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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (TIC) MEETING MINUTES

9 A.M. Thursday, DATE; CCRPA 225 N. Main Street Suite 304, Bristol, CT

I. Roll call and determination of quorum

The meeting was called to order at TIME with the following members in attendance:

Representative	Municipality	Representative	Municipality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art Simonian	Berlin	<input type="checkbox"/> Steven Schiller	New Britain
<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Griswold	Berlin	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Plainville
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Padlo, Chairman	Bristol	<input type="checkbox"/> John Bossi	Plainville
<input type="checkbox"/> Ray Rogozinski	Bristol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Lorenzetti	Plymouth
<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Tharau	Burlington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen W. Mindera	Plymouth
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Burlington	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Southington
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Moriarty	New Britain	<input type="checkbox"/> Jim Grappone	Southington

Also in attendance: Francis Pickering; Ethan Abeles

II. Comments from the Public

None.

III. Action items

- A. Approval of the May 27, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes MOTION: Don Padlo moved approval as presented; seconded by Art Simonian with two minor corrections; passed unanimously.
- B. Recommendations to the Agency Board
 - 1) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide projects 0170-2758 and 2759: Pavement Management Analysis & Data Collection for NHS and non-NHS roadways.
MOTION: Steve Mindera moved to recommend approval of these amendments to the Agency Board; seconded by Art Simonian; passed unanimously.
 - 2) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide project 0170-2868: underwater inspection of all structures over 20 feet in length that crosses a water course.
MOTION: Tony Lorenzetti moved to recommend approval of these amendments to the Agency Board; seconded by Mark Moriarty; passed unanimously.

3) STIP/TIP amendment to approve Town of Plymouth project 0110-0133:
Pedestrian safety improvements in the Town of Plymouth.

MOTION: Steve Mindera moved to recommend approval of these amendments to the Agency Board; seconded by Mark Moriarty; passed unanimously.

C. Cost Containment Policy: Amendment to the TIC Bylaws to include the policy approved by the TIC on September 12, 2002 under the subject, "project cost escalation."

"In the event that the cost for a given project prior to its obligation exceeds the estimate presented to the Committee by 20 percent, the Chair shall appoint 3 members of the Committee to serve as a review panel to hear explanations of project increases. If such explanation warrants, the panel upon hearing the explanation, will recommend whether the program, or the municipality, absorbs the increase. The panel will also work to see if altering the project scope can lessen, or eliminate, the increase. The panel should then report its recommendations to the Committee for action. The panel shall convene on a case-by-case basis. The Chair shall refrain from appointing panel members from the subject municipality to avoid conflicts of interest. A formal review approach provides the Committee with other options for equitable solutions to extreme increases in projects cost."

Art Simonian provided a brief history of the Farmington Avenue Bridge project in Berlin. The last 3 DOT inspections have identified the bridge to be in serious condition. Mark Moriarty stated that the bridge may qualify for funding under the federal/local bridge program, which he felt to be a better way to finance the project. MOTION: Steve Mindera moved to accept the cost containment policy as outlined above; seconded by Mark Moriarty; passed with Art Simonian abstaining.

D. Appointment of a Review Panel to study cost escalations in the Farmington Avenue Bridge project in Berlin. Chairman Don Padlo appointed Mark Moriarty, Tony Lorenzetti, and Walt Veselka to serve on the Review Panel.

E. Recommendation to ConnDOT for improvements to the "Local Road Accident Reduction Program" and review of draft letter. The Committee discussed the letter drafted by the Transportation Planner. Tony Lorenzetti discussed some of the problems with the program including the tight funding and the strict DOT guidelines that must be adhered to in the application process. Mark Moriarty stated that the program is useful for limited scope projects such as traffic signals or signage upgrades.

MOTION: Steve Mindera moved to have the Transportation Planner finish writing a draft of the letter to be sent to TIC members for comments; seconded by Mark Moriarty; passed unanimously.

IV. Information items Transportation planner, Ethan Abeles reviewed the following item relating to actions taken, or ready to be finalized by the Agency Board:

- A. Administrative Approval of TIP Action to change funding shares for Plymouth Realignment and Reconstruction of South Main St. to 80% Federal, 10% State, 10% Local, Project 0110-0129

V. Other matters

Senior Planner, Francis Pickering, provided a Long-Range Transportation Plan update. Francis discussed the solicitation for mid- and long-term projects to be included in the plan. Ethan Abeles will resend the email that asks the municipalities to submit these projects.

VI. Adjournment was declared at approximately 10:10 a.m.

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