

# Capitol Region Council of Governments

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**TO: REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**FROM: MARY ELLEN KOWALEWSKI**  
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**SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF FEBRUARY 15, 2007 MEETING AND**  
**UPCOMING MEETING TOPICS**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2007**

The February 15, 2007 meeting of the Regional Planning Commission has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on March 15, 2007.

We have been exploring several topics for future RPC meetings, and were unable to arrange speakers for the February meeting. We did not feel there was sufficient other business to justify a meeting this month.

By separate communication, you have received notice of a training opportunity at 4 p.m. on **February 14<sup>th</sup>** at the Windsor Town Council Chambers: an American Planning Association (APA) **Web Conference on Complete Streets**. This program will share how communities are joining the “complete streets movement” to make towns and cities more livable, through making room for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users on auto-oriented roads. The meeting notice and registration instructions are attached. All RPC members, and others from your commissions, are welcome to attend.

Topics planned for upcoming RPC meetings include:

- A presentation by OPM and DEP staff on how the State Plan of Conservation and Development is used to guide infrastructure investments in new and expanded water and sewer systems. We would also like to include some discussion of how alternative on-site community water and septic systems can assist rural communities in clustering development in appropriate locations.
- A discussion of issues related to reliance on the property tax to fund municipal services, and prospects for property tax reform in Connecticut, led by staff from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM).

As always, we are open to suggestions from our membership on topics that may be of interest and use to your municipalities. Please contact me at 522-2217 or [mkowalewski@crcog.org](mailto:mkowalewski@crcog.org) if you have any suggestions.

## **INVITATION TO COMPLETE STREETS WEB CONFERENCE**

You are invited to attend an **APA/AICP Web Conference on Complete Streets**, sponsored by the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). The Web Conference will be held in the **Council Chambers of the Windsor Town Hall, 275 Broad Street, Windsor, CT on February 14, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** This conference is part of the APA/AICP Advanced Intensive Series and provides 3 units of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credit to AICP certified planners.

**Program Description:** Make room for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users on your auto-oriented roads. Learn how the complete streets movement provides safe and convenient user access and more choice in transportation modes, and how it has become a major tool for planning to improve communities. Through programs that rethink the physical design of streets, complete streets make cities and towns more livable and appealing to all residents. Learn how communities overcome resistance and how new federal and state funding supports these programs.

**Additional Information:** Registration includes access to a special conference website with extensive supplemental reading materials. All attendees will have access to the website for three months after the program.

To assist in training staff members or commissioners who cannot attend the live program, CRCOG will also receive a CD-ROM of the conference, mailed to us 6 to 8 weeks after the program. The CD-ROM contains:

- Audio recording synchronized with the PowerPoint presentation
- Transcript of the program
- Supplemental reading materials

**To Register:** RSVP to this email with name, position, municipality, phone and email address. There is no charge for this Web Conference.

**Questions?** Contact Mary Ellen Kowalewski, Director of Community Development, 860-522-2217 ext. 22 or [mkowalewski@crcog.org](mailto:mkowalewski@crcog.org)

**Weather Information:** If there are any doubts if the Web Conference will be held due to inclement weather, please phone 860-522-2217 ext. 22 for a pre-recorded message.

**About the Advanced Intensive Series:** Planners need to stay abreast of planning developments. In this series, the discussion will be more technical and geared to the practicing planner. Speakers provide case studies and assessments of planning techniques that further the field. Attendees will gain the most from this series if they follow preparation instructions and do the readings for the program. This series is presented by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).

