



**LOWER CONNECTICUT VALLEY
SELECTMEN'S ASSOCIATION
Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization**

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**Wednesday, August 11, 2004
8:30 a.m.**

At

*******ESTUARY SENIOR CENTER*******

**220 Main Street
Old Saybrook, CT
Amended Agenda**

Estuary MPO

- (1) Call to Order**
- (2) Approval of Minutes of July 14, 2004**
- (3) Public Comment Period (Opportunity for public input and comment on existing or future transportation topics)**
- (4) New Business –**
 - a. Any STIP amendments received after agenda mailing.**
 - b. Certification Review - November**
- (5) Other Business/Correspondence**

Special Needs

Estuary MPO meetings occur regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:30AM. Closed audio loops and/or a sign language interpreter will be made available upon request; the former upon two weeks notice and the latter, secured via the Connecticut Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired, with a minimum of three weeks notice. Foreign language translation is provided upon request with two weeks notice for translation of minutes or meeting attendance.

Will insert Spanish/ Chinese Translation

Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization
August 11, 2004
Minutes

Attendance:

Chester: Martin Heft

Clinton:

Deep River:

Essex:

Killingworth: David Denvir

Lyme: Bill Koch

Old Lyme: Tim Griswold

Old Saybrook: Mike Pace

Westbrook: Tony Palermo

Staff: Linda Krause, Jean Davies, Wini Olson

Guests: Mitzi Eilts, Director of the Estuary Council of Seniors, Nancy Clark, President of the Estuary Council of Seniors, Rep. James Spallone, Betty Wagner, representing Congressman Rob Simmons, Mike Bzdyra, CRRA, Mary Anne Bargenty, CRRA, Judge Deborah Pearl of Essex, Judge Bonnie Bennett of Chester, Judge (.. of Deep River, Judge Richard Lightfoot of Lyme, Judge Sylvia Peterson of Old Lyme, Judge Roger Goodnow of Old Saybrook, Judge Connie Vogel of Westbrook and Mike Sperra of the OSPD.

I. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Pace in Room B at the Estuary Council of Seniors on Main Street in Old Saybrook, CT.

II. Minutes

David Denvir moved that the minutes of July 14, 2004 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Tony Palermo and unanimously approved.

III. Comments from the public.

Mitzi Eilts, Executive Director of the Estuary Council of Seniors stated that she has been working closely with Director Jim Rode and Chairman Doris Sanstrom of the Estuary Transit District. She understood that the service was to connect with Niantic. She asked if it is to be a scheduled service and how diversions could be handled. Will busses stop and wait at designated stops? Most seniors are not able to run to catch a bus. Director Eilts understands that the busses will be repainted. In the meantime, the Estuary Council telephone number is still painted on many of the busses. Callers are being referred to Dattco.

Doris Sanstrom noted that the busses will be repainted as soon as possible. Dattco is repairing and updating the busses in New Britain. She noted that Jim Rode is working closely with Jean Davies to plan the routes.

Jean Davies reported that she is finalizing the Lyme/Old Lyme route and making arrangements with South Eastern Area Transit (SEAT) for the busses to meet at an East Lyme shopping center. She is working on the Chester/ Deep River/ Essex route. The third task is to extend the route from Clinton north through Killingworth. All busses will carry the ETD phone number in Old Saybrook. The routes are scheduled but time has been built in to allow for deviations, just as in the Shoreline shuttle.

Tim Griswold noted that he was not aware that Lyme has an Industrial Park as noted in the Dattco bus schedule. Jean explained that it is a typo. Mitzi Eilts asked if the contract with Dattco has been signed, and, if so, may she have a copy. Doris Sanstrom has signed on behalf of the ETD but the completed contract has not yet been returned to the District.

IV. New business

A. I-95 Report

Chairman Pace reported that each town on I95 has received a copy of the I95 report. A copy is on file with CRERPA.

B. STIP Amendments

Jean Davies reported that no STIP Amendments have been requested this month.

C. FHWA Certification

Jean reported that she attended the July 22 FHWA Certification Review. The actual Certification Day will be in November 2004. It will be an evaluation of the CREMPO Board and its planning process, and will include an evaluation of the interaction with the public. Jean distributed copies of the FHWA Certification Advance Materials and a letter with a sample schedule for The Day. She advised each member to start a CREMPO notebook that each could display to the review team.

Jean announced that the CRERPA Website is up and being amended. She assured the MPO that the transportation portion will be stellar.

D. Old Saybrook Study

Chairman Pace announced that a design team from Yale is studying the transitional properties along Route 1 from Spencer Plains Road to the Old Saybrook Town Hall.

There being no other business to conduct, CREMPO meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary