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**CRDA Transportation Sub-Committee Meeting
Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
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PRESENT:

Directors: Committee Chairman James Redeker, David Jorgensen (via phone)

Volunteers to the Committee: Jonas V. Maciunas (Dept. of Development, Hartford), Michael A. Sanders (DOT, Transit), Cheryl Malerba (DOT), Randal P. Davis (DOT)

Staff: Michael Freimuth

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 by Committee Chair James Redeker

1. A brief overview of the agenda, developed from a broad set of problem statements, was provided for the benefit of Executive Director, Michael Freimuth.
2. Chairman Redeker made commentary for discussion for each the agenda topic.
 - a. CRDA Transportation Infrastructure – resources, condition, gaps
 - b. CRDA Transit System – services, markets, gaps
 - c. Employment and demographic data – existing data, data collection
 - d. Development of a CRDA Transportation Plan
 - e. Capital Region as a destination
 - f. Capital Region as an origin
 - g. New Haven/Hartford/Springfield services, current and future
 - h. Bike and Pedestrian systems – resources, condition, gaps
 - i. Parking – inventory, needs, operation and management, gaps
 - j. Greenway expansion to assist in fostering development
 - k. Connections between CT Convention Center and Bradley Airport
3. A brief discussion ensued on each topic above.
4. Executive Director Michael Freimuth notes that there should be CRDA District policy rather than a plan regarding transportation. Any such policy should be at the broadest level and weave into CRDA initiatives.

5. Chairmen Redeker, in discussion with assembly suggests that the full board should be given an overview of the Capital Area transportation system from an impartial party.
 - a. Jonas Maciunas notes a regional transportation study from CRCOG.
 - b. Chairmen Redeker suggests that CRCOG be enlisted to make a presentation to the CRDA board; CRCOG has recently completed a study related to Capital area transportation needs, and it is conducting ongoing studies about the region.
 - c. Michael Freimuth concurs that a broad overview would be helpful.
 - d. A suggestion is made to present the problem statements to the board for review.
6. In reference to an earlier inquiry about parking in the Capital Region, a sample scope of work for a parking study was presented to the group for discussion.
 - a. Discussion
 - i. Capital area parking overall is underutilized and not well signed.
 - ii. David Jorgensen noted that Pratt St. parking should be part of any considerations
 - iii. Michael Freimuth suggests that it will be best to enlist the Director of the Hartford Parking authority, the city of Hartford, and other stakeholders to determine the best steps forward prior to presenting any proposal, if appropriate, to the full board. Jonas Maciunas will participate for the City, and Randal Davis will attend for the DOT.
7. Jonas Maciunas commented that enhanced parks, bike and pedestrian ways are important issues within the Development Department's overall set of goals for the city. Commissioner Redeker notes that the any stakeholders, including the DOT should work collectively to avoid duplicative efforts.
8. There is discussion that there should be an industry meeting between the Airport Authority and local Convention bureau's (including CRDA) regarding access to Conventions through Bradley International Airport.
9. Chairmen Redeker:
 - a. Requests that Randal Davis work with CRDA staff to set up an informational presentation for CRDA Board to be given by CRCOG.
 - b. Moves that the sub-committee meetings be moved to bi-monthly, and be scheduled the week before the regularly scheduled board of directors meeting.
 - i. David Jorgensen concurs with the motion.
10. The meeting is adjourned 12:10 pm