

**Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization
June 8, 2005
Minutes**

Attendance:

Chester:	Martin Heft
Clinton:	Jim McCusker
Deep River:	
Essex:	
Killingworth:	David Denvir
Lyme:	
Old Lyme:	Tim Griswold
Old Saybrook:	
Westbrook:	Tony Palermo
CRERPA:	Bruce Edgerton
DOT:	
Staff:	Jean Davies, Linda Krause, Joel Severance, Wini Olson
Guests:	Jim Rode, Executive Director of the Estuary Transit District, Kasey Faraci, Connecticut State Department of Transportation

I. The meeting of the Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization was called to order at 8:45 AM by Secretary Tim Griswold in the CRERPA conference space at 455 Boston Post Road in Old Saybrook, CT.

II. Minutes

Tony Palermo moved that the minutes of the May 11, 2005 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Bruce Edgerton and approved.

III. Comments from the public.

There were no comments from the public.

IV. New Business

A. STIP

Jean Davies presented a STIP amendment for 2004 concerning Traffic Signalization. The amendment would increase state participation to match town allocations.

Martin Heft moved that the STIP amendment be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim Mc Cusker and unanimously approved.

B. TIP Amendment

Jean presented amendments to the TIP prioritization amendment. It is proposed that the Chester project be postponed to 2007-2008 to fit more conveniently with the sewer project. Jean and Linda will ask Judy Gott (Executive Director of the New Haven MPO) to place a hold on Estuary funds that might enable the exchange of allocations between the regions.

Jean asked members to prioritize the remaining three projects- a study of Westbrook Rd., Bokum Rd. and Rt. 154 in Essex, the North Main Street project in Old Saybrook and the continuation of the Lyme Street project in Old Lyme from the existing limit of the project south to the Congregational Church.

Martin Heft asked that the 2008-2009 reference for the Chester be changed to 2007-2008 to synchronize the project with the sewer work. He believes the project will start next summer. Kasey explained that the dates indicate the furthest extent of completion of the project.

Secretary Griswold asked for a motion prioritizing the projects for FY 05-06.

Martin Heft moved that North Main Street, Old Saybrook be listed as first, Lyme Street, Old Lyme second, and the corridor study last. The motion was seconded by Jim McCusker.

Bill Peace noted that the North Main Street project will provide better access to the Amtrak Station.

David Denvir mentioned that he has a problem financing studies and would prefer that the money go toward actual construction activities. .

Kasey noted that the study is for the benefit of the feds to help them understand the local situation. She added that if the funds are not all allocated within the region, the state will determine how they are to be spent.

The motion was re-read and passed unanimously.

C. Project Selection Policy

Martin Heft moved that the Project Selection Policy be adopted as presented. The motion was seconded by Jim McCusker and unanimously approved.

D. ETD

1. Riverside Shuttle

Jim Rode distributed copies of the proposed schedule for the Riverside Shuttle. Martin Heft asked that he be more specific about where the bus will stop in Chester. Other requests for clarification were editorial in nature. Mr. Rode thanked the members for their input.

Martin asked if the schedule would be included in the "Town Events" publications. It will be.

2. Bulk purchase of gas.

Jim rode explained that he is negotiating a new contract for bus service. The price is contingent on the price of gasoline. He would prefer to purchase gas in bulk and be able to track the use by each vehicle.

Bill Peace asked how Jim would audit the project. A card would be issued for each bus.

The possibility of buying gasoline through one of the towns was discussed. No decision was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 10: 29 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary