

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

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**Old Saybrook Town Hall  
302 MAIN STREET  
OLD SAYBROOK, CT  
October 13, 2004  
8:30 A.M.**

**AGENDA**

**Estuary MPO**

- (1) Call to Order**
- (2) Approval of September 8, 2004 Minutes**
- (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.**
- (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  
October 13, 2004  
Minutes**

**Attendance:**

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| Chester:      | Martin Heft  |
| Clinton:      | James McCusker   |
| Deep River:   |  |
| Essex:        | Phil Miller  |
| Killingworth: | David Denvir   |
| Lyme:         |  |
| Old Lyme:     | Tim Griswold   |
| Old Saybrook: | Mike Pace  |
| Westbrook:    | Tony Palermo   |
| DOT:          | Richard Corona   |
| Staff:        | Linda Krause, Jean Davies, Amy Cabaniss, J.H.Torrance<br>Downes, Wini Olson  |
| Guests:       | Betty Wagner, representing Congressman Rob Simmons<br>Doris Sanstrom, Chairman of the Estuary Transit District<br>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 8:36 AM by Chairman Mike Pace in the CRERPA conference space at 455 Boston Post Road in Old Saybrook, CT.

**II. Minutes**

Tony Palermo moved that the minutes of the September 8, 2004 meeting be approved as circulated. The motion was seconded by Jim McCusker. Phil Miller noted that Sen. Thomas Gaffey's name had been misspelled within the text. The correction was noted and the motion was unanimously approved.

**III. Comments from the public.**

**A. ETD**

Jim Rode, Executive Director of the Estuary Transit District, reported that the District is moving forward with the connection with the Southeast Transit District.

Mike Pace reported that Nancy Clark has stepped down as Chairman of the Estuary Council of Seniors. She has been replaced by Walter Miller. He mentioned that the seniors are concerned about the new Dial-a-Ride Service. The ECS driver is able to carry packages and escort frail passengers to their house.

Jim Rode explained that the nine town Dial-a-Ride is flexible and can provide personal service as needed.

Mike Pace asked if there were instances when a car might serve better than a van. He noted that retired police cruisers are only valued at \$1,800.

Jim Rode explained that all ETD vehicles must be wheelchair accessible.

Jean Davies distributed colored maps displaying the current routes. She announced that the ETD is planning Fixed Route Service between Old Saybrook and Chester. Public Dial-a Ride service would cover the same area for the general public.

**B. STIP**

There were no STIP amendments.

#### C. DOT MOU

The DOT has prepared a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed with the Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Jean Davies explained that it will expedite funding and allow DOT to move money from one project to another.

Rich Corona mentioned that all of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations enter into similar MOUs. Formerly, as a rural region, CRERPA had no MOU.

Jim McCusker moved that Chairman Pace be empowered to enter into an agreement with DOT and to sign the MOU. The motion was seconded by Phil Miller and unanimously approved.

#### D. I95

Chairman Pace mentioned that runoff from I95 is discharged into the Oyster River watershed. He asked if that situation will be alleviated when portions of the highway are reconfigured.

Rich Corona noted that the project will have to comply with a permitting process, including public hearings. Details should be available at that time.

Chairman Pace asked Rich Corona if there is a recommended route for emergency vehicles to use to get patients to Yale during the years of construction. There is no recommended route.

#### E. Projects

The paving of Lime Street is ready to start. Tim Griswold noted that the progress has been slow.

Chester has an application ready to be submitted.

Essex has a local project that will be ready to be paved in the spring.

#### F. Certification Review

Jean Davies announced that the Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization Certification Review will be held in the MPO (CRERPA) office in Old Say brook on November 15.

All members are welcome but only Chairman Pace needs to be here. Rich Corona will assist in the review. Jean Davies will attend a pre-certification class. Jean will a

### **IV. New Business**

#### A. South Cove

Chairman Pace announced that he has appointed a local committee and initiated a study of the silting in South Cove. He noted that the problem is aggravated by the Causeway which is part of State Highway 154. The flow of water is restricted by culverts that were installed in 1989. A camelback redesign may be necessary to establish south Cove as a Harbor of Refuge for small boats.

There being no other business to conduct, the MPO meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy C. Griswold, Secretary

