### Transportation Committee Meeting

**Monday February 22, 2010**

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**Guests**

- Grayson Wright  
  - ConnDOT
- Vicki Shotland  
  - GHTD
- D. J. Gonzalez  
  - GHTD
- Jonas Maciunas  
  - Hartford
- Jonathan Thiesse  
  - Bloomfield
- Tom Gutman      
  - AARP
- Curtis Cunningham  
  - Bryan Farms Resident
- Richard Lynn    
  - LHCEO
- Kurt Cavanaugh  
  - Glastonbury
- Bradshaw Smith  
  - Windsor Resident

**Staff**

- Jennifer Carrier  
  - CRCOG
- Karen Olson      
  - CRCOG
- Lia Huang        
  - CRCOG
- Karen Stewartson  
  - CRCOG
1. **Roll Call** Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

2. **Public Forum**

Tom Gutman, representing AARP, commented on intersection safety awareness. Mr. Gutman noted that legislation is currently being considered to issue tickets with red light cameras. If this is passed, the installation work should be coordinated with other updates to comply with MUTCD standards including back plates on traffic signals and street sign visibility.

Curtis Cunningham, representing the Bryan Farms neighborhood of Manchester, expressed concern over the recommended I-84, exit 63 interchange reconfiguration in the Buckland Study. Mr. Cunningham handed out a memo detailing his concerns to the Committee.

Bradshaw Smith, Windsor Resident, commented on the proposed TIP Amendment #3 to upgrade approach and terminal signing for Bradley International Airport. Mr. Smith felt that the Airport should be responsible for funding airport signing upgrades.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Mike Turner, to accept the minutes of the January 25, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Staff Report**

Jennifer Carrier reported the following updates from CRCOG staff:

- The Policy Board Retreat is scheduled for February 24th. The Board will discuss regional initiatives and priorities.
- A meeting to discuss the regional bus shelter program will be held at the CRCOG offices on Friday, February 26th at 9:30 AM.
- The FTA has recommended the New Britain-Hartford Busway for funding and a full funding grant agreement will likely be executed this spring. Construction is scheduled to begin later this year. CRCOG will coordinate with ConnDOT to schedule a presentation on the Busway project for an upcoming Transportation Committee meeting.
- The State has secured $40m for the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Commuter Line which will allow for the double tracking of approximately 10-miles.
- Lyle Wray is monitoring a Livable Communities Grant monies and expects a draft notice of the availability of funds to be issued mid-March. CRCOG is considering developing a regional application in the $5-$10m range.

5. **TIP Amendments**

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP Amendments. The following is a summary of the Committee discussion:

- Jon Colman asked whether other funding sources were reviewed for the Airport signing upgrades. Grayson Wright replied that he will look into this further, but that the project does qualify for NHS funding since it is on the highway.
- Steve Wawruck noted that airline ridership has declined in recent years and that this year the Airport is facing a budget deficit. Mr. Wawruck added that the Airport has a regional impact.
Jennifer Carrier added that the project includes signage directing trucks to stay on RT 20 at the request of the Town of Windsor as well as other regulatory and guide signing.

Dr. Mitchell commented that the Airport may be in a deficit this current fiscal year, but other years may not have been the same. Dr. Mitchell asked whether this project qualifies for funding by Bradley International Airport.

Dr. Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Billy Taylor, to postpone action on TIP Amendment #3, Upgrades to Bradley Approach and Terminal Signing. Steve Wawruck was opposed to this motion; all other members were in favor. The motion passed.

Jon Colman asked that additional information be provided to the Committee including sign description/positioning and the potential for Airport funding.

Dr. Mitchell made a motion, seconded by Jim Sollmi, to approve the remaining TIP Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Certification-Review-Final Report Issued**
   Jennifer Carrier summarized the MPO Certification Review Final Report for the Committee.

7. **Public Works Equipment Sharing-Litchfield Hills**
   Richard Lynn, Director of the Litchfield Hills Council of Elected officials provided an overview to a public works equipment sharing program underway in the Litchfield Hills Region. Samples of a Memorandum of Understanding and a Request for Proposal for a Vacuum Catch Basin Cleaner were distributed. The following summarizes the discussion that followed:
   
   - Tony Ferraro asked whether the rental fee included operating costs. Richard Lynn answered that the rental fees did not include operating costs and added that staff would also need training with the equipment.
   - Dan Pennington asked if scheduling was an issue since many towns perform similar maintenance tasks at the same time of year. Mr. Lynn explained that two sweepers were purchased to avoid this conflict.
   - Mike Turner asked what other equipment is being considered for the program in the future. Richard Lynn named a hot asphalt recycler, crack sealer, and hydro-sealer as potential equipment. The goal is to create a sustainable program, one that can continue to grow without the dependence on grant money.
   - Jennifer Carrier informed Committee members that sample service sharing templates are posted on the CRCOG website.

8. **Other Business** No other business was discussed.

9. **Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.