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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE (TIC) MEETING MINUTES

9 A.M. Thursday, 3/29/2012; 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 type="checkbox"/> James Cassidy	Plainville
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Donald Padlo, Chairman	Bristol	<input type="checkbox"/> John Bossi	Plainville
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paul Strawderman for 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Grappone	Southington

Also in attendance: Grayson Wright (CT-DOT), Kenneth Shooshan-Stoller (FHWA), Jason Zheng (CCRPA), Ethan Abeles (CCRPA)

II. Comments from the Public

None.

III. Action items

A. Approval of the January 26, 2012, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

B. Recommendations to the Agency Board

- 1) STIP/TIP amendment to approve statewide project 170-3078 (Design of STC traffic signals)

DISCUSSION: Ethan Abeles and Grayson Wright discussed the details of this project.

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

- 2) Amendment to the TIC Bylaws to designate the TIC as the Agency Title VI, Environmental Justice, and Limited English Proficiency Committee and addition of MPO Appeals Process description and Complaint Form as an appendix

DISCUSSION: Ethan Abeles discussed the MPO Appeals Process and Complaint Form.

MOTION: Art Simonian moved to accept this amendment to the TIC bylaws and the inclusion of the MPO Appeals and Complaint Form as an appendix; seconded by Jim Grappone; passed unanimously.

- 3) Bus Service for Plymouth for Route 6 Congestion Mitigation

DISCUSSION: Ethan Abeles discussed Route 6 experiencing some of the worst traffic congestion in the region and the lack of transit or commuter service. Writing a letter to Mayor Ward to elicit Bristol's support for the increase in commuter service is an important first step in the process. CT Transit is amenable to the prospect of a third commuter bus and if a suitable park-and-ride lot can be leased, there is no reason why service cannot be increased.

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to send a letter supporting Plymouth bus service to both the Mayor of Plymouth and the Mayor of Bristol; seconded by Paul Strawderman; passed unanimously.

- 4) Long Range Transportation Plan "red light and/or speed cameras at dangerous intersections."

DISCUSSION: At the March 1, 2012, Agency Board meeting it was noted that on page 10 of the Region's Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), which was adopted on May 5, 2011, there is a statement committing the Agency to explore the possibility of adding "red light and/or speed cameras at dangerous locations." This reference is re-stated on page 42. It has been suggested that the term "dangerous" be expanded to include reference to the concept that dangerous intersections are intersections where "accidents frequently occur."

MOTION: Art Simonian moved to have all information garnered from the study to determine if red light and/or speed cameras should be placed at dangerous intersections brought back to the Committee; seconded by Mark Moriarty; passed unanimously.

- 5) STP-Urban Program Project prioritization

DISCUSSION: Ethan Abeles discussed the status of the STP-Urban program.

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to have a special meeting scheduled next month to discuss the state of the STP-U program; seconded by Art Simonian; passed unanimously.

IV. Information items and other matters

- A. Inventory of unpaved roads in the region. Jason Zheng requested information from the Towns concerning unpaved roads. Jason was to follow up with an email.
- B. Grayson Wright provided a quick update on the CMAQ project solicitation. Grayson stated that some decisions will be made and additional information provided by 6/1/2012.
- C. Next meeting Thursday, May 31, 2012, 9 am.

V. Adjournment was declared at approximately 10:18 a.m. Stephen Mindera moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Art Simonian; passed unanimously.

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