



Minutes *Transportation Committee meeting – 11/21/2013*

I Roll call and determination of quorum

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 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"/>	Raymond Rogozinski (as alternate for Walter Veselka)	Bristol	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	Mark Moriarty	New Britain	<input type="checkbox"/>	(vacant)	Southington

Also in attendance: Michelle Boyko (Bristol Transportation Commission), Ken Shooshan-Stoller (FHWA), Erik Shortell (FHWA), Jason Zheng (CCRPA)

II Comments from the public – None

III Approval of minutes from the 9/26/2013 meeting

MOTION: Jim Grappone moved approval as presented; seconded by Tony Lorenzetti; passed unanimously.

IV Action items

1. Recommendations to the Agency Board to approve STIP/TIP amendments:
 - a. New Britain project “Rehab. Crutis St bridge over Route 72” (4 items)

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the details of this project.

MOTION: Steven Schiller moved approval as presented; seconded by Raymond Rogozinski; passed unanimously.

V Information items and other matters

1. LOTCIP/STPU Program Update – Current and Future Projects.

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng summarized CCRPA’s recent meeting with ConnDOT and provided a rough outline of future projects scheduled for the federal STPU program and state LOTCIP program. LOTCIP was created to address municipal complaints about STPU being too cumbersome and ConnDOT complaints about the overhead administrative costs of

STPU. LOTCIP is intended for projects on municipal-owned roads, and STPU is intended for projects on state-owned roads. During this transition period, some projects on municipal-owned roads will remain in the STPU program. ConnDOT will move some State projects into the region's STPU program, and the region can still propose projects for State roads. With feedback from municipalities, Jason Zheng discussed the top ranked projects. Jason Zheng will follow-up with municipalities to submit formal LOTCIP applications that will be sent to ConnDOT.

2. RPO Consolidations Update – Impact on Funding.

DISCUSSION: Jason Zheng discussed the impacts of the state-mandated RPO consolidations on federal transportation funding. CCRPA has approached neighboring RPOs about consolidation, and the only option available is COGCNV. (CRCOG has publicly stated its refusal to merge with CCRPA.) Ken Shooshan-Stoller provided clarification on the distinction between RPO and MPO, and that the current consolidation process is for RPOs. A MPO redesignation process is to take place in late 2014. A merger (of RPO and MPO) with COGCNV will not affect current projects or funding. Transportation projects or funding cannot be assured if CCRPA is unable to merge with another RPO. As a result of the discussion, committee members recommended that Jason Zheng send an e-mail to summarize the discussion and explain/clarify the impacts on transportation funding as simply/concise as possible.

3. Next meeting 1/30/2014.

VI Adjournment was declared at 10:01 am. Steven Schiller moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Raymond Rogozinski; passed unanimously.