

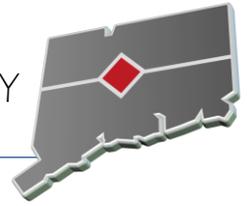
# CENTRAL CONNECTICUT REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY

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## TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (TIC) MEETING MINUTES

9 A.M. Thursday, 3/31/2011; CCRPA 225 N. Main Street Suite 304, Bristol, CT

### I. Roll call and determination of quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. with the members checked below in attendance:

Representative	Municipality	Representative	Municipality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Art Simonian	Berlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steven Schiller	New Britain
<input type="checkbox"/> Bryan Griswold	Berlin	<input type="checkbox"/> James Cassidy	Plainville
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> Mark Moriarty	New Britain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Grappone	Southington

*Also in attendance: Grayson Wright (ConnDOT); Ethan Abeles (CCRPA); Francis Pickering (CCRPA)*

### II. Comments from the Public

None.

### III. Action items

#### A. Approval of the February 3, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Stephen Mindera moved approval as presented; seconded by Art Simonian passed unanimously.

#### B. Recommendations to the Agency Board

- 1) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide projects 170-3067 and 170-3068 (Installation of rumble strips on expressways)

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

- 2) STIP/TIP amendment to approve District 1 project 171-304 (Upgrade and replacement of highway signs on I-84)

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

- 3) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide project 170-3062 (Provides an inventory for minimum levels of retroreflectivity that must be maintained for traffic signs)

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

- 4) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide project 170-3063 (Provides funding for engineering services for the design of 28 bridges eligible under HBP)

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

- 5) Resolution #20110407 on Conformity with the Clean Air Act for Ozone

**MOTION:** Stephen Mindera moved to recommend approval of this resolution to the Agency Board; seconded by Steven Schiller; passed unanimously.

#### IV. Information items and other matters

##### A. Funding Opportunities

1. Safe Routes to School: Materials were presented to the Committee and a discussion followed. Art Simonian from Berlin and Jim Grappone from Southington expressed interest in the program. The deadline of Aug. 14, 2011 for submitted applications and the need to move quickly to get an application in were also discussed.
2. Local Road Accident Reduction Program: A letter from ConnDOT discussing a new round of project solicitations was presented to the Committee. No TIC members expressed interest in applying to this program.
3. Transit-Oriented Development Pilot Program: The details of this program as passed by the State legislature were presented to the committee. The area surrounding the Berlin Station was determined to be the suitable place in the Region for this opportunity. Art Simonian expressed his interest in applying to the program and offered some background on the status of the train station and surrounding infrastructure.
4. Clean Fuel Vehicles and Diesel Retrofit Technologies: Information about this ConnDOT program was presented and Walt Veselka discussed Bristol's experience from 2010 when the city received funding to retrofit two city vehicles.

##### B. Public review and comment periods for the following:

1. Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Francis Pickering provided copies of the LRTP and answered questions from the TIC members. Comments and suggestions will be accepted prior to the 4/28/2011 TIC meeting where the vote as to whether to send the draft LRTP to the Agency Board for adoption will take place.
  2. Public Participation Plan (PPP): Francis Pickering discussed the update to the PPP and the purpose of this federally required document. The draft PPP will be made available to the FHWA field coordinator for review within the next week. The decision to send the draft PPP to the Agency Board for adoption will be voted on at the special 4/28/2011 TIC meeting.
  3. Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2011 Regional Long Range Transportation Plans, and the FY 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Programs for the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Nonattainment Area, and the Greater Connecticut Ozone Nonattainment Area: ConnDOT has advertised this Conformity Determination for a public comment period. Ethan Abeles and Francis Pickering briefly discussed this document and the affect it has on the Central Connecticut Region.
- C. Administrative approval of two STIP/TIP actions:
- Project 110-132 (Plymouth, Fall Mountain Water Rds. Project, added PE phase for 2011, moved ROW phase to 2012 and Construction phase to 2013).
  - Project 131-191 (I-84 Bridge rehabilitation in Southington, move funding from Bridge Program to STPA).

The information of these actions taken by the Agency was presented to the Committee for informational purposes.

- D. Special meeting scheduled for Thursday, 4/28/2011, 9am.

**MOTION:** Walt Veselka moved to recommend approval of this meeting; seconded by Art Simonian; passed unanimously.

**V. Adjournment** was declared at approximately 10:37 a.m. Stephen Mindera moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Art Simonian; passed unanimously.