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**Westport Bus Study – Public Presentation**

Date: Monday December 14, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: Westport Town Hall Auditorium

 110 Myrtle Avenue, Westport CT

The Western Connecticut Council of Governments in cooperation with the Town of Westport and the Connecticut Department of Transportation conducted a study of Westport Bus Service. The purpose of the study was to evaluate Westport Bus and paratransit services, identify community transit needs, and develop a transit plan that responds to community needs within reasonably available financial resources.

The public is invited to attend the presentation on the study findings and recommendations which will be held on December 14, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Westport Town Hall Auditorium.

The WTD “Minnybus” began operations in 1974 and currently provides peak hour shuttles to Saugatuck and Greens Farm rail stations as well as paratransit services for the elderly and disabled populations in the community. The presentation will describe the existing program and its performance, and operating, capital and administrative recommendations for near and longer term implementation. The recommendations include changes to existing service including extended hours and a midday circulator between downtown and the Saugatuck rail station, bus shelters and capital improvements, and enhanced marketing. The program is designed to enhance bus service for customers who currently use the buses, to attract new riders, and to reduce demand for station parking.

The draft Westport Bus Study Final Report is available for review at the Westport Library and at the Westport Town Hall in the First Selectman’s Office as well as the Planning and Zoning Department. The report is also posted at: <https://westcog.org/transportation-studies/>

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