



Minutes *Transportation Committee meeting – 5/30/2013*

I Roll call and determination of quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am with the following members in attendance:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Art Simonian	Berlin	<input checked="" 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 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 Mindera	Plymouth
<input type="checkbox"/>	(vacant)	Burlington	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jim Grappone	Southington
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mark Moriarty	New Britain	<input type="checkbox"/>	(vacant)	Southington

Also in attendance: *Bill McKinstry (New Britain Transit), Francis Pickering (CCRPA), Grayson Wright (ConnDOT), Jason Zheng (CCRPA)*

Jason Zheng proposed the following agenda revisions to reflect recent development: remove action item STIP/TIP amendment “Northwestern CT Bus Facility”; add action item STIP/TIP amendment “TIGER – Purchase four 25-foot buses”; add information item “CRCOG Traffic Signal Report”; and add information item “CCRPA Small Transportation Studies.”

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

II Comments from the public

None

III Approval of minutes from the 3/28/2013 meeting

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

IV Action items

1. Recommendations to the Agency Board to approve STIP/TIP amendments:
 - a. Statewide Project 0170-3217 “Study to Address Wrong-Way Driving on Highways”

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this study. Walter Veselka noted that the cost seems high for a study and would like further information from ConnDOT.

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to table the decision until the next meeting; seconded by John Bossi; passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION: Grayson Wright sought clarification for the motion and noted that the next TC meeting is two months away, but ConnDOT could provide further information in time for the Agency policy board meeting next week.

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to rescind the prior motion; seconded by John Bossi; passed unanimously

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved to defer the decision to the policy board pending further information from ConnDOT; seconded by John Bossi; passed unanimously.

b. Statewide Project 0171-0375 “Variable Message Sign (VMS) Replacement”

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project.

MOTION: Walter Veselka moved approval as presented; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously.

c. New Britain Project 0088-TMP1 “STPU Project – New Britain Hart St”

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project.

MOTION: Walter Veselka moved approval as presented; seconded by Tony Lorenzetti; passed unanimously.

d. Plymouth Project 0110-TEMP1 “STPU Project – Plymouth Route 6”

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project.

MOTION: Stephen Mindera moved approval as presented; seconded by Tony Lorenzetti; passed unanimously.

e. Statewide Projects for Bridge & Sign Support Inspection (42 amendments)

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project.

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

f. Statewide Project 0472-0048 “Northwestern CT Bus Facility”

This item was removed from the agenda at the start of the meeting.

g. Plymouth Project “TIGER – Purchase four 35-foot buses”

This item was added to the agenda at the start of the meeting.

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project. CCRPA submitted an application for FY 2013 TIGER grant funding. Tony Lorenzetti noted other municipal efforts to seek transit. Don Padlo mentioned historic transit service once extended to Plymouth.

MOTION: Tony Lorenzetti moved approval as presented; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously.

2. Plymouth Project – Fall Mountain Water Road Improvements

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project. Tony Lorenzetti discussed the cost estimate and the need for \$200,000 in additional funding to meet ConnDOT design standards. ConnDOT suggested considering STPU funding to supplement the project.

MOTION: Walter Veselka moved approval to provide STPU funding not to exceed \$200,000 for the project; seconded by Stephen Mindera; passed unanimously.

V Information items and other matters

1. LRARP

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed ConnDOT's project solicitation for the Local Road Accident Reduction Program. Jim Grappone mentioned that Southington plans to submit an application. CCRPA will review local road accident history and reach out to other towns.

2. Bus Signage Project – Invoices

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng noted that invoices for the local share of the bus signage project have been mailed. Sign installation is on schedule for this summer. TC members suggested advertising or a press release to raise more awareness of local transit opportunities.

3. STPU Current Project Status Updates

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng sought any concerns for ongoing STPU projects. John Bossi mentioned that he expects the scope confirmation for the Cooke St project soon.

4. STPU solicitations

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed ConnDOT's recommendation to submit new STPU projects for development for future years. TC members advised that LRTP is the best source for projects. CCRPA will work with municipalities to brainstorm STPU projects.

5. CRCOG Traffic Signal Report

This item was added to the agenda at the start of the meeting.

DISCUSSION: Francis Pickering discussed this item. FHWA recently reviewed traffic signal projects throughout the State and expressed concern with maintenance and performance of traffic signal plans. CCRPA will work with CRCOG to update the region's Intelligent

Transportation System (ITS) Plan. CCRPA will work with municipalities that express interest in participating.

6. CCRPA Small Transportation Studies

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed a number of small transportation studies that CCRPA will initiate over the summer such as Woodford Ave Road Diet (Plainville), Cook's Gap Trail Crossing (Plainville), Eddy Glover and Ella Grasso Boulevard Road Diet (New Britain), Reservoir Pedestrian/Cyclist Loop (Southington), George Washington Turnpike Speed Study (Burlington).

7. Next meeting 7/25/2013.

VI Adjournment was declared at 9:55 am. Stephen Mindera moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Jim Grappone; passed unanimously.