



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

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Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments And Lower Connecticut River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

July 26, 2023 – 4:00 pm

RiverCOG Members;

Chester: Charlene Janecek
Clinton: Karl Kilduff
Cromwell: Anthony Salvatore *
Deep River: Angus McDonald *
Durham: George Eames
East Haddam: Irene Haines
East Hampton: David Cox *
Essex: Carey Duques
Haddam: Bob McGarry *
Killingworth: Nancy Gorski
Lyme: David Lahm *
Middlefield: Jim Irish
Middletown: Ben Florsheim
Old Lyme: Tim Griswold *
Old Saybrook: Carl Fortuna *
Portland: Ryan Curley *
Westbrook: John Hall *

MPO Members:

Middlesex Chamber of Commerce: Darlene Briggs *
Estuary & Middletown Area Transit Districts: Joe Comerford

*present

Others Present:

Carol Conklin, Regional Election Advisor
Grayson Wright, CT DOT

Staff Present:

Sam Gold
Eliza LoPresti
Robert Haramut
Kevin Armstrong
Megan Jouflas
Brendan Geraghty
Janice Ehle/Meyer
Susie Beckman
Torrance Downes
Margot Burns & Paula Fernald

RiverCOG

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Introductions

Chairman Salvatore called the meeting to order at 4:22 P.M. The meeting was conducted in person at the Penny Lane Pub, Old Saybrook.

2. Public Speaking

Carol Conklin, Regional Election Advisor stated that the towns' caucuses have been happening and they have been sending her updates.

3. LCRVMPO Business

a. Approval of Minutes of June 28, 2023 LCRVCOG & LCRVMPO Meeting

Mr. Cox moved to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2023 special meeting; second by Mr. McDonald. Vote was unanimous in favor.

b. FY 21 TIP Amendment #28 (discussion – tables on 06/28/23)

- i. Haddam, 0060-0160, STPH, X7, Replace two T-type intersections with roundabouts and bridge at RT 82/RT 154, FY23, CON, FY23, \$0, 80/20/0, AC entry**
- ii. Haddam, 0060-0160, STPH, X7, Replace two T-type intersections with roundabouts and bridge at RT 82/RT 154, FY23, CON, FY23, \$8,125,0000, 80/20/0, Increase from \$5,840,000 AC conversion**
- iii. Haddam, 0060-0160, STPH, X7, Replace two T-type intersections with roundabouts and bridge at RT 82/RT 154, FY24, CON, FY23, \$4,675,000, 80/20/0, AC conversion**

Mr. McGarry moved to approve FY21 TIP Amendment #28; second by Mr. Cox. Vote was unanimous in favor.

c. FY 21 TIP Amendment #29

- i. Statewide, 0170-3693, FBP, X6, Ferryboat operating costs, FY23, OTH, \$0, 80/20/0, AC entry**
- ii. Statewide, 0170-3693, FBP, X6, Ferryboat operating costs, FY23, OTH, \$688,000, 80/20/0, AC conv**
- iii. Statewide, 0170-3693, FBP, X6, Ferryboat operating costs, FY24, OTH, \$563,000, 35/65/0, AC conv**
- iv. Statewide, 0170-3693, FBP, X6, Ferryboat operating costs, FY1, OTH, \$2,250,000, 35/65/0, AC conv**

Mr. Cox moved to approve FY21 TIP Amendment #29; second by Mr. Fortuna. Vote was unanimous in favor.

d. Review and prioritize FTA Section 5310 applications (1 ETD Feeder service, 2 ETD taxi vouchers, ineligible Estuary Council of Seniors)

Mr. Fortuna moved to approve the applications in the order presented; Mr. Griswold seconded. Vote was unanimous in favor.

e. Other Transportation Updates

Mr. Haramut reported that a US bike route may be designated on the shoreline area through Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook and Clinton for the purpose of economic development. The route will be on Route 1, there is not creation of an additional trail. This is initiated by SECOG, the trail will run Providence to New Haven.

4. LCRVCOG Business

a. Aquatic Invasive Species Program Update

Ms. Burns reported that the public meeting for hydrilla, held at Middletown City Hall, was well-attended. River flooding hampered their schedule a bit. A dye study will begin by Aug. 7th, so if affected towns get calls from residents about red water, that is why. Notifications will be sent to the towns shortly.

The water chestnut program is underway. They are out on the water now. Three part-time staff have been hired to help pull.

5. Chairman & Executive Director's Reports

None

6. Adjournment

Mr. Cox moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 pm; seconded by Mr. Curley. Vote was unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Eliza LoPresti