

ROUTE 6 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 9, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: 9:05AM by Carmen Vance

PLACE: Columbia Town Hall

ROLL CALL: Eric M. Trott (Planner – Town of Coventry); Vera Englert (EDC – Town of Columbia); John Pagini (Planner – Town of Bolton); Elaine Buchardt (EDC – Town of Andover); Bob Burbank (Selectman – Town of Andover); Carmen Vance (Selectman – Town of Columbia); Jana Butts (WINCOG/Planner – Town of Columbia); Lia Huang (CRCOG); Rob Aloise (CRCOG); Melanie Zimyeski (CTDOT); Molly Parsons (CTDOT); Jeff Parker (CHA); Leigh Ann Hutchinson (PZC – Town of Andover)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Buchardt and seconded by Pagini to adopt the April 25, 2011 minutes with the correction that Jana mentioned the new business 'Twisted Steel'. The motion passed unanimously.

TRANSPORTATION STUDY:

Jeff Parker from CHA met with the Council. He reports that the modeling efforts have been completed and approved by DOT.

The existing conditions draft report was reviewed, particularly the goal and objectives section. It was agreed that there should be a clarification for 'RTE 66 East' and that manufacturing should be mentioned as a use at Lighthouse Corner.

It was agreed to add further support for enhancement of park and ride/transit opportunities and that parking for the Hop River Trail should be focal points for future transit stops.

A matrix was distributed that was used previously in a RTE 30 evaluation to give an example of the comparison opportunities between transportation solutions.

The Council discussed incident management in the text. The gateways of the corridor should be separately mentioned in the text.

It was agreed that speed enforcement is very important to influence driver speed and habits.

The possibility of crosswalks and warning infrastructure was discussed.

The future traffic conditions were discussed in detail. High traffic growth is anticipated in the west part of the corridor and low to the east and moderate in the middle.

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The existing/baseline traffic in the corridor were discussed in detail. This is an issue that is important to understand the background traffic that currently or will exist.

Questions were raised about traffic growth drop-offs at town lines as well as the basis for such analysis. Department of Labor statistics influence the models.

Jana requested more detail on the models that were used for the analysis and how this affects the overall planning in the corridor.

The next steps were discussed, which involve a future conditions technical memo, existing/future improvements comparison, establish timing of public workshops, compile list of attendees/stakeholders, next meeting with REDC proposed in August.

RTE 6 PROJECT:

Schedule conflicts have made it challenging to establish a date for the zoning subcommittee to meet and discuss the regulations/guidelines.

The governing body resolutions have been completed in Coventry and Bolton. Andover and Columbia are pending.

A discussion of the 'safety corridor' concept was discussed. Pennsylvania was reviewed as an example on how to deter speeding in transportation corridor by doubling speeding fines in that area.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric M. Trott

Secretary