



Minutes *from the Transportation Improvement Committee (TIC) meeting* *of 12/6/2012*

I Roll call and determination of quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members 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 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"/> Paul Strawderman (alternate for Walter Veselka)	Bristol	<input type="checkbox"/> Tony Lorenzetti	Plymouth
<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Tharau	Burlington	<input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Mindera	Plymouth
<input type="checkbox"/> (vacant)	Burlington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jim Grappone	Southington
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Moriarty	New Britain	<input type="checkbox"/> (vacant)	Southington

Also in attendance: Francis Pickering (CCRPA), Jason Zheng (CCRPA), Grayson Wright (ConnDOT), Rick Gray (ConnDOT), Phillip Fry (CT Transit), Bill McKinstry (New Britain Transit), Ken Shooshan-Stoller (FHWA)

II Comments from the public

None

III Approval of minutes from the 7/26/2012 meeting

MOTION: Mark Moriarty moved approval as presented; seconded by Art Simonian; passed unanimously.

IV Action items

1. Recommendations to the Agency Board

- a. TIC Bylaws Amendment: Rename Transportation Improvement Committee (TIC) to Transportation Committee.

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the reason for the amendment.

MOTION: James Cassidy moved approval as presented; seconded by Jim Grappone; passed unanimously.

b. STIP/TIP amendments to approve:

- i. Project 0109-0171 in Plainville (Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Vicinity of Toffolon & Middle Schools)

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project. John Bossi noted that the STIP/TIP amendment indicates a construction phase for 2014, but the proposed project schedule during the project initiation meeting between Plainville and ConnDOT indicated a construction phase for 2013. Jason Zheng will verify with the project manager at ConnDOT.

MOTION: Art Simonian moved approval with the construction phase possible in either 2013 or 2014; seconded by Stephen Schiller; passed unanimously.

- ii. Project 0131-0201 in Southington (Pedestrian Safety Improvements, Vicinity of Depaolo Middle School)

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project.

MOTION: Art Simonian moved approval as presented; seconded by Jim Grappone; passed unanimously.

- iii. Project 0131-0197 in Southington (ROW phase for Rehab Bridge 01247, I-84 WB over Railroad Tracks).

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project. Grayson Wright noted that the construction phase is funded with 100% state funding for bridge preservation, but the ROW phase is funded with 80% federal funding and 20% state funding.

MOTION: Steven Schiller moved approval as presented; seconded by Paul Strawderman; passed unanimously.

V Information items and other matters

1. STPU Program Update. Jason Zheng discussed the current status of the region's STPU program. For FFY 2012, the Mt Vernon Rd reconstruction project in Southington received bids that were lower than the estimate. As a result, the region did not completely spend the entire STPU allotment for FFY 2012. Since the project was advertised late in the federal fiscal year, there was not enough time to find other uses for the remaining funds. ConnDOT has explained that when this occurs, the remaining funds are used to cover other projects around the State where bids are higher than the estimates. It is too late to use the funds from FFY 2012. This situation may repeat itself should future projects fail to stay on schedule. Current projects in the region's STPU program are at risk of not meeting the schedule

include the Farmington Ave Bridge Replacement in Berlin and Memorial Boulevard Major Intersection Improvement in Bristol. ConnDOT is currently developing additional projects for our region – Hart St in New Britain, Cooke St in Plainville, and Route 6 in Plymouth. CCRPA staff will work with ConnDOT to develop strategies to ensure that the annual allotment is fully spent. Grayson Wright also noted that the State is assembling a working group, with members from the State’s MPOs, to discuss the idea of replacing the federal STPU program with a similar program funded through state bonds with would streamline the process for developing regional transportation projects.

2. ARRA Projects Close Out. Jason Zheng discussed the intent of ConnDOT to complete close out of all ARRA projects by spring of 2013. Any outstanding invoices and paperwork should be completed with ConnDOT to ensure municipalities receive reimbursement for ARRA projects.
3. CTTransit Presentation - Bus Stop Signage Installation. Francis Pickering discussed the FTA Transit Enhancement grant that was awarded to the region. The grant would allow for installation of bus stop signs throughout the region. The Bristol/New Britain bus systems are not signed at present. Last year, in September 2011, the TIC approved the proposal to pursue this project and showed commitment to the 20% local share (the federal share is 80%). The total cost of the project is \$24,000; the local share depends on how many signs would be installed in the respective municipality. Phillip Fry and Bill McKinstry discussed their experience with bus sign installation throughout the Hartford region, and they have worked on a preliminary plan to install bus signs in the Central Connecticut region. Phillip Fry and Bill McKinstry would like to proceed by arranging a meeting with each municipality and the local traffic authorities. The meetings will help determine the ideal location of bus signs as well as details regarding responsibility for installation and maintenance. Francis Pickering will coordinate scheduling the meetings.
4. Next meeting January 31, 2013.

VI Adjournment was declared at 10:13 a.m.