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**MINUTES OF THE
MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
November 19, 2008**

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Peter Bucknall, MAC Chair, called the business meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Peter reminded those in attendance that a timely presentation by Deputy Commissioner of Transportation Albert Martin was scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Deputy Commissioner Martin was invited to speak on mass transportation planning.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 15, 2008 meeting were approved unanimously, as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

David Lynn, Treasurer, reported that the balance in the treasury as of October 31, 2008 was \$2,576.21. Since then, the Managers Day keynote speaker fee was paid, and OPM reimbursement for allowable expenses was received. A fruit basket was sent to Ellen Carter, who had been hospitalized and is now recuperating at home. These transactions bring the balance as of November 17, 2008 to \$3,591.31. The Treasurer's report was accepted unanimously.

Committee Reports

Credentials. On behalf of Ellen Carter, MAC Credential Chair, Elise Kremer indicated that there is no new information to report. The roster of MAC members was distributed at the October meeting and included in the October meeting minutes. Members were asked to report any changes to Ellen and Elise. No updates have been received from the membership, to the best of Elise's knowledge.

Old Business

Speakers and Logistics. Elise sent an e-mail to the MAC and managerial list serves, soliciting suggestions for the speakers calendar for 2009. Several speakers have been invited or confirmed, and there were a number of suggestions submitted for additional speakers. This information was summarized in a handout that Elise distributed at the meeting. Discussion ensued on the various topical and speaker suggestions that had been submitted. One topic that had been suggested was Leadership in Stressful Times. Chris Beloff had some preliminary discussion with Colonel Bill Shea of the Connecticut Army National Guard. Colonel Shea has offered to speak to MAC on this subject, if we

would like to invite him. Chris was thanked and asked to secure a date for Colonel Shea to speak. After further discussion of the other ideas, it was agreed to do a bit more research and revisit this agenda item at the next meeting.

Formation of Managers Day 2009 Committee. Via the list serv, Elise put out a request for volunteers, both continuing members and new members, for the Managers Day 2009 planning committee. Mark Polzella reported that there has been a great response, including a number of new members. The kick-off meeting will be scheduled to take place after the holidays.

Web Site. Anne MacLeod, MAC Web Mistress, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, so there was no report this month.

Communications Committee. Tom Crafa has submitted Managers Day 2008 photographs to Anne MacLeod for MAC's web site. Tom also commented that a mailing is planned to provide new managers with information on MAC.

Orientation Committee. Dave Lynn reported that there will be three series of the New Managers Orientation Program provided by DAS in 2009. Peter Bucknall and Dave Lynn will present a 15-minute segment on MAC at each of the three series. This has proven to be a very worthwhile effort and a great venue to introduce new managers to MAC. There are about 140 managers still in the pipeline to attend this program.

Managerial Sick Leave Bank (MSLB) Provisions. Dave advised that DAS has drafted an updated MSLB policy and is awaiting all necessary approvals.

Other Old Business. Mark has boxed up the cell phones and accessories that were collected at Managers Day 2008. As decided at the October meeting, he will be dropping the donations off to Verizon for their HopeLine program.

New Business

Donation of Managers Day 2008 Proceeds. Dave advised that there was a net gain in the Treasury of approximately \$500 as a result of Managers Day 2008. There was discussion of donating a portion of that amount for charitable drives sponsored by the state. It was suggested the \$100 be donated to the Governor's Care and Share drive and that \$100 be donated to the state's Give2TheTroops drive. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Other New Business. There was no other New Business.

Guest Presentation

Wanda Seldon welcomed and introduced Deputy Commissioner of Transportation Albert Martin. Deputy Commissioner Martin was appointed 19 months ago, after a national search for an expert at integrating transportation planning with responsible growth initiatives.

Deputy Commissioner Martin addressed the MAC members and guests on the subject of Transit-Oriented Development (TOD). He commented that the new leadership at DOT is committed to ensuring that mass transit becomes an integral part of the lives of Connecticut residents.

DOT defines TOD as mixed-use development (residential, business, and commercial) within a half-mile radius around a mass transit hub, preferably both train and bus. This becomes a “livable” community of mixed-income housing which, through a public-private partnership model, attracts employment and business opportunities. This is not a new concept. For decades, this country was settled around mass transportation corridors, initially waterways, then train lines, and now highways.

Mass transit has a beneficial societal and environmental impact because it:

- Reduces highway congestion
- Reduces automobile emissions
- Promotes economic development
- Creates livable communities

By cutting back on personal vehicle use, the environment is improved and dependence on foreign oil is reduced.

As an example of TOD, a project that is underway is a mixed-use development in Georgetown. A private developer approached DOT about having a local train station as an economic development hub. This project is getting rave reviews for stimulating responsible growth and economic development. Another effort is taking place in Stamford. There has been an increase of 70% in train ridership from New York to Stamford, because of new employment opportunities. DOT is partnering with a developer to develop residential opportunities around the train station. This project will attract significant revenues to the state.

DOT is looking at the potential for TOD around Union Station in Hartford and the train station in New Haven. DOT is looking at all corners of the state for TOD initiatives. Most municipalities have been receptive. DOT has to work with each municipality to identify the community's unique needs and potential opportunities.

Plans are in place for expansion of train and bus service. One example is the Connecticut Busway, a dedicated nine-mile right-of-way that will be restricted to bus traffic between Hartford and New Britain. The exact timetable for various planned

expansions will depend on resources. Federal transportation funds are reauthorized in 2009. Once there is a clearer picture of available resources, better planning can be done.

Discussion ensued, with various needs put forward, including: rail service to Bradley Airport; reduction of congestion on Route 2; expansion of service on certain mass transportation lines; and reduction of tractor-trailer traffic on highways. On the latter subject, Deputy Commissioner Martin spoke about the potential for true deep-water ports in New London, New Haven, and Bridgeport, connected by rail lines to move cargo throughout the state. There are many needs and great plans to meet them, but all are dependent on adequate resources.

Adjournment

Deputy Commissioner Martin was thanked for his very informative presentation, and Wanda was thanked for arranging this event. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The list of those in attendance at the November 19, 2008 MAC meeting is attached and is hereby made a part of these minutes.

There will be no meeting in December 2008. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 21, 2009 in Conference Room B at the Department of Transportation. The guest speaker will be confirmed and announced in a list serv meeting notice.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Kremer
MAC Secretary
MAC Representative for the
Department of Public Health

MAC ATTENDANCE ROSTER

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<u>Agency</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Rep/Alt/Guest</u>
Administrative Services	Dave Lynn, Treasurer	R
Administrative Services	Frank Sanzo	G
Comptroller	Brenda Halpin	R
Consumer Protection	Elisa Nahas	A
Economic and Community Development	Sheila Hummel	R
Human Rights and Opportunities	Epifanio Carrasquillo	R
Labor	Mark Polzella, Vice Chair	R
Mental Health and Addiction Services	Bobbi Buckner	R
Motor Vehicles	Joe Lembo	R
Motor Vehicles	Nancy McCorkle	A
Pardons and Parole	Rasa Pakalnis	R
Policy and Management	Franl Intino	A
Public Health	Elise Kremer, Secretary	R
Public Utility Control	Peter O'Neil	R
Revenue Services	Tom Crafa	R
Social Services	Peter Bucknall, Chair	R
Transportation	Wanda Seldon	R
Transportation	Diane Donato	G
Transportation	Joe Spagna	G
Veterans' Affairs	Babatunde Green	R
Veterans' Affairs	Chris Beloff	A