



Waterbury Area Transit Study Meeting Summary

November 10, 2014, 11:00 a.m.

Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley
49 Leavenworth Street, Suite 303, Waterbury, CT

Introductions and Update

Pat Gallagher welcomed everyone to the meeting for the Waterbury Area Transit Study and introduced the project consulting team. Steadman Hill Consulting was selected as the primary firm with assistance from Fitzgerald and Halliday. Sam Gold stated that Steadman Hill Consulting has worked on several projects for similarly sized bus systems in Lowell, Massachusetts and Burlington, Vermont. The bus study has been officially branded as the “Waterbury Area Transit Study” (WATS).

Pat Gallagher stated that a project website (www.waterburybusstudy.com) has been created and will be updated as the study progresses. Public comments can also be submitted via the website. Stephen Falbel said that he will be presenting at the Board of Alderman meeting that night with Sam Gold and Pat Gallagher.

Presentation by Stephen Falbel and Chris Henry

Stephen Falbel of Steadman Hill Consulting and Chris Henry of Fitzgerald and Halliday gave a presentation on the final scope of work, methodology, and project timeline. Falbel and Henry described each of the major tasks of the project. Mr. Falbel anticipates that the project will conclude sometime in the fall of 2015.

Chris Henry stated that at the conclusion of the meeting, the project team will make their way to the Green and begin outreach with bus riders about ways to improve the system. On board and text-based surveys will begin in early December. All public outreach materials have been translated into Spanish.

Next Steps

The consultants recommended that a Technical Advisory subcommittee be established to provide more detailed feedback for the study. Sam Gold recommended that the committee be made up of representatives from North East Transportation, the City of Waterbury, COGCNV, CT DOT, and the Waterbury Regional Chamber.

Pat Gallagher recommended that the next Steering Committee meeting be held after the first major task is completed. Stephen Falbel indicated that this will most likely be in February. Gallagher said that he will email steering committee members the details

In Attendance

Sam Gold, COGCNV

Pat Gallagher, COGCNV

Stephen Falbel, Steadman Hill Consulting

Chris Henry, Fitzgerald and Halliday

Barbara Kalosky, North East Transportation

Anna Bergeron, CTDOT

Maureen Lawrence, CTDOT

Sarah Radacsi, CTDOT

Patrick Zapatka, CTDOT

Mary-Kate Gill, New Opportunities, Inc.