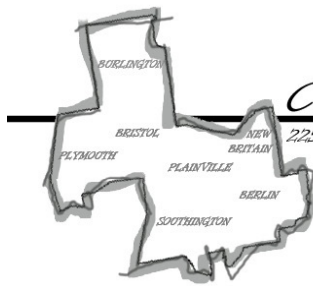


August 2010
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FINANCIAL REPORT AND CASH FLOW STATEMENT

REVENUES	Budget	Current Month	Year To Date	Balance	% Received
Paratransit Administration/Contractor	1,319,340	243,835	243,835	1,075,505	18.48%
Paratransit System Advertising	1,000	0	0	1,000	0.00%
Transportation Planning Grant	577,392	38,606	38,606	538,786	6.69%
Municipal Contributions	91,500	62,795	84,441	7,059	92.29%
Miscellaneous Revenues	6,200	293	328	5,872	5.29%
CEDS - USEDA	48,000	0	0	48,000	0.00%
Bristol IHZ	15,000	0	0	15,000	0.00%
CERT	8,000	0	0	8,000	0.00%
Pequabuck River Dam	10,000	0	0	10,000	0.00%
R5EPT	500	126	252	248	50.40%
Budgeted Revenues	2,076,932	345,655	367,462	1,709,470	17.69%
16.66% completed					
EXPENDITURES	Budget	Current Month	Year To Date	Balance	% Used
Salaries/Payroll Taxes/Workers Comp.	390,056	27,499	54,197	335,859	13.89%
Retirement/Administration	12,461	493	1,856	10,605	14.89%
Health/Life & ST Disability Insurance	119,764	12,780	18,705	101,059	15.62%
Directors & Officers/Liability/Bonding Ins.	6,000	0	3,355	2,645	55.92%
Accounting/Legal	14,500	0	0	14,500	0.00%
Paratransit Contractor	1,229,340	234,477	234,477	994,863	19.07%
Equipment Service Contracts/Maintenance	4,500	60	60	4,440	1.33%
Equipment/Software Purchases	32,895	400	815	32,080	2.48%
Rent	30,180	2,515	7,545	22,635	25.00%
Office Cleaning	4,200	500	750	3,450	17.86%
Telephone/Postage	6,500	237	1,268	5,232	19.51%
Supplies	7,500	50	123	7,377	1.64%
Training/Workshops/Seminars/Conf.	10,500	0	497	10,003	4.73%
Travel in State/Meetings/Forums	13,000	567	882	12,118	6.78%
Dues/Subscriptions	11,326	40	3,765	7,561	33.24%
Publications	300	0	0	300	0.00%
CPC Referral Consultant	3,500	0	0	3,500	0.00%
Advertising	4,000	0	0	4,000	0.00%
Pequabuck River Dam	10,000	31	31	9,969	0.31%
Miscellaneous Expenditures	9,400	1,794	1,821	7,579	19.37%
Contingency	157,010	0	0	157,010	0.00%
Budgeted Expenses	2,076,932	281,443	330,147	1,746,785	15.90%
CASH ON HAND					
Checking Acct. Balance - BOA				53,228	
CT State Treas.Short-Term Investment Fund				4,143	
Money Market - BOA				181,691	
CD - Thomaston Savings Bank				99,983	
CD - Webster Savings Bank				97,766	
	TOTAL CASH ON HAND			436,811	



MEMORANDUM

TO: Comprehensive Plan Committee
FROM: Carl J. Stephani, Executive Director

DATE: September 17, 2010

FOR AGENDA: October 7, 2010

SUBJECT: CT Water Works Assoc. Coalition letter regarding Stream Flow Regulations

On September 14, 2010, we received the attached email and letter from a lobbyist working for the American Water Works Association (AWWA) inviting the Agency to sign the letter which states objections to CT DEP proposed revisions to the State's stream flow regulations. The AWWA, along with CCM and COST, feel that these new regulations will have a negative impact on the State's economic development situation. On the other hand, the Rivers Alliance, Trout Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, and others are supportive of the regulations for the salutary effect they believe they will have on the State's environment (see attachments). The State's Legislative Regulation Review Committee will be meeting on October 26th to consider acting on these proposed regulations.

This is a very complex issue which may not be able to be adequately addressed in a single meeting. On that basis, it is my

RECOMMENDATION

that your Committee

Recommend that the Agency Board consider either:

1. Taking no position on these proposed regulations;
2. Supporting the AWWA letter opposing these regulations;
3. Supporting the approval of the proposed regulations; or,
4. Appointing a special committee of interested Board members, delegating authority to them to prepare an Agency position on the proposed regulations, and to submit a statement of that position to the Legislative Regulation Review Committee on, or before, the Committee's October 26th meeting.

Discussion

Additional information on this issue is available at:

http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/water/watershed_management/flowstandards/hearing_report_final_8_16_10.pdf

cc: Agency Board
Attachment(s): DEP NOA & Info Summary
AWWA Email & letter
Rivers Alliance & Trout Unlimited testimony

From: garallc@hotmail.com [mailto:garallc@hotmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Elizabeth Gara
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2010 12:00 AM
To: Lyle Wray; Carl Stephani; linda@crerpa.org; pdorpalen@cogcnv.org; mnielson@gbrpa.org; jchew@hvceo.org; lhceo1@snet.net; john.filchak@neccog.com; nwccog1@snet.net; camento@scrcog.org; jbutler@seccog.org; lapp@swrpa.org; rdunne@valleycog.org; director@wincog.org
Subject: STREAM FLOW REGULATIONS & YOUR REGION

The legislature's Regulations Review Committee is scheduled to vote on the state Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) proposed stream flow regulations on October 26. Although DEP revised the regulations, the water industry, led by the Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA), continues to be **concerned that the revised regulations will significantly increase the cost of public water supplies and severely limit the amount of water available for business expansion and construction in many communities. In addition, the regulations represent a significant unfunded mandate on the state's towns and cities, particularly those served by municipal water departments.**

Please review the attached letter and let me know if your organization is willing to sign on to the letter. The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST) and the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) have already signed on. We also anticipate that several mayors and first selectmen who testified in opposition to the proposed stream flow regulations because of the impact to their community will sign on to the letter.

If you have any questions, we would be happy to meet with you to discuss the revised stream flow regulations more fully.

Thank you.

Please note our new address and telephone number!

Elizabeth (Betsy) Gara
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gara@gmlobbying.com

September 20, 2010

The Honorable Joan Hartley
The Honorable T.R. Rowe
Co-Chairs, Regulations Review Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Re: Proposed Stream Flow Regulations

Dear Senator Hartley and Rep. Rowe:

After extensive review and discussion, the organizations listed below representing businesses, agriculture, municipalities, recreational organizations and water companies, urge you to reject the state Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) proposed stream flow regulations. Although we continue to support the intent of stream flow regulations – to protect the state's aquatic life while providing for the public health, safety, agricultural and economic development needs of the state – we do not believe the regulations achieve the necessary balance sought by the legislature.

While DEP has made a number of changes to the regulations following the public hearing, we continue to have fundamental concerns that the proposed regulations as currently drafted:

- Severely undermine the amount of water available to meet the existing and future public health and safety needs of residents and businesses in many communities;
- Impose costly, burdensome requirements and potentially disrupt operations of businesses heavily dependent on adequate water supplies, including farmers, golf courses, construction companies, manufacturers, car washes, ski areas, and amusement parks;
- Impose an unfunded mandate on municipalities served by municipal water departments who will be required to comply with the regulations;
- Result in or exacerbate water shortages in some communities, leading to potential moratoriums on construction and economic development;
- Significantly increase water rates by requiring modifications to dams, distribution systems and, in many communities, the development of new water supplies, new or expanded storage capacity, treatment facilities, etc.;
- Lead to frequent and lengthy water use restrictions on customers which may be disruptive for certain business operations and residents;
- Undermine Connecticut's economic recovery by imposing an unworkable regulation on public water supplies that will create barriers to economic development in a number of communities throughout Connecticut;
- Exceed the Act's legislative mandate by including the regulation of groundwater supplies;
- Create great uncertainty for the regulatory community by imposing very subjective standards for groundwater structures that will be left to the interpretation of DEP staff and will be difficult to assess or plan for; and
- Divert financial resources and capital investments away from needed water infrastructure improvements.

According to DEP's own data, less than 1% of the rivers and streams have documented low flow impairments. Despite the limited nature of the problem, the revised regulations impose a sweeping regulatory scheme on every river and stream in Connecticut which will cost ratepayers, municipalities and state agencies hundreds of millions of dollars in compliance costs.

Although DEP made a genuine effort to revise the regulations by extending the timeframe for compliance and reducing the number of releases throughout the year, those changes do not adequately address the fundamental concerns that have been raised throughout the process.

Finally, the process for the classification of streams and the enforcement provisions are significantly flawed in that they lack appropriate legal remedies or appeals for parties who are adversely affected.

We therefore urge you to reject the proposed regulations and direct DEP to continue to meet with stakeholders to develop a balanced, workable approach to stream flow regulation that addresses these fundamental concerns.

We look forward to discussing this issue with you at your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Gara, Executive Director, Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA) at 860-841-7350 or gara@gmlobbying.com.

Thank you.

Scott Ramsay
**Connecticut Association of Golf Course
Superintendents**

Lelah Campo
Connecticut Associated Builders & Contractors (ABC)

Eric Brown
Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA)

Kachina Walsh
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities

Matt Hallisey
Connecticut Construction Industry Association (CCIA)

Bart Russell, Executive Director
Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST)

Jennifer Jennings, Executive Director
Connecticut Heating & Cooling Contractors (CHCC)

Elizabeth Gara, Executive Director
Connecticut Water Works Association (CWWA)

Jennifer Jennings, Executive Director
CT Plumbing Heating & Cooling Contractors (PHCC)

Louise DiCocco-Beauton
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce

William Ethier
Home Builders Association of CT

Lisa Hutner, Executive Director
Independent Electrical Contractors of New England

Frank Johnson
Manufacturers Alliance of Connecticut (MAC)

Andrew Markowski, State Director
National Federation of Independent Business

Robin Wilson, President
Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce

Jack Condlin, Executive Director
Stamford Chamber of Commerce

Paul Formica, 1st Selectman
Town of East Lyme

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Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations

Revised August 17, 2010

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The Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection is proposing Stream Flow Standards and Regulations in response to PA 05-142, enacted in 2005. This statute directed DEP to develop regulations, which would expand the coverage of the stream flow standards and regulations to include all rivers and streams, rather than only those stocked with fish, as was the case previously. The statute further directed DEP to develop standards that balance the needs of humans to use water for water supply, fire protection, irrigation, manufacturing, and recreation, with the needs of fish and wildlife, that also rely upon the availability of water to sustain healthy natural communities.

Highlights of the proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations include:

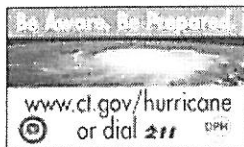
- Classification of all rivers and streams in Connecticut with public input,
- Use of best science to provide a framework based on the classification of all rivers and streams to balance the human needs for water supply, fire protection, irrigation, manufacturing, and recreation with the needs of fish and wildlife, that also rely upon the availability of water to sustain healthy, natural communities,
- An extended implementation timeframe for regulatory requirements to allow for any necessary infrastructure improvements and to encourage and support water planning and conservation efforts.

In short, the proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations are protective of Connecticut's river and stream systems, and promote better, more efficient management of our water resources and supplies, so that needs, both human and ecological, can be met today and in the future.

Progress on Regulation Development

Thus far CT DEP has:

- Initiated a stakeholder process through 3 workgroups (Science & Technical Workgroup; Policy & Implementation Workgroup; and Commissioner's Advisory Group) that developed the framework of the regulations over a 3 ½ year period;
- Drafted proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations;
- On October 13, 2009, issued a Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Regulations and to Hold a Public Hearing;
- Provided numerous public information meetings from October 13, 2009 – January 21, 2010;
- Held a public hearing on January 21, 2010. The public comment period was held open until February 4, 2010. 68 individuals provided oral testimony and 380 provided written comment.
- The extensive public comment has been taken into consideration, and revisions were made to the proposed regulations.
- The revised regulations were submitted to the Attorney General for a legal sufficiency review,
- A Notice of Availability of the revised regulation and the hearing report was issued on August 17, 2010. The hearing report contains a statement of the principal reasons in support of the Department's action, and the principal considerations in opposition to the Department's intended action



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as urged in written or oral comments on the proposed regulation and its reasons for rejecting such considerations.

These documents are available below. Submission of the revised regulations to the Legislative Regulation Review Committee is anticipated in early September, 2010.

Post-Hearing Regulatory Process Documents NEW

[Notice of Availability \(PDF\)](#) (August 17, 2010)

[Summary of the Major Revisions to the Regulations in Response to Comments \(PDF\)](#) (August 17, 2010)

[Final Proposed Regulations, \(PDF\)](#) (August 26, 2010 – includes minor modification correcting clerical error – for explanation, see 8/26/10 Addendum in Hearing Report)

[Hearing Report, \(PDF\)](#) (August 16, 2010)

[Revised Table Summary of Stream Flow Regulations \(PDF\)](#) (August 17, 2010)

[Questions and Answers About the Proposed Streamflow Regulations \(PDF\)](#) (August 17, 2010)

Pre-Hearing Regulatory Process Documents

[Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Stream Flow Standards and Regulations and to Hold a Public Hearing \(October 13, 2009\)](#)

[Proposed Regulations \(PDF\)](#) (October 13, 2009)

[Fiscal Impact Statement \(PDF\)](#) (October 13, 2009)

[Small Business Regulatory Impact and Regulatory Flexibility Analysis \(PDF\)](#) (October 13, 2009)

Data Links NEW

["Regional Regression Equations to Estimate Flow-Duration Statistics at Ungaged Stream Sites in Connecticut," U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2010-5052, by Elizabeth A. Ahearn.](#)

Background Documents

[Stream Flow: The Next Two Decades \(PDF\)](#) (January 29, 2009)

[Balancing Water Use for Future Generations \(PDF\)](#) (October 13, 2009)

[Stream Flow Proposal Timeline \(PDF\)](#) (October 13, 2009)

[Guidelines for Evaluating Streamflow Depletion from Groundwater Withdrawals \(PDF\)](#) (December 17, 2009) Groundwater withdrawals do not necessarily impact nearby streamflow at a rate equivalent to the well withdrawal rate. Although directly connected, a number of factors influence where along the stream, when, and by how much streamflow will be reduced by pumping groundwater. These draft guidelines were developed to assist water users in evaluating how their individual groundwater withdrawal impacts streamflow.

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CANDLEWOOD VALLEY CHAPTER
P.O. Box 3795, Danbury, CT 06810



Mr. Paul E. Stacey
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
Planning and Standards Division
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Re: Support for revised stream flow standards

Dear Mr. Stacey:

The Candlewood Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CVTU) supports DEP's efforts to revise stream flow standards. You have taken the time to craft a truly workable framework to set standards on all Connecticut's waterways. We point specifically to these positive provisions:

1. The necessary work of classification of streams will be a thoughtful and public process
2. New standards will be phased in, giving all involved time to adjust to changes
3. The several exemptions included recognize the realities of water management
4. The drought and flood triggers and the procedure to apply for variances provides great flexibility
5. The option of adopting a Flow Management Plan as an alternative to specific requirements adds even more flexibility.
6. No conflict will occur with existing flow management plans or with FERC approved plans.

We are also pleased that these revised standards address groundwater withdrawals. The majority of our suburban and rural residents depend on groundwater because Connecticut law presently prohibits drinking water to be taken from surface water systems, such as our lakes and larger rivers, that receive certain discharges. That puts enormous pressure on ground water reserves and on those few clear streams that receive no discharges and which often support wild trout.

But there are areas where the proposed regulations should be strengthened, particularly when it comes to urban rivers which will likely be designated as Class 4 rivers.

It is my understanding that such a classification will remove all of the stream flow protections from such rivers, severely limiting any chance that such streams can remain viable habitat for trout.

Just as the proposed regulations recognize that a one-size fits all approach is not the best solution and encourage individual flow management plans, they must also recognize that all urban rivers are not the same, and that even degraded rivers can be rehabilitated and restored. I encourage you to put in place

minimum standards, or a sliding scale within the Class 4 designation that would ensure the river's current health and level of aquatic life is sustained while measures are taken to improve the habitat further.

As an active and involved Trout Unlimited member, I know that restoration efforts can be successful at improving rivers throughout the state. I know that there is a strong desire to protect our rivers and a will to work together, as conservationists, to work to restore them.

Please allow us the opportunity to make such improvements in our urban streams. Class 4 rivers can be brought back, but we need the water flows to be there to sustain the current level of life and allow for upstream passage once we have improved the habitat.

In closing, the Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations represent an important step in ensuring an abundant supply of water for human use while protecting the ecological needs and recreational enjoyment of Connecticut's rivers and streams.

Balancing these needs is a difficult task, and the proposed regulations admirably create a standard that accounts for that balance.

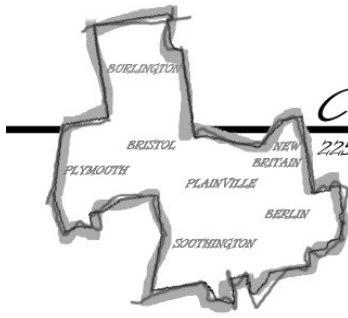
I would ask that you carefully consider the proposed regulations in light of these and other public comments, with particular attention paid to the classification process, the need to provide at least minimal protection to Class 4 streams and the importance of including within the regulations a specific avenue for improving stream ecology.

CVTU often has to highlight the critical nature of our water resources when we make public comment. At this time in Connecticut however, we believe that everyone recognizes the need to manage the flow and availability of water. The proposal you are making to revise stream flow standards is creative and balanced. CVTU supports your efforts.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Doug Peterson
VP Grants and Government Relations



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September 2, 2010

To Whom it May Concern:

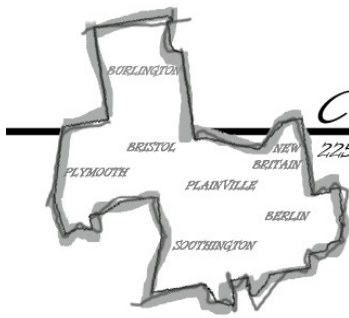
At its regular meeting on September 2, 2010, Town of Southington Staff gave the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency (CCRPA) Governing Board a presentation on the "Plantsville Beautification Project" plans dated April 2010, prepared by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Incorporated. The CCRPA Board appreciates the amount of effort and concentration that went into the preparation of these documents, and the potential they have to focus future efforts to improve the public community spaces in Plantsville, and to provide an attractive framework for the private development that will occur there.

The depth of thought and analysis upon which these plans are based provide a strong foundation upon which to base future Plantsville community development activities and projects.

The Agency wishes the Town well in its future work toward the realization of the lofty goals and visions contained in these plans, expresses its strong support for their implementation, and stands ready to provide assistance to the Town in that regard to the extent funding becomes available.

Yours very truly,

Carl J. Stephani
Executive Director



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Bob Hammersley
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

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October 8, 2010

Dear Mr. Hammersley:

On September 8, 2010, we received a letter from Mr. Bruce Alexander, Chairman of the Transportation Strategy Board (TSB), inviting each Regional Planning Organization to provide recommendations to the you regarding “(1) any changes in, or additions to, the 2007 strategy and recommendations which [we]... believe are needed; and (2) a list of projects which [we]... believe are needed.”

In response to that invitation our staff and Board members have reviewed the 2007 Strategy and have the following recommendation in relation to the issue of I-95 Corridor Congestion.

The I-95 Corridor, including both the rail and highway components, is one of the most, if not the most, congested transportation corridor in the Northeast - and possibly in the entire nation. Impacts from that congestion reverberate throughout the State in terms of employee loss-time, equipment damage and losses, attractiveness of the State to new business, environmental pollution, and personal physical and emotional stress. Those problems, which are acknowledged in the 2007 Strategy, have only increased with the passage of time, and may even be exacerbated as some of the Strategy’s policies are implemented. For example, while the Bridgeport feeder barge facility may shift some freight traffic from the Corridor between New York/New Jersey and Bridgeport, once that barge freight reaches Bridgeport, it will virtually have no place to go other than back into the I-95 Corridor, adding to the existing rising tide of congestion.

There is an alternative that could help mitigate that negative impact and, in fact, make it a positive asset to the State - that is, improvement of the inland rail connection between Bridgeport and Hartford. That rail connection could enable the substantial amounts of freight and passenger traffic, which is ultimately headed northward, to proceed directly northward out of Bridgeport to Waterbury, thru New Britain, and on to Hartford. There exist rail lines linking those areas at the current time; their utilization, however, is hindered by their state of dis-repair which imposes speed limits on them in certain locations below 15-20 miles per hour.

This rail link could also provide a significant opportunity for the relocation of some of the freight and passenger traffic that currently congests both the I-95 and I-91 transportation corridors in a

manner that could greatly enhance statewide access to the inland manpower resources of the Waterbury, Bristol and New Britain areas.

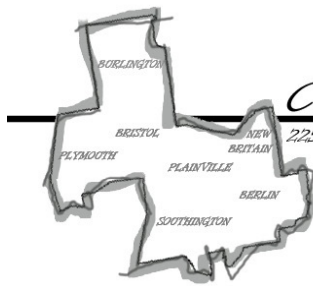
In support of the improvement of this Bridgeport to Hartford rail link, the CCRPA has been actively seeking funds to complete required scoping and other studies precedent to precisely identifying, designing, and constructing the needed rail line improvements. The CCRPA needs State support for these efforts and for that reason is recommending, that the Transportation Strategy Board include in its 2010 Strategy Update a \$1 million project to complete an alternatives analysis and NEPA scoping study for the Waterbury to Berlin portion of the rail network linking Bridgeport with Hartford.

We thank the TSB for this invitation to participate in its 2010 Strategy Update, and offer whatever assistance we are able to help the Board understand the tremendous positive statewide impact the project that we are recommending would provide.

Yours very truly,

David J. Dudek
Chairman of the Board

cc: CARPO
I-84 TIA Board members



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Improvement Committee (TIC)
FROM: Carl J. Stephani, Executive Director

DATE: September 22, 2010

FOR AGENDA: September 30, 2010

SUBJECT: State Rail Plan

On September 14, 2010, ConnDOT held a coordination meeting with the state's regional planning organizations (RPOs) during which a ConnDOT staff member presented information about the draft State Rail Plan and invited the RPOs to submit comments about the Plan (<http://www.ct.gov/dot/cwp/view.asp?a=1386&q=437648&PM=1>). Since that time, Agency staff has reviewed the draft Plan for consistency with our regional plans. The Plan includes a recommendation that the State "Study the feasibility and cost of implementing commuter rail service between Hartford and Waterbury..." (P. 10), which is strongly supported by our Region.

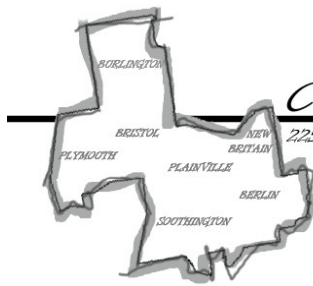
On that basis, it is my

RECOMMENDATION

that your Committee

Recommend that the Agency Board endorse the draft State Rail Plan and encourage the ConnDOT to expand its support for a study of the feasibility of implementing commuter rail service between Hartford and Waterbury, to also include support for the improvement of the physical condition of the rail line to support higher speed rail freight traffic through the corridor as well.

cc: Agency Board



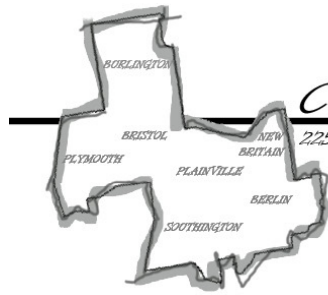
MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency Board
FROM: Carl J. Stephani, Executive Director
DATE: September 27, 2010
FOR AGENDA: October 7, 2010
SUBJECT: Update of the FY2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

At your regular meeting on June 3, 2010, you approved the Agency's FY2010-2011 Annual Budget and the FY2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program. On September 2, 2010, you approved amendments to the FY2010-2011 Annual Budget which impact the FY2011-2012 UPWP in terms of personnel assigned responsibility to perform certain tasks. In order to allow the two new Regional Planners to complete some of the work previously assigned to the Senior Planner who has left the Agency, the UPWP needs to be amended.

On that basis, it is my
RECOMMENDATION
that your Board
Amend the UPWP as noted in the attached updated version.

Posted Document: Updated FY2011-2012 UPWP (viewable on the Agency Web Site - see Supporting Documents for the October 7, 2010, Board meeting)



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October 7, 2010

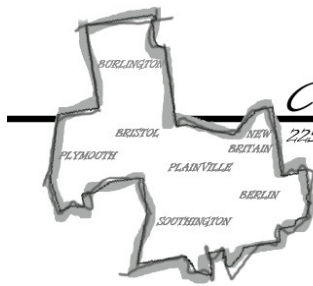
Berlin, Bristol, Burlington, New Britain, Plainville, Plymouth, and Southington Town Clerks

The regularly scheduled meetings of the Governing Board of the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency and its Standing Committees for the year 2010 are noted below:

- I. Agency Board (7:30 PM), Comprehensive Plan (CPC), and Program, Finance and Personnel (PFP) Committees (7 PM) - held at the Agency offices on the first Thursday of each month, except: (a) in case of a Holiday conflict; or (b) in July and August when there are no regular meetings. In December times are adjusted to accommodate a dinner, and the meeting is held at a location selected by the Agency Board Chair.
- II. Transportation Improvement Committee (TIC) - TIC meets on the last Thursday of every odd month at 9:00 AM in the Agency Offices.
- III. Economic Development Alliance (CEDA) - starting in March the CEDA meets quarterly on the third Monday of the month at noon in the CCRPA Offices.

Yours very truly,

Carl J. Stephani
Executive Director



MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency Board
FROM: Carl J. Stephani, Executive Director
DATE: September 27, 2010
FOR AGENDA: October 7, 2010
SUBJECT: Election of Board Chair

On September 23, 2010, Chairman David Dudek called to indicate that, for family related reasons, he could no longer carry out the duties of Chairman of the Board and was relinquishing that office as of September 30, 2010. Agency Bylaws Section V.A states that: “In the event of a vacancy [in one of the officer positions], a successor shall be elected at the next meeting of the Agency Board to serve the unexpired term.” No further details regarding the process are provided in the Bylaws.

On that basis, it is my

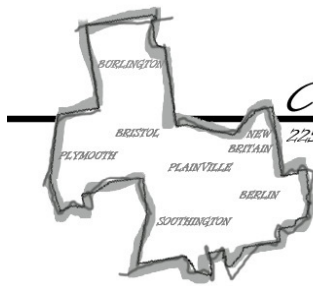
RECOMMENDATION
that your Board

Accept nominations from members of the Board to fill the office of Chairman of the Board for the remainder of David Dudek’s term which expires on June 30, 2010; and, elect a Chair from among those nominated.

Discussion

Agency Bylaws Section V.B states that: “Officers shall be chosen from duly appointed or elected representatives from different municipalities.” Your current officers include the following:

Office	Incumbent	Jurisdiction
Vice Chair	John Pompei	Bristol
Treasurer	Dennis Kern	Berlin
Secretary	Don Naples	New Britain



MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency Board
FROM: Carl J. Stephani, Executive Director
DATE: September 28, 2010
FOR AGENDA: October 7, 2010
SUBJECT: Update: Busway and Waterbury Rail

Busway

ConnDOT reports that 100% design plans are being submitted by the consultants and being reviewed by ConnDOT staff. It is anticipated that the project's Full Funding Agreement should be signed in the near, though not predictable, future. The Amtrak easement agreement is in final stages of negotiation, and there have been no schedule changes or cost changes since last month.

Waterbury Rail

There has been no progress in Congress on a new transportation program authorization bill, which is where we have submitted our request for funding this project. No action is expected until after the first of the new year, at the earliest. We will be submitting comments to the TSB and the ConnDOT regarding increased recognition of the importance of this project in the state's transportation strategy as well as it's Rail Plan.

BRISTOL PRESS - DAM MAY BE REMOVED IN SUMMER OF 2012

Tuesday, September 28, 2010 4:47 AM EDT

By Jackie Majerus, Staff Writer

BRISTOL — An old dam over the Pequabuck River that used to help divert water to the Bristol Brass Company — and the surrounding polluted rocks and sediment — may be removed in the summer of 2012, according to an engineer on the project.

Laura Wildman, director of the New England office of Princeton Hydro, delivered a detailed account of the reason to remove the dam near the Middle Street bridge and the plan to do it in a special meeting at the Central Connecticut Regional Planning Agency Monday.

She said the concrete dam, built in the 1960s to replace the original granite dam, would be removed along with as much as 3,000 cubic yards of rock and other material contaminated with industrial waste. Oil booms would help contain the pollution to keep it from escaping downstream, she said.

"It's going to be a cleaning up of the river as well," she said.

The \$550,000 project, which will be done in the driest summer months, will take only a few days, Wildman said

It won't begin until funding is secured. Most of the cost will go toward removing the contaminated materials. When finished, the riverbed will be bedrock again and as much vegetation as possible left in place along the bank. And fish will once again be able to swim upstream.

"We're not creating anything new," said Steve Gephard, a fisheries biologist with the state Department of Environmental Protection. "We're actually bringing the river back to the way it was 400 years ago."

Gephard said the project is a good candidate for funding because it is the first impassable place that migratory fish encounter as they swim upstream from the ocean.

Fish, including American shad, alewife, blueback herring, sea lamprey and American eel, swim up the Connecticut River and the Farmington River before reaching the Pequabuck, Gephard said. There are some places along the way where it isn't easy for fish to pass, every spot either has a fishway designed for passage or someplace where fish can get through, Gephard said, until they reach the dam near Middle Street.

"This is the one thing they absolutely butt their heads on," Gephard said.

Steve Donaghy, a Fredrick Street resident who lives at the juncture of the Pequabuck River and Coppermine Brook, said he's been flooded out four times in recent years and raised a concern about the impact of the project on flooding.

Wildman said removing the dam won't help or hurt the flooding because it's not a flood control dam. It'll still be the same amount of water flowing, she said, at about the same speed.