

**Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization
February 9, 2005
Minutes**

Attendance:

Chester:	Martin Heft
Clinton:	James McCusker
Deep River:	Dick Smith
Essex:	Phil Miller
Killingworth:	David Denvir
Lyme:	Bill Koch
Old Lyme:	
Old Saybrook:	Mike Pace
Westbrook:	Tony Palermo
DOT:	Richard Corona
Staff:	Linda Krause, Jean Davies, Wini Olson
DOT:	Katherine Faraci
Guests:	Jim Rode, Executive Director of the Estuary Transit District

I. The meeting of the Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization was called to order at 9:20 AM by Chairman Mike Pace in the CRERPA conference space at 455 Boston Post Road in Old Saybrook, CT.

II. Minutes

Phil Miller moved that the minutes of the January 12, 2005 meetings be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Tony Palermo and unanimously approved.

III. Comments from the public.

There were no comments from the public.

IV. New Business

A. STIP Amendments

1. Shoreline Shuttle Enhancement

Chairman Pace noted that the Shoreline Shuttle Enhancement proposal has an estimated expense of \$76,440 and a subsidy of \$69,000. He asked where the difference was coming from. Jim Rode, Director of the ETD assured him that the balance is paid by fares.

Chairman Pace questioned the policy of subsidizing large corporations who do pay less than living wages. He suggested that the companies contribute to the transportation service.

Jean Davies noted that the proposal states Madison to Saybrook. She suggested that the reference include Old Lyme and East Lyme.

David Denvir moved that the Shoreline Enhancement Program be endorsed by the MPO. The motion was seconded by Dick Smith and unanimously approved.

2. Traffic signals

Tony Palermo moved that the STP regarding State Traffic signals be approved. The motion was seconded by Tony Palermo and unanimously approved.

B. ETD

Jean Davies reported that the subcommittee that included Tony Palermo and Jim McCusker met Monday with Jim Rode, Mitzi Eilts and Doris Sanstrom to discuss the progress of the transition of bus service. The ETD is focusing on efficiency and low cost. There has been some confusion over the concepts of curb to curb service rather than door to door. DOT funds are not intended for door to door service. A bill is pending before the legislature to provide matching funds for door-to-door service such as the senior center has previously provided.

A. Long Range Transportation Plan of Development

Jean Davies reported that she has received feed back from some Selectmen and is waiting for the rest of the replies. .

B. Review and Adoption Project Selection Policy

Phil Miller asked about the broad guidelines for acceptable projects.

Jean replied that collector streets usually are targeted for funding. There is \$300,000 to \$400,000 available for the region. She urged members to use vision and to suggest projects for non-collector roads. Side walks are eligible for funding but street-scaping and pedestrian walkways are.

The Project Selection Process for the TIP will be on the agenda net month.

VI. Other Business/ Correspondence

Linda Krause noted that the by-laws of the MPO call for a representative from CRERPA. The CRERPA board is addressing that requirement.

The Certification Process has produced the strong suggestion that the ETD be represented on the board.

The by-laws also state that each Selectman may appoint an alternate. To date, no one has appointed an alternate.

Tony Palermo moved that the ETD be invited to recommend a representative to serve on the MPO. The motion was seconded by David Denvir and unanimously approved.

The MPO meeting adjourned at 9:50AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary

