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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (TIC) MEETING MINUTES

9 A.M. Thursday, 4/28/2011; CCRPA 225 N. Main Street Suite 304, Bristol, CT

I. Roll call and determination of quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Stephen W. Mindera	Plymouth
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Burlington	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Southington
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tricia Kirkwood for Mark Moriarty	New Britain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Grappone	Southington

Also in attendance: Ethan Abeles (CCRPA); Francis Pickering (CCRPA); Kristin Thomas (CCRPA)

II. Comments from the Public

None.

III. Action items

A. Approval of the March 31, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Jim Grappone moved approval as presented; seconded by John Bossi; passed unanimously.

B. Recommendations to the Agency Board

- 1) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Francis Pickering led a discussion of the 2011 update of the LRTP for Central Connecticut. Each of the attending Committee members was provided time to offer comments and suggestions. Don Padlo suggested the Plan should be more specific concerning potential locations for roundabouts. Art Simonian discussed three projects that appear in the LRTP that are completed or nearing completion. These projects are Episcopal Rd. (completed under ARRA), Hart St. and Main St. from Mill St. to Berlin St. financed by Town bonds. Art asked that these three projects be removed from the Plan. Tricia Kirkwood, representing New Britain, discussed the need for STP-Urban projects for 2011-2015 to be included in the LRTP.

Jim Grappone had questions regarding Routes 4 and 69 in Burlington. John Bossi declined to comment.

MOTION: Walt Veselka moved to recommend approval of the LRTP to the Agency Board on the condition that information related to STP-Urban projects be included (Tricia Kirkwood) and three projects for Berlin be removed from the Plan because they are at or near completion (Art Simonian); seconded by John Bossi; passed unanimously.

- 2) Public Participation Plan (PPP): Francis Pickering and Ethan Abeles presented the revised PPP for CCRPA. Francis informed the Committee that the PPP is federally required and the changes made in this update were minor. The only questions generated from the TIC involved the purpose of the PPP.

MOTION: Walt Veselka moved to recommend approval of the PPP to the Agency Board; seconded by Art Simonian; passed unanimously.

- 3) Resolution #20110505 on Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2011 Regional Long Range Transportation Plans, and the FY 2010-2013 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: Francis Pickering and Ethan Abeles presented this resolution based on an analysis and report produced by ConnDOT required by FHWA and FTA for the process of updating the Long Range Transportation Plans by the RPAs in the state.

MOTION: Art Simonian moved to recommend approval of this amendment to the Agency Board; seconded by Jim Cassidy; 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. 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.

B. Other Business

- Francis Pickering provided an update on transit enhancement funds that will be used for bus system signage in the Region.
- Francis Pickering mentioned a number of services CCRPA can offer to the towns in the Region including school bus route optimization and pedestrian, bicycle, and ATV counts.

V. Adjournment was declared at approximately 10:18 a.m. Jim Grappone moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by John Bossi; passed unanimously.

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