

## AGENDA

### CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, November 6, 2003 - 1:30 PM

D.O.T. Headquarters, Conference Room B

Newington, Connecticut

1. Approval of the October 2, 2003 meeting minutes
2. Dr. Mark Mitchell, founding president of the Connecticut Coalition for Environmental Justice (CCEJ)
3. Comments from the public
4. Report from operating entities
5. Chairman's report
6. Old business
7. New business

CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

MEETING ATTENDANCE

THURSDAY, October 2, 2003

Union Station, Fourth Floor, Conference Room A

New Haven, Connecticut

VOTING MEMBERS

Linda Blair  
Richard Carpenter  
Tom Cheeseman  
Morton Katz  
William Kelaher  
Yvonne Loteczka  
David Reed  
Richard Schreiner  
Richard Sunderhauf

GUESTS

Issei Morita

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Fred Riese

CDOT STAFF

Cindy Gollareny  
Carmine Trotta

# CONNECTICUT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

October 2, 2003

(Meeting convened at 1:34 p.m.)

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – September 4, 2003

Accepted as written.

### **FEATURED SPEAKERS – KEY POINTS**

None.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

### **REPORT FROM OPERATING ENTITIES**

Richard Carpenter reported on East of Hudson Rail Freight Task Force. He mentioned there is talk that TEA-3, the US Department of Transportation funding legislation, may be put off until 2004 and a 5-month interim USDOT bill passed.

Mr. Carpenter also mentioned that the levels of freight and boxcar traffic into the NYC Metro Area have increased since the Task Force was formed. This is especially true for Long Island. A lack of adequate terminal space is a major constraint for rail traffic growth.

Carmine Trotta, Office of Intermodal Policy, ConnDOT, related some of the major initiatives the State is currently involved with. They include: CRCOG's Transit Oriented Development and CCRPA's Access Study for New Britain - Hartford BRT; New York's Tappan Zee Bridge Corridor Study; Long Island Sound Waterborne Transportation Study; CRCOG's Griffin Corridor Study; SCCOG's Transit Study; SECCOG's Transit Study; ConnDOT's I-95 Branford - Rhode Island Corridor Study; ConnDOT's New Haven Line Rail Station Governance Study; ConnDOT's I-84 Waterbury - Danbury Environmental Impact Statement; ConnDOT's I-84/Route 8 Interchange Study; ConnDOT's New Haven - Hartford - Springfield Rail Commuter Implementation Plan analysis; ConnDOT's Danbury Rail Line Electrification Study; ConnDOT's Hartford East BRT Study; Route 11 Environmental Impact Statement; Route 2/2A/32 Environmental Impact Statement; and the I-95 Corridor Coalition activities.

Richard Sunderhauf reported that Local Union 425 has filed a grievance against CTTransit, Hartford Division, asserting that the Company is in violation of their Union contract by using the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) as a disciplinary tool.

Fred Riese attended a Southeast Corridor Advisory Committee meeting which discussed the option of Mass Transit as an alternative to expanding I-95.

Richard Schreiner attended a Danbury Branch Electrification Feasibility Study meeting and announced it has a website at: [www.danburybranchstudy.com](http://www.danburybranchstudy.com).

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr. Cheeseman updated the Commission on pending legislation, including funding levels for Rail and Bus Transit, Jobs Access and Paratransit services.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Riese announced the Annual Work Session will take place on Thursday, November 20, 5:00 p.m., Union Station - New Haven, Conference Room B.

Mr. Kelaher reported that the New Haven west tower will be closed and operations will be relocated to New York resulting in the loss of jobs in Connecticut and an increase in operating costs. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to address a letter to the Commissioner of Transportation to request an explanation of the same. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously approved the motion.

(Meeting adjourned at 2:39 P.M.)