

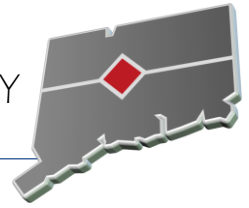
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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (TIC) MEETING MINUTES

9 A.M. Thursday, 9/29/2011; CCRPA 225 N. Main Street Suite 304, Bristol, CT

I. Roll call and determination of quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 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 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"/> Mark Moriarty	New Britain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Grappone	Southington

Also in attendance: Grayson Wright (ConnDOT), Ken Shooshan-Stoller (FHWA), Jason Zhang (CCRPA), Ethan Abeles (CCRPA)

II. Comments from the Public

None.

III. Action items

A. Approval of the July 28, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Walt Veselka moved approval as presented; seconded by Jim Grappone; passed unanimously.

B. Recommendations to the Agency Board

- 1) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide project 170-3009 (Scheduled Traffic Signal LED Relamping Program)

MOTION: Jim Grappone moved to recommend approval of the STIP/TIP amendment to the Agency Board; seconded by Walt Veselka; passed unanimously.

- 2) STIP/TIP amendment to approve Plymouth project 110-130 (ROW phase of the Rehabilitation of Bridge 00471, U.S. Route 6 over Pequabuck River)

MOTION: Tony Lorenzetti moved to recommend approval of the STIP/TIP amendment to the Agency Board; seconded by Jim Grappone; passed unanimously.

- 3) STIP/TIP amendment to approve Cromwell/Berlin project 33-128 (Construction phase for Route 9 pavement preservation work)

MOTION: Walt Veselka moved to recommend approval of the STIP/TIP amendment to the Agency Board; seconded by Tony Lorenzetti; passed unanimously.

C. Transit Enhancement funds for Bus stop signage

Ethan Abeles led a discussion on the Transit Enhancement funds to be used to purchase and install signage along the time points for all bus routes in the Bristol/New Britain divisions of CT TRANSIT. The total cost of the project is \$24,000 with an 80 percent federal share and a 20 percent local match. Since Cromwell and Meriden both require only one sign, CCRPA proposed spreading the costs of those two signs across the other towns in the system. The Committee disagreed with this approach and expressed their desire for each municipality to provide their own local match for the sign(s) being installed in their town. The Committee expressed a desire to see a sample sign and what information would be contained therein before recommending approval to the municipalities. Ethan Abeles assured the Committee that additional information regarding the signs would be presented at or before the next TIC meeting.

MOTION: Mark Moriarty moved to have additional information presented before the Committee at its next meeting including how the signs will look and the information included on the signs; seconded by Jim Grappone; passed unanimously.

D. STP-U Program Update

- 1) New Project Evaluation Criteria for STP-U Program

Ethan Abeles led a discussion on the current STP-U Program. The Committee decided to maintain the existing project evaluation criteria with two modifications: 1. Place a cap on total estimated cost for submitted projects at the total one-year funding of the STP-U program (currently \$2.9 million). 2. If the project cost escalates greater than 20 percent, the municipality will be required to pay for the cost overrun (the TIC will be able to exercise discretion when enforcing this policy). The current STP-U project evaluation criteria is summarized below:

Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STPU) - STPU projects are selected by the MPO. Member towns submit applications on an approximately semi-annual basis.

Submissions include project cost estimate, project plans and other background information. CCRPA staff preliminarily rates projects based on the following criteria:

- **10 points** for structural improvement—pavement drainage, bridges and culverts.
 - **10 points** for traffic volume. Traffic volume is used as an indication of how many travelers are benefitting from the project.
 - **10 points** for traffic improvement. This is based on improvements to traffic flow, traffic safety, geometry and traffic calming, along with the speed on the road.
 - **10 points** for regional significance. This is based on the size of the area that would benefit from a proposed project along with information on any regional public facilities that would benefit.
 - **10 points** for other benefits. This translates to two points each for environmental protection, historic preservation, economic development, environmental justice and support for transit.
- The TIC is given the opportunity to rate projects as well. Project selection is voted on by the TIC, which is not bound to the above scoring system. The region's selections are finalized by the CCRPA Board.*

2) Project Solicitation

Ethan Abeles discussed the upcoming project solicitation for STP-U programs to be tentatively due in December. The Committee agreed that it would be good to have some smaller projects (\$1-1.5 million) to increase program flexibility. The solicitation process will be formalized at the next TIC meeting.

IV. Information items and other matters

A. Next meeting Thursday, November 17, 2011, 9 am.

V. **Adjournment** was declared at approximately 10:28 a.m. Walt Veselka moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Steven Schiller; passed unanimously.