

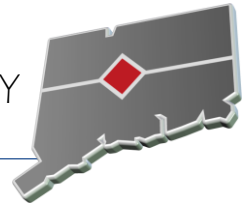
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## **REGULAR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES** **9 A.M. Thursday, March 25, 2010; CCRPA 225 N. Main St. Ste 304, Bristol, CT**

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum (representation from 4 municipalities) the meeting was called to order at approximately 9 AM with the following members in attendance except as noted:

Municipality	Representation	Name	Municipality	Representation	Name
Berlin	Staff	Art Simonian	New Britain	Board	Steven Schiller
Berlin	Staff	B. Griswold - Absent	Plainville		Vacant
Bristol	Board	Donald Padlo, Chair	Plainville	Staff	John Bossi - Absent
Bristol	Staff	Walter Veselka	Plymouth	Staff	Tony Lorenzetti
Burlington	Staff	Scott Tharau - Absent	Plymouth	Board	S. Mindera - Absent
Burlington		Vacant	Southington		Vacant
New Britain	Staff	Mark Moriarty	Southington	Staff	Jim Grappone

Also in attendance were Michael Sanders, Brian Cunningham, Jim Redeker, Maureen Lawrence, and Grayson Wright from ConnDOT; Michael Tonelli and Francis Pickering from CCRPA.

- II. Comments from the Public – none.
- III. Special Presentation: New Britain-Hartford Bus Rapid Transit Project – Michael Sanders, Connecticut Department of Transportation.
- IV. Action Items
- A. Approval of the Minutes from January 28, 2010, Regular Meeting  
**MOTION:** Mark Moriarty moved approval; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously.
  - B. Recommendation to the Board on STIP/TIP Amendment on Project 0170-2776 – Surface Transportation Program Funds for Engineering / Scoping and Project Development – Statewide.  
**MOTION:** Stephen Mindera moved to approve the staff recommendation; seconded by Walter Veselka; passed unanimously.
  - C. Recommendation to the Board on STIP/TIP Amendment on Project 0063-0664 – Design Activities: STPH Urban Program – Greater Hartford.  
**MOTION:** Walter Veselka moved to approve the staff recommendation; seconded by Tony Lorenzetti; passed unanimously.
  - D. Recommendation to the Board on STIP/TIP Amendment on Project 0110-0132 – Reconstruct a 780 foot section of Allentown Road – Plymouth.  
**MOTION:** Tony Lorenzetti moved to approve the staff recommendation; seconded by Walter Veselka; passed unanimously.

V. INFORMATION

- A. Review and comments on the Unified Planning Work Program Draft – Francis Pickering  
It was suggested that the UPWP should include more references to rail-related projects, and that reference should also be made to the need to connect regional rail services to proposed high speed rail service along the Eastern seaboard. Staff noted that federal funding sources require that transportation studies be mode-neutral, and that modal recommendations must be based upon unbiased analyses that should suggest appropriate modes. Staff pointed out that a study that will examine rail options is expressly included in the UPWP.

It was also suggested that language should be incorporated into the UPWP regarding a requirement that the Region should solicit comments from its municipal public works officials prior to the adoption of final recommendations. It was noted that such a requirement is incorporated into the Region's Public Participation Plan, to which the UPWP refers, as well as in the federal rules and regulations under which the UPWP is developed.

- B. Discussion regarding the frequency of TIC meetings.  
**MOTION:** Art Simonian moved to maintain current meeting schedule with the possibility to hold special meetings if deemed necessary by Staff and the Chairman; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously.

VI. Any Other Matters – none.

VII. Adjournment was declared at approximately 10:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tonelli, Regional Planner