opportunity to better understand and implement Transit Oriented Development by utilizing the Connecticut Transit-Oriented Development Took-Kit developed by the Connecticut Fund for the Environment, The Partnership for Strong Communities, Regional Plan Association and Tri-State Transportation Campaign. www.ctenvironment.org

Use Tax Dollars for Transportation

Mineta Transportation Institute (MTI) recently conducted a survey for the American Public Transportation Association that shows an increase in support of using tax dollars to improve public transportation by expanding and creating new transit options. Last year, 69% of respondents were in favor and this year 74% were. Also 80% surveyed believed investment in public transportation helped to create jobs and a stronger community. Results of the survey were presented at the June 3, 2013 APTA Annual Rail Conference in Philadelphia.

<http://www.apta.com/mediacenter/pressreleases/2013/Pages/130603.aspx>

"From 1995 through 2011, public transportation ridership increased by 34%—a growth rate higher than the 17% increase in U.S. population and higher than the 22% growth in the use of the nation's highways over the same period."

American Public Transportation Association

Transportation Conference

APTA is sponsoring a 2013 Transit Initiatives and Communities Conference, June 23-26 in Atlanta, GA. This biennial event brings together transit agencies, local officials, transportation supporters, advocates, and ballot measure campaign professionals to discuss the latest information on transportation ballot measures. For further info contact Nicole DuPuis at 202.496.4807 or ndupuis@apta.com.

CACT Member Highlight



Andy Chiaravallo

ANDREW CHIARAVALLO is the Administrator for Middletown Area Transit (MAT). MAT provides Fixed Route, Rural Route, Paratransit/Dial-A-Ride, and Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) service to the towns of Middletown, Portland, East Hampton, Cromwell, Meriden, Middlefield and Durham. They have a fleet of 20 vehicles and 43 employees. Andy served in the United States Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1990, and specializing in the field of Air Transportation. Stationed in Dover, Delaware; Panama; and Italy and he has been associated with MAT since 1992.

He started as an Operations Manager with Red & Tan Tours and Coach USA, operating as a contractor to MAT in charge of the vehicle maintenance program, drivers (fixed route), and mechanics. In January 2007, MAT brought fixed route operations in-house. Andy became the Assistant Administrator April 2010 and the Administrator April 2011. MAT is currently constructing a \$10.4 million, 19,000 sq. ft. Maintenance & Storage Facility. Estimated completion date is June 2014.

He has a B.S. degree in Human Resources Management through Wilmington College of Delaware and an A.A.S. degree in Logistics Management through the Community College of the Air Force. Andy was born and raised in Middletown and currently resides in the Westfield section of Middletown. He is married to Susan Chiaravallo (Petrie) and has two daughters and 6 grandchildren.

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2013 CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon Registration Form

Wednesday, June 26, 2013 11:30 am –1:30 pm

Indian Hill Country Club, 111 Golf Street, Newington, CT

For directions, visit: <http://www.indianhillbanquets.com/directions/directions.html>

You are cordially invited to join CACT in recognizing the individuals who have contributed to promoting and improving public transportation in Connecticut. Celebrate progress and recognize the individuals whose achievements and actions make a difference in public transportation.

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 CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon registration and luncheon fee is **\$40.00 per person** and **\$75 for Excellence in Transportation Awardees**. Registration deadline is June 15, 2013.



• FOR MORE INFO

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2013 CACT ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

<p>Name _____</p> <p>Organization or Agency _____</p> <p>E-mail address _____</p> <p>Contact Phone Number _____</p> <p><i>Please check your entrée choice. Meal includes salad, entrée & dessert.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Marinated London Broil</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Florentine in a Puffed Pastry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vegetable Lasagna</p> <p>Make check payable to: Connecticut Association for Community Transportation (CACT)</p> <p>Return check & registration form to: CACT, 148 Bahre Corner Road, Canton, CT 06019</p>	<p>ATTENDEES:</p> <p>Registration & Lunch # attending _____ (@ \$40 each)</p> <p>Excellence in Transportation Awardees, # attending _____ (@ \$75 each)</p> <p>TOTAL # Attendees _____</p> <p>COSTS:</p> <p>TOTAL Luncheon @ \$40 ea. \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL Excellence Awardees @ \$75 ea. \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL Sponsorship (if applicable) \$ _____</p> <p>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____</p> <p>Check #: _____</p>
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