

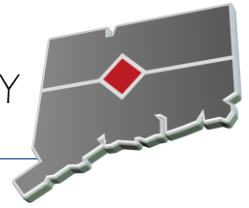
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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (TIC) MEETING MINUTES

9 A.M. Thursday, 2/3/2011; 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 type="checkbox"/> Art Simonian	Berlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steven Schiller	New Britain
<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Griswold	Berlin	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Plainville
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Strawderman (for Donald Padlo, Chairman)	Bristol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Bossi	Plainville
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Veselka	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: Grayson Wright (ConnDOT); Ethan Abeles (CCRPA); Francis Pickering (CCRPA); Tim Malone (CCRPA)

II. Comments from the Public

None.

III. Action items

A. Approval of the November 18, 2010, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Steve Mindera moved approval as presented; seconded by Mark Moriarty; passed unanimously.

B. Recommendations to the Agency Board

- 1) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide projects 171-327, 174-328, 174-334, and 170-2987

MOTION: Walt Veselka moved to recommend approval of these amendments to the Agency Board; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously.

- 2) STIP/TIP amendment to approve Burlington project 174-351

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

IV. Information items and other matters

A. STP Program Discussion.

The Urban Surface Transportation Program (STP-U) is administered by CCRPA to distribute federal funds for this Program to the seven towns in the Region. Ethan Abeles provided historical background for the Program including detailed information from 2002-2010. These data show some of the towns in the Region benefit disproportionately from the Program compared to some other towns. Submitted applications to the STP-U Program were also presented and the inability to program these relatively large projects was discussed. Due to fiscal constraint inherent in the Program, the need for smaller, more flexible projects was identified as a way to keep the Program up-to-date. The current projects programmed through FY 2015 were shown and a funding opportunity for FY 2013 of about \$1M was discussed.

The need to update the criteria for ranking potential STP-U projects was discussed and will be revisited at future meetings. The criteria used by CRCOG was discussed as being a good possible template for developing CCRPA's criteria.

B. Local Road Accident Reduction Program update: Response letter from ConnDOT.

Ethan Abeles presented the letter received from DOT in response to the letter discussed at the 9/30/2010 meeting that outlined the Committee's criticisms of the Local Road Accident Reduction Program. The letter from DOT essentially stated that while the objections the Committee raised were not without validity, the Program would continue to be administered in the exact same manner.

C. Berlin Farmington Avenue Bridge update.

Due to the absence of Art Simonian, this item was postponed until the next meeting.

D. Approval STIP/TIP Action: Project 88-180, I-84 Pavement Preservation

The information of this action taken by the Agency was presented to the Committee for informational purposes.

V. Adjournment was declared at approximately 10:35 a.m. Stephen Mindera moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mark Moriarty; passed unanimously.