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Cost Review Subcommittee Meeting April 21, 2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Jeff Doolittle	South Windsor
Billy Taylor	East Hartford
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Mike Turner	Wethersfield
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
Tom Lenehan	Windsor
Staff	
Tom Maziarz	CRCOG
Karen Olson	CRCOG

Jon Colman called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 A.M.

No one from the public was present to offer comments.

Jim Sollmi made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 24, 2008. Billy Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jon Colman recused himself from the following discussion. Tom Maziarz reviewed for the subcommittee the issues related to a projected cost increase for the project at Route 189 at Jerome Avenue / Turkey Hill Road / Gabb Road in Bloomfield.

He referred to the April 11 memo from Jennifer Carrier that indicated that the cost of the project is expected to increase 47% and summarized the reasons for the cost increase. Most of the cost increases are due to an increase in unit prices and storm drainage estimates primarily due to the fact that the Town assumed modifications to the drainage system and the DOT assumed new drainage. Following a discussion, Jim Sollmi made a motion to approve the cost increase to \$3,475,000 (\$2,780,000 federal), with the condition that ConnDOT be encouraged to evaluate the need to replace existing drainage and that every attempt be made to use the existing system. Billy Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with Jon Colman abstaining, and no nays.

In a general discussion the subcommittee talked about:

- The bidding process and whether or not there is a way to add or remove items depending upon the cost of bids received. The discussion included adding a change order at the back of the bid process, including alternatives in the bid, and organizing the bid to include different options. An action item is to set up a small group meeting to review these differing proposals.
- The proposal from the last meeting to sit with FHWA to discuss overall concerns with DOT managed projects (lack of timely advancement, cost estimating increases, etc.) Tom Maziarz mentioned that FHWA may want to include DOT in the discussion. He will follow up with FHWA.
- The suggestion that if there is only one cost review item that the meeting begin at 11:30 AM (i.e. allow ½ hour per cost review item.)

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 AM.