



Connecting the Dots... ***to a Better Connecticut Transit System***

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 – 9:30 am to 11:30 am

The Lyceum, Hartford

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9:30 Welcome

Alicia Woodsby, Executive Director, Partnership for Strong Communities

9:35 Introduction

John Simone, Executive Director, CT Main Street Center

9:40 Keynote Presentation

Chris Zimmerman, VP of Economic Development, Smart Growth America

10:20 Q & A

10:30 Panel – State Investment in Transit Oriented Development

Moderator:

- **Emily Hultquist**, Principal Planner and Policy Analyst, Capital Region Council of Governments

Panelists:

- **David Elder**, Transportation Supervising Planner, CT Department of Transportation
- **Garrett Eucalitto**, Undersecretary for Transportation Policy and Planning, CT Office of Policy and Management
- **Nick Lundgren**, Deputy Commissioner, CT Department of Housing
- **Tim Sullivan**, Deputy Commissioner, CT Department of Economic and Community Development

11:15 Q & A

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Christopher Zimmerman is Smart Growth America's Vice President for Economic Development, and Director of the Governors' Institute on Community Design. He provides technical assistance to local governments, regional agencies, and states, and conducts research on the interrelationships between land use, transportation, and development policies. He particularly focuses on the economic and fiscal impact of land use patterns and other policies on the economic and fiscal health of localities and regions. Chris leads SGA's FTA-funded TOD Technical Assistance program; oversees SGA's program for downtown revitalization, which provides training and technical assistance to local officials; and is a principal instructor for SGA's "Planning for Economic & Fiscal Health" workshop under EPA's "Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities" program.

Prior to joining SGA, Chris was intimately involved in planning, development, housing, and transportation policy for an urban municipality widely recognized as one of the leading models for smart growth and transit-oriented development in the U.S., through his work as an elected official in Arlington County, Virginia. (County Board Member, 1996-2014; Chairman, 1998, 2002, 2006, 2010). In 2002 Arlington was the recipient of the U.S Environmental Protection Agency's first Award for Overall Excellence in Smart Growth. (The County Board is Arlington's governing body, responsible for a budget of approximately \$1 billion annually, and for all land use and zoning decisions.)

Mr. Zimmerman has served as an adjunct instructor for the Urban Affairs and Planning program at Virginia Tech, teaching graduate courses in Transit-Oriented Development and Regional Transportation Planning. Prior to his service as an elected official, Mr. Zimmerman was Chief Economist at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

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