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

DAY/DATE: **Thursday, November 20, 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 9:00 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 (represented by Pat Kirkwood)	present	Southington	Jim Grappone	present

Also in attendance: Margus Laan, CCRPA; Stephanie Nadler, CCRPA; Francis Pickering, CCRPA; Ken Shooshan-Stoller, CCRPA; Melon Wedick, CCRPA

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

3. **ACTION - Approve September 25, 2008, meeting minutes** – MOTION to approve, made by Stephen W. Mindera, Jr., seconded by Steven Schiller, passed unanimously, with one abstained.

4. **INFORMATION/ACTION – Transit Enhancement Funding – Formalization of Solicitation** – Staff reviewed the Transit Enhancement Program and how the CCRPA became involved in it and how the program operated in previous years. Presently, there are substantial carryovers in the program. Additionally, the future of the program is unknown. In the past, the program was not formerly administered, but operated as a continual “as-needed” funding program. The purpose of a formal solicitation is to attract more proposals. MOTION, to accept and utilize the proposed application form, made by Stephen W. Mindera, Jr., seconded by Walter Veselka, passed unanimously. Discussion of this subject followed that concerned the schedule for fiscal 2009 for project review. MOTION: To establish February 1, 2009, as the deadline for project submission, and the March 2009 TIC meeting for finalizing submissions to ConnDOT and Greater Hartford Transit District, made by Tony Lorenzetti, seconded by Art Simonian, passed unanimously.

5. **INFORMATION – Google Transit for the Central Connecticut Region** – Staff presented a CCRPA initiative to provide bus transit routing and trip planning via the internet and Google. Many transit systems in the United States are utilizing this service presently, including states surrounding Connecticut. MetroNorth also utilizes Google Transit, and CTTransit is planning to offer the service to users of the Hartford, New Haven and Stamford systems. However, Google will not be able to post such service until April 2009 at the earliest.

6. **Any Other Matters – Staff Changes** – The Committee was informed of staff changes at CCRPA. Stephanie Nadler is leaving the agency for a position with Planimetrics. Melon Wedick has started working at the CCRPA as a new Regional Planner. **Transit Marketing** – Staff reviewed with the

Committee past requests to market transit in the region through the print media by publication of routes and schedules. Staff presented the fees that the Berlin Citizen charges for ads and inserts.

MOTION: to have staff prepare an insert showing the bus route and schedules for the Berlin-Kensington (BK) route for publication in the Berlin Citizen, made by Walter Veselka, seconded by Stephen W. Mindera, Jr., passed unanimously. **2008 STP-Urban Program Funds** – Staff referred to an e-mail sent on October 9, 2008, from ConnDOT which was the response to the Committee's priorities for expending the underprogrammed 2008 STP-urban funds. The e-mail explained that the priority which would be directed to help fund the Route 72 extension project with the stipulation that the money would be used at the intersections of Central and Lincoln Streets. This request was denied by ConnDOT on the basis that such work was beyond the project limits. Staff was directed to resubmit the request as nonparticipating and for this work to use the carryover urban funds.

Economic Stimulus Package – Staff informed the Committee that projects sent to the agency on the request of ConnDOT for an Economic Stimulus Package were forwarded to DOT and CCM, as both agencies are preparing packages to present the Congressional Delegation from Connecticut. Copies of the submissions were provided to the members. **Bike Routes Map from CRCOG** – Staff reviewed map of preferred, on-road bicycle routes from the Capitol Region. Many routes end at the CCRPA borders. A task that could be rolled into the existing Central Connecticut Plan for Alternative Transportation and Health (CCPATH) would be to link the ends of CRCOG's system with preferred, designated routes in the central Connecticut region.

7. **Adjournment** – MOTION, made by Steven Schiller, seconded by Stephen W. Mindera, Jr., passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.