

RHODE ISLAND STATEWIDE PLANNING PROGRAM

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Friday, September 9, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.
Second floor Conference Room C
Rhode Island Department of Administration
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve August 5th Minutes
3. Chief's Progress Report
4. FY 2006 Work Program – Amendment

See enclosed agenda supplement – For Action

5. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Certification Review Report

FHWA Presentation – Copy enclosed

6. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS): Annual Report

See enclosed agenda supplement – For Action

7. State Land Use Policies and Plan – Update

Staff Presentation: 2025 Land Use Map

See enclosed agenda supplement

8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

Individuals requiring any accommodation for disabilities should notify Ms. Patricia Greene at 222-1220 not less than 48 hours before this meeting.

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Supplement to Agenda Item 6

September 9, 2005

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS): Annual Report

The CEDS Annual Report examines an area's economic development needs, problems, and resources; evaluates progress toward attaining goals and objectives; and provides a yearly update on economic development activities, highlighting the CEDS Priority Project List. The Annual Report is submitted to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) every year. Every fifth year, a more extensive Update to the CEDS is submitted in place of the Annual Report.

The Annual Report for 2005 is being submitted for your approval as part of the EDA's requirements for the Rhode Island Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. The Priority Project List contained within the report was approved at meetings of the Technical Committee and the State Planning Council in June.

**ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND THAT THE STATE PLANNING COUNCIL
ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE 2005 CEDS ANNUAL
REPORT.**

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Supplement to Agenda Item 4

September 9, 2005

FY 2006 Work Program - Amendment

Statewide Planning is requesting an increase of \$1,000,000 in transportation planning funds under the federal set-a-side for Metropolitan Planning Organizations. Currently, Rhode Island has a surplus of such funds that exceeds \$ 4 million. Our annual formula amount under the new federal transportation legislation is approximately \$1.4 million. When the surplus exceeds three year's worth of allocation the balance can be recaptured by the federal funding agencies.

Our limitation in accessing these funds has been an inability to provide the required 20% match as well as FTE limits to monitor work that would be supported by these funds.

We are working with the RI Department of Transportation to develop a scope of work for corridor studies to be funded by some of these funds with the match provided by RIDOT and/or regional planning agencies. In addition, we expect to issue an RFP for planning related studies that would support our Work Program. These studies would be funded in the range of \$25,000 -\$80,000 with the grant recipient providing the match.

See attached task description and amended budget. Questions can be directed to John O'Brien at 222-5772.

ACTION REQUESTED: RECOMMEND THAT THE STATE PLANNING COUNCIL ADOPT THE AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2006 WORK PROGRAM.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Supplement to Agenda Item 7

September 9, 2005

State Land Use Policies and Plan – Update 2025 Future Land Use Map

At the August meeting the Committee adopted the Composite Scenario as the basis for the 2025 land use map. Staff will present the edited version of that map which incorporates the policy basis for the composite, (growth centers, corridors and urban infill), with other graphic presentation considerations.

The next and final step is the presentation of a final draft. As the attached annotated table of contents indicates, much of the update has been presented to the Committee over the past twelve months. We anticipate presenting the Committee with a complete draft Update at the October meeting and seeking your endorsement to move to the next step: public hearings. Committee members are reminded that completed text and scenario maps and tabulations are available on our web site: www.planning.ri.gov.

Questions on the project should be directed to George Johnson at 222-6490.