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**MINUTES OF THE 10/22/10 MEETING OF**  
**THE ROUTE 11 GREENWAY AUTHORITY COMMISSION**

**Present:** Steward, Markowicz, Giannotti, Sielman, Formica, and Butler.

**Staff:** Guggenheim, and Nelson.

**Public:** Ross, Nelson, and Stone (for Lombardi).

1. Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. Roll Call: A quorum was present.
3. Approval of Minutes of April 23, 2010 Meeting: It was voted (Sielman/Formica) to approve the Minutes of the April 23, 2010 Meeting.
4. Continued Discussion of Status of Bike and Pedestrian Trail and Future Options: Chairman Steward introduced Connecticut Department of Transportation (CONNDOT) letter dated August 6, 2010 (Attached to these Minutes) that resulted from the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission letter dated April 30, 2010 and a meeting with CONNDOT staff on June 22, 2010. He summarized the contents of the CONNDOT letter and observed that completion of Route 11 was not fundable for the next 10 years. Chairman Steward further reported that Congressman Courtney's staff had advised him that a change to the \$14 Million Route 11 Greenway earmark referenced in the letter were extremely unlikely. He invited comments from members of the Commission. Mr. Sielman noted that infrastructure bids were currently coming in well below estimates and installing tolls on Route 11 was a potential source of the revenue needed for the Connecticut 20% match to complete the project. Both Chairman Steward and Mr. Sielman reported recent comments from gubernatorial candidates regarding Route 11 and the Connecticut budget deficit. Discussion followed. Mr. Butler noted that no action had been initiated on the three State of Connecticut actions stipulated in the Commissions Resolution adopted at the April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Additional discussion followed regarding tolls, environmental permitting and bonding.

Chairman Steward reread the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Resolution and suggested that it be reaffirmed. Discussion followed regarding wording of the Resolution, specifically the words "bikeway" and "greenway". It was then voted (Butler/Sielman) with one vote against (Formica):

"To go ahead with creation of a Route 11 Greenway, contingent upon and at the time the State of Connecticut provides the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission written assurances and takes the appropriate actions necessary to secure and provide the funding to complete the design of the greenway/bikeway, and takes the action needed to proceed with the Preliminary Engineering (PE) and environmental mitigation plan required for the completion of Route 11".

Mr. Ross then recommended that immediately following the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election, the Commission send a letter asking for a meeting with the newly elected Governor and his transition team to discuss Route 11 and the Greenway, with emphasis upon its economic development impact upon the region. There was a consensus to this recommendation and Chairman Steward stated he would work with Mr. Butler to draft and send this letter. Chairman Steward further stated that the next Commission Meeting would be scheduled after the above referenced meeting with the new administration occurred.

5. Public Comment: None.

6. Adjournment: There being no further business, Chairman Steward stated that the next Commission Meeting will be at the call of the Chairman, and it was voted (Sielman) to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.