The CRCOG Annual Meeting will be held on June 30 with the presentations in the evening. DECD Commissioner Joan McDonald will speak about her work in helping to craft the New York City “green plan” PlaNYC. PlaNYC is broad based and covers climate change, housing and transportation with an ambitious implementation agenda. The plan may be viewed at: http://www.nyc.gov/html/planyc2030/html/plan/plan.shtml

Annual meeting invitations will be sent out, but advance inquires can be directed to Debby Rihm at CRCOG at 860 522 2217 ext. 13 or drihm@crcog.org.

Ground Broken for South Branch Trail

The Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development Council (RC&D) and its partners, including CRCOG, broke ground on the South Branch Trail in Hartford on May 9th. Using a DEP grant, the RC&D worked with the City, Hartford Areas Rally Together (HART), CRCOG, CT DEP, the Hartford Housing Authority, the Knox Parks Foundation, U.S. EPA, and the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to get this project started. Phase one of the multi-use trail will run along the east side of the South Branch of the Park River, from Flatbush Avenue south to Nilan Street. Phase two will extend the trail south to Newfield Avenue. Additional phases will explore connections to trails in Pope Park to the North, and to the Trout Brook system in West Hartford. Neighborhood residents are excited to gain access to this open space area. The City will also construct a meadow walking trail connecting to phase one of the Trail to enable users to gain better views of the River and wildlife in the area. Shown in the photo from left to right: CT Senator Fonfara, Mary Ellen Kowalewski (CRCOG), Wayne Bogovich (NRCS), Gina McCarthy (DEP), Alan Green (HHA), Jack Hale (Knox Parks), Hartford Mayor Perez, John Guszkowski (RC&D), and Wanda Cobbs (HART)
CREPC members traveled to West Point on May 8 for the final Cadet presentations on the “Capitol Region Pandemic Influenza Response Plan” project. Cadets Michael Alch, David Kennedy, Anshwa Pennington and Mark Podrazik presented the results of their yearlong efforts during West Point’s Project Day. Capstone projects are designed to “illustrate the importance and application of systems analysis outside of the classroom … with a real world client.” CREPC’s planning is vital to our response and the capstone analysis provides valuable insight into the shortfalls of our current response capabilities and some hints as to the steps needed to develop and enhance them. Shown in the picture: Cadet Pennington, Dr. Meltzer (CDC), Ed Kramer, Dr. Dan Scace, Carmine Centrella and Dr. Tim Elkins (USMA)

CRCOG Staff Member Appointed Chair of Statewide Incident Management Board

Karen Olson, Principal Transportation Planner at CRCOG, was recently appointed Chair of the Statewide Incident Management Task Force (SIMTF) by Kevin J. Kelleher, Chair of the Transportation Strategy Board (TBS). The SIMTF was instituted in 2003 under the chairmanship of Stephen Cassano, former CRCOG Policy Board Chair, former mayor of Manchester and former TSB member. Under Mr. Cassano’s leadership, the SIMTF developed a White Paper on Incident Management, describing a multi-agency, multi-year strategic plan for incident management. Significant progress has been and is being made on implementing its many recommendations.

Ms. Olson has been a member of the SIMTF since its inception and has most recently been working with the subcommittee that is writing a Unified Response Manual (URM) for Incidents on Limited Access Highways. The URM was identified as the highest priority of the SIMTF and is nearing completion.

Ms. Olson was also instrumental in establishing the Greater Hartford Incident Management Steering Committee, which has recently merged with the Capitol Region Emergency Planning Committee’s Regional Support Function - 1. RESF-1 addresses transportation aspects of both highway incident management and emergency management.
Upcoming CRCOG Meetings

Bike/Pedestrian Committee, June 10, Noon, CRRA
Public Safety Council, Thursday, June 12, Noon, South Church
Community Development Committee, Thursday, June 12, Noon, South Church
Municipal Services Committee, Tuesday, June 17, Noon, CRRA
Jobs Access, Thursday, June 19, 9:30 a.m., Greater Hartford Transit District
Regional Planning Commission, Thursday, June 19, 7:00 p.m., West Hartford Town Hall
Transportation Committee, Monday, June 23, Noon, CRRA
CRCOG Policy Board, Wednesday, June 25, CRRA

CRCOG ANNUAL MEETING – MONDAY, JUNE 30, MANCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB
CRCOG Executive Committee, Wednesday, August 13, Noon, CRCOG Board Room

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