

DRAFT

**CENTRAL CONNECTICUT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
COMMITTEE (CCTIC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

DAY/DATE: **Thursday, July 31, 2008**
MEETING TIME: **9:00 A.M.**
PLACE: **Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency
225 North Main Street, Suite 304
Bristol, CT**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum: Called to order at 9:03 AM, by Chairman Padlo.
Members:

Berlin	Art Simonian	present	New Britain	Steven Schiller	present
Berlin	Morgan Seelye	ex. absence	Plainville	vacancy	
Bristol	Donald Padlo, Chair	present	Plainville	John Bossi	present
Bristol	Walter Veselka	present	Plymouth	Tony Lorenzetti	present
Burlington	Scott Tharau	absent	Plymouth	Stephen W. Mindera, Jr.	present
Burlington	Bernard Schuster	absent	Southington	vacancy	
New Britain	Mark Moriarty	absent	Southington	Jim Grappone (represented by Annette Turnquist)	

Also in attendance: Stephanie Nadler, CCRPA; Ken Shooshan-Stoller, CCRPA

2. **Comments from the Public** – none

3. **ACTION - Approve May 29, 2008, meeting minutes** – MOTION to approve, made by Tony Lorenzetti, seconded by Stephen W. Mindera, Jr., passed unanimously (Art Simonian abstaining).

4. **INFORMATION/ACTION – STP-Urban Program 2008 and 2009 – Underprogrammed Funds –**

Staff reviewed the reasons that the STP-Urban program was presently underprogrammed, whereas, until April 2008, it had previously been substantially overprogrammed. Staff reviewed results of meeting with ConnDOT regarding the prioritized list, approved by the TIC, of options for utilizing remaining 2008 funds. The following approved options were presented and discussed with the DOT:

1) Obligate Funds for Design Phases: The Beaver Street (New Britain) project, submitted to the ConnDOT in 2004 as part of our STP-urban solicitation that year, is close to emerging from the Project Development Unit at ConnDOT. The extra funds, assuming that the project is ready to advance, could be used to obligate the federal portion of the design phase of the project (approximately \$275,000). Additionally, advocate that the South Main Street (Plymouth) right-of-way phase be pushed back into fiscal 2008 (approximately \$200,000).

2) Obligate Funds for Cost Increases: Although there are some funds in the program to cover cost increases for projects in 2007, more may be necessary.

3) Add Special Study as New Project: Part or all of the extra funds could be put towards financing the Commuter Rail Feasibility Study for the east/west rail infrastructure in Plymouth, Bristol, Plainville, New Britain, and Berlin. This concept is also supported in the Long-Range Transportation Plan and by the Agency Board,

The DOT agreed to work toward accelerating the initiation of the Beaver Street project in New Britain, as well as the Glen Street Pedestrian project in New Britain. Beaver Street is close to emerging from Project Development, and the pedestrian project is such that it can be developed rapidly. DOT agreed to obligate funds toward existing projects, such as Hart Street Extension, which are experiencing cost increases. The DOT believed that there would not be enough time to initiate the commuter rail study using 2008 funds. The DOT suggested that any leftover 2008 funds after advancing Beaver and Glen Streets, and earmarking funds for projects underway that are experiencing cost increase, could be used to support Route 72 Extension work, thus keeping the funds within the region. Otherwise, unobligated funds would revert to the state. MOTION: To allow unobligated 2008 STP-Urban funds to be released to the Route 72 Extension project with the stipulation that monies be earmarked for improvements at the intersections of Central Street and Lincoln Avenue to repair areas resulting from utility work, made by Stephen W. Mindera, Jr., seconded by Walter Veselka, passed unanimously.

5. **Any Other Matters** – Discussion on the need to expedite projects, especially for those towns involved in consultant selection. Staff will endeavor to assist in efforts to expedite projects. Discussion on GIS allocations as a percentage of municipal dues to the Agency. The percentage is used to buy hours of special GIS work.
6. **Adjournment** – MOTION, made by Tony Lorenzetti, seconded by Art Simonian, passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.