Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission Minutes

January 10, 2023

Present: Terry Hart, Jim MacPherson, Herb Asplund, Damian Humphrey, David Basile, Karen

Wagner, Sue Larsen

Herb Asplund led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved unanimously. The October minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Old Business**

## 1. Grants:

- a. RAISE grant- Karen Wagner reported on the status of the 2023 RAISE grant, the earlier than anticipated deadline of February 28, and the need for a 20% non-federal funding match for urban projects. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission voted to delay applying until next year and work on the 20% funding match first.
- b. Microtransit project Terry Hart reported that Mike Palmer, the head transportation planner at CTDOT is now sending us reports and expects to have an RFP ready to release at the end of January.
- 2. Bus routes Herb Asplund reviewed the information on the two bus routes to Fedex and said there is nothing new to report.
- 3. CTTransit has extended its free buses through March 31.
- **4.** Karen Wagner reported that no bus shelters in South Windsor have gotten postings for bus schedules.

## New Business.

- Status of Commission: Commission members discussed the role of the Commission moving
  forward. Herb Asplund suggested that we could hold fewer meetings by routinely surveying
  members regarding whatever items need attention. They also expressed the desire for better
  connections with the Commission liaison, Erica Evans. Karen will ask her to meet with the
  Commission for an update.
- 2. Calendar The 2023 meeting calendar was approved unanimously.
- 3. Karen distributed a letter from Mayor Liz Pendleton thanking everyone for their service. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 24 at 6:30 pm.

