

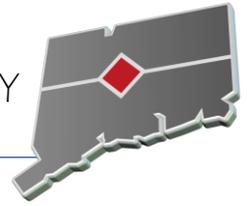
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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (TIC) MEETING MINUTES

9 A.M. Thursday, 11/18/2010; CCRPA 225 N. Main Street Suite 304, Bristol, CT

I. Roll call and determination of quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. with the members checked below 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Strawderman (for Walter Veselka) | Bristol | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Lorenzetti | Plymouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scott Tharau | Burlington | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Grappone | Southington |

Also in attendance: Grayson Wright (ConnDOT); Ethan Abeles (CCRPA); Kristin Thomas (CCRPA)

II. Comments from the Public

None.

III. Action items

A. Approval of the September 30, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Art Simonian moved approval as presented; seconded by Mark Moriarty; passed unanimously.

B. Recommendations to the Agency Board

1) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide project 0170-2771

2) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide project 0170-2273

3) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide project 0170-2854

4) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide project 0170-2993

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

5) STIP/TIP amendment to approve regional project 0088-0180

MOTION: Paul Strawderman moved to recommend approval of this amendment to the Agency Board; seconded by Tony Lorenzetti; passed unanimously.

- C. Recommended functional classification changes to three sections of Route 69 (one in Bristol, two in Burlington)

DISCUSSION: The three sections of Route 69 are currently classified as a minor arterial (2 sections) and a major collector (1 section). Route 69 is the main east-west corridor connecting Bristol and Burlington and everyone in attendance agreed it is an important thoroughfare. The attendees in the meeting discussed reclassifying all of the sections as minor arterial for uniformity. After further discussion it was decided CCRPA will contact the FHWA about an extension and the Committee will revisit the classification topic during the January meeting.

MOTION: Art Simonian moved to authorize CCRPA contact FHWA concerning an extension and to gather additional information; seconded by Tony Lorenzetti; passed with Mark Moriarty in opposition.

- D. Discussion of CT DOT initiatives to support bicycle and pedestrian options.

DISCUSSION: Ethan Abeles led a discussion about ConnDOT's proposed changes with respect to bicycle and pedestrian policies. These procedural changes include greater DEP-DOT collaboration, changes to the STP-Enhancement program, the allowance of STP-Urban funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects, a new DOT sidewalk policy, revisions to the Design Manual, and the initiation of a "Quick Fix" program. The discussion focused on possible changes to the STP-Enhancement program that may include a reallocation of funding control of the program. Currently, the RPO has control over 100 percent of the funds, but ConnDOT has initially proposed DOT control over 50 percent of the funds with the RPOs retaining control over the other half. Members of the Committee expressed their displeasure with these proposed changes.

ACTION: Committee members will send their input to CCRPA to be included into a letter addressed to ConnDOT expressing the Committee's questions and concerns about the proposed changes to the programs.

IV. Information items

- A. Administrative Approval of STIP/TIP Action for Statewide Project 0170-2868. Statewide Bridge inspection: FFY 2010 deleted (\$952,000 total); FFY 2011 increased to an estimated \$1,904,000 total.
- B. Administrative Approval of STIP/TIP Action for Regional Project 0110-0133. This project, funded through the Safe Routes to School program, involves pedestrian safety improvements in the Town of Plymouth. This action moves the funding for the PE phase from FFY 2010 to FFY 2011, and that for the construction phase from FFY 2011 to FFY 2012

V. Other matters

- A. The Committee discussed securing transit enhancement funds to place 60 signs in support of the Region's CT Transit bus system. The transit signs would be placed at the transit time points as defined by the current bus schedule. Committee members stated they would like to have ultimate control over where the signs are placed. The funding has been made available through Transit Enhancement funding for the Hartford TMA. The total amount of funding to be requested is in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The program requires there to be a 20 percent local match for the 80 percent federal funds. Questions were raised to whether the match could be met by "in kind" services.

ACTION: CCRPA will follow up with CRCOG and found out specifics including what qualifies as a local match. The TIC offered its reassurance that these signs would be important for the Region and the bus system.

- B. Ethan Abeles led a discussion on the current status of the Surface Transportation Program for the Region based on a 11/10/2010 meeting with the project development department at ConnDOT. The Regional Summary for the Program through 2015 was presented. There are currently no projects programmed for the 2013 Federal Fiscal Year. A summary of the current submitted applications to the STP-Urban Program were also presented. The four projects that have been submitted are:

- Plymouth; Intersection improvement (Rte. 6 at North and South Main Sts.)
- Plainville; Widening of New Britain Ave. w/ of Cooke St.
- New Britain; Intersection improvement (Rte. 174 at East St.)
- New Britain; Reconstruction of Broad St.

ACTION: CCRPA will put together a more complete presentation on the current status of the STP-Urban Program and present it to the Committee during the January meeting. The status of the STP-Urban Program will be an item on every TIC meeting agenda moving forward.

VI. Adjournment was declared at approximately 10:35 a.m.