

Governor's Commission on the Reform of the Department of Transportation

September 21, 2007 - 1 p.m.

**Gateway Community College
New Haven, CT**

Present: Michael Critelli, Commissioner Gina McCarthy, Larry McHugh, James Paggioli, Meredith Reuben, and William B. Sawch.

Absent: Commissioner Ralph Carpenter (represented by Deputy Commissioner Albert Martin), David Egan, Secretary Robert Genuario (represented by Under Secretary Philip Smith), Commissioner Anne Gnazzo, Kevin Kelleher, Anthony Milano

I. Call to Order

Chairman Critelli called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Critelli noted the misspelling of his name in section three of the September 6, 2007 draft minutes.

The Chairman then called for a motion to approve the minutes with the correction to the spelling of his name. Mr. Paggioli made a motion. (2nd: McHugh). Voice vote—motion passed.

III. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed the Commission members and public to the meeting and provided an overview of the meeting agenda.

Chairman Critelli asked that anyone speaking during the public hearing section of the agenda limit their comments to three minutes.

The Chairman reported that the next meeting/hearing would be held during the second week of October in Fairfield County.

IV. Presentations

Richard Jaworski, Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Aviation and Ports provided an overview of the mission; organizational structure; duties and responsibilities; facilities and services; flow of work; and a description of the interaction of the Bureau with other DOT bureaus, external agencies and customers.

Following the presentation Commission members discussed the interaction between rails and ports for the movement of freight; how to improve the interaction between those responsible for the different modes of transportation at DOT; the level of importance of port operations; the need to take a holistic approach to solve transportation problems; marketing Bradley to southwestern Connecticut and western Massachusetts; the similarities between aviation and ports administration and the culture of the Bureau.

V. Briefing Materials

Philip Smith gave an overview of a document entitled "Transportation Organization in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Rhode Island. The document, prepared by the Office of Policy and Management, Office of Transportation Policy provides an overview of the organizational structure of transportation agencies in the states listed.

VI. Invited Speakers and Public Hearing

Kate Slevin from the Tri-State Transportation Campaign addressed the Commission. She provided the following recommendations to the Commission:

- Invest in communities that will work with DOT to create viable commuting alternatives to provide congestion relief
- Pursue a fix it first policy
- Invest more in bicycle and pedestrian projects
- Move existing transit projects forward faster
- Create a TOD development program
- Go into communities to involve the public

VII. New Business

- Chairman Critelli reported that the public hearing portion of the next meeting would be the last public hearing. The public may attend any future meetings however the only speakers at those meetings will be guests invited by the Commission to provide their expertise.
- The Commission members may also submit questions on the material presented by DOT in writing for response.
- The working groups have met or will be meeting for the first time shortly.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.