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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (TIC) MEETING MINUTES

9 A.M. Thursday, 1/5/2012; 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stephen W. Mindera	Plymouth
<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Burlington	<input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	Southington
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Kirkwood (for Mark Moriarty)	New Britain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Grappone	Southington

Also in attendance: Francis Pickering (CCRPA), Jason Zheng (CCRPA), Ethan Abeles (CCRPA)

II. Comments from the Public

None.

III. Action items

A. Approval of the November 17, 2011, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved approval as presented; seconded by Jim Grappone; passed unanimously.

B. Recommendations to the Agency Board

- 1) Amendment to the TIC Bylaws to designate the TIC as the Agency Title VI, Environmental Justice, and Limited English Proficiency Committee

DISCUSSION: Ethan Abeles discussed the need to allow ConnDOT more time to review the language of the MPO Appeals and Complaint Form to assure it is in accordance with Federal requirements as discussed at the November 17, 2011 meeting.

MOTION: Tony Lorenzetti moved to have this agenda item moved to the January 26, 2012 meeting; seconded by Jim Grappone; passed unanimously.

- C. Project Solicitations
 - 1. STP-U Program
 - 2. STP-T (Transportation Enhancements) Program
 - 3. CMAQ Program

There was discussion about project solicitations for these three programs. The applications for the STP-T and CMAQ programs are due to CCRPA on January 13, 2012, and are then in turn due to CT-DOT on February 1, 2012. The applications for the STP-U program are due to CCRPA on January 13, 2012.

Pat Kirkwood informed the Committee that New Britain intends to submit a CMAQ application for a new traffic signal, in addition to an Enhancements application to implement part of the City's Complete Streets plan in support of the Busway and downtown connectivity. Pat also stated that New Britain would submit an STP-U application for a project to continue the reconstruction of Hart Street.

Tony Lorenzetti stated that Plymouth intends to submit an application with the assistance of CCRPA under the CMAQ program for the purchase of hybrid vehicles for municipal use. Tony also declared Plymouth may possibly submit a streetscape project in the waterwheel area under the Enhancements program, as well as, an unspecified STP-U project.

Jim Grappone discussed the possibility of submitting an application for the streetscape improvements project in Plantsville center. He also mentioned a new STP-U project submittal. John Bossi stated that Plainville would submit two applications under the STP-U program: 1. Cooke St. reconstruction project and 2. Northwest Drive reconstruction. Walt Veselka mentioned that Bristol would submit an STP-U application.

IV. Information items and other matters

- A. Francis Pickering discussed the *pothole killer* road maintenance machine. Walt Veselka mentioned that the City of Bristol owns a similar machine (the *Python 9000*) and it is a better device than the *pothole killer*. Pat Kirkwood stated that the City of New Britain owns a *pothole killer* machine and rarely if ever uses it. It was decided that Jason Zheng will continue to research these machines, specifically the *Python 9000*, for possible purchase under the State's Municipal Purchasing and Equipment Sharing Program.
- B. Next meeting Thursday, January 26, 2012, 9 am.

- V. **Adjournment** was declared at approximately 10:05 a.m. Stephen Mindera moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Art Simonian; passed unanimously.

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