

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley
COGCNV Conference Room
60 North Main Street – 3rd Floor
Waterbury, CT
Thursday, June 24, 2010, 9 a.m.

COGCNV Members: Susan Cable, First Selectman, Beacon Falls; Joseph Salvini, Alternate, Middlebury; Bob Mezzo, Mayor, Naugatuck; Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers, First Selectman, Oxford; Robert Chatfield, Mayor, Prospect; Bill Davis, First Selectman, Southbury; Terry Caldarone, Alternate, Waterbury; Roy Cavanaugh, Alternate, Watertown; Tom Dunn, Mayor, Wolcott.

Speakers and Guests: Hugh Hayward, Phil Scarrozzo, Rabih Barakat, Stephen Livingston, CTDOT.

Staff: Peter Dorpalen, Executive Director; Virginia Mason, Assistant Director; Samuel Gold, Senior Planner; Joe Perrelli, Regional Planner; Lauren Rizzo, Administrative Assistant.

1. Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, Public Comment

Chairman Tom Dunn called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the roll was called. There was no public comment.

2. Transportation Planning

a. Recommendations for Unused ARRA Funds

Tom Dunn stated that the meeting had been called to discuss the moving of unused ARRA funds from one municipality to another. As a certain amount of funding had been allotted to each municipality, the question had arisen at the June 24, 2010 COGCNV meeting as to why any unused funding could not stay within that municipality. He further stated that since that meeting, thanks to Mayor Chatfield, answers had been received. CTDOT was present to further elaborate and answer any questions.

Hugh Hayward of CTDOT said that if final figures on a job come in low, the unexpended funds do not necessarily belong to a particular municipality. Conversely, if a job experiences an overage, CTDOT would work to cover it. He said that CTDOT is agreeing to do a job from point A to point B at a given low bid price, not as a grant. In essence, CTDOT is agreeing to do a project, and will attempt to cover any overages with unexpended funds. Rabih Barakat and Phil Scarrozzo of CTDOT provided further explanation and noted that federal guidelines apply.

In response to COG member comments on the complexity of the process, Peter Dorpalen noted that he submitted a proposal on behalf of COGCNV to the Connecticut Congressional Delegation to streamline the process for small, simple projects such as milling and repaving. The proposal has been submitted to the congressional committee that is developing the new federal transportation bill. Terry Caldarone noted that Waterbury is giving up/giving back \$1.3 million in federal funding that will now go to Watertown for its shovel-ready STP urban project, with the expectation that the city will receive this amount back in the future. Peter Dorpalen noted that one of the meeting's resolutions formalizes this understanding. Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers asked if this was project specific or held true for all the municipalities. Joe Perrelli said the STP urban program is over-programmed into 2015. Anything that can be done to move projects forward, such as Watertown's, frees up future programming capacity for the STP urban program. Mary Ann Drayton-Rogers asked

that the smaller municipalities not be overlooked in favor of the larger ones. Bob Chatfield complemented the consultant CTDOT had assigned to Prospect to assist with the ARRA funding process.

On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Terry Caldarone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the use of unobligated ARRA funds to cover the cost of overages on other ARRA projects and to supplement the region's shovel-ready STPU project.

On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Terry Caldarone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To acknowledge in programming STPU funds in the COGCNV Transportation Improvement Program that, if ARRA balances are used for Watertown's Sunnyside Avenue project, the STPU funds originally intended for that project will be programmed for Waterbury's Homer-Chase project, assuming it can move forward and is ready for construction.

b. *June 2010 TIP Amendment* — On a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Terry Caldarone, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the June 2010 Amendment to the 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program listed in Memorandum 061710TIP.

c. *Naugatuck River Greenway* — Sam Gold said COGCNV was approached by the City of Waterbury for a letter of support concerning the greenway project. Waterbury will use the letter to pursue an award from American Trails for an innovative approach to a difficult project. Draft greenway studies for each of the four towns, and for the region, will soon be presented to the advisory committee. The draft studies are expected to be made public in a few weeks, after all town comments are received.

3. **Other**

Virginia Mason said the Attachment A line item of the DEMHS 2009 MOA is for cameras, shelters, and feeding kits.

4. **Adjournment**

At 9:22 a.m., on a motion by Bob Chatfield, seconded by Bill Davis, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Lauren Rizzo
Administrative Assistant

for

Robert Chatfield
Secretary