

RIVER VALLEY TRANSIT
FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
MIDDLETOWN OPERATIONS FACILITY
91 N. MAIN STREET, MIDDLETOWN, CT
WITH REMOTE OPTIONS
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2023, AT 2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Joan Gay, Chair, at 2:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Joan Gay and Angus McDonald

Also in attendance: Staff: Joe Comerford and Christina Denison

Board Members: Leslie Strauss, ETD Board Chair and Charles Norz, ETD Board Member, Old Saybrook

CT DOT: Graham Curtis, Bus Capital Programs, Asst. Administrator (arrived at 2:11 pm); Maureen Lawrence, CT Transit & Transit District Agreements Transit Manager; and Chris Sanzo, Transportation Engineer

FACILITIES PLAN WITH DOT

A copy of the Facilities Progress Plan was included in the meeting packet.

Architecture & Engineering

a. *Facilities Master Plan* – Sanzo reported:

- A Notice to Proceed for Middletown was received and has been issued to the consultant.
- Electrification of buses, DOT is actively working with the consultant who is in the process of doing a power study for the facility. Sanzo noted that the consultant will be addressing a temporary solution for the two electric buses expected in 2024.

Right of Way Acquisition

- a. *Shoreline Facility* –The feasibility study has just started; a consultant has been retained and preliminary work (e.g. flagging the wetlands and surveying) has begun. The study should take 6-9 months to complete. Once the study is completed, property acquisition negotiations can begin. An environmental study has been added to the scope.
- b. *Middletown Maintenance Facility* – Curtis reported on the status of the impacted soil and concerns regarding the 16” drain pipe running across the property. He does not think anything will need to be done unless the soil is dug up and moved off site; current plans call for fill to be placed. The ground water is also impacted. Again, Curtis does not feel that anything will need to be done unless we need to excavate more than 600 ft., which is unlikely due to the property being filled. However, if deeper excavation is needed, the contaminated water would need to be treated and pumped into the sewer system. Curtis thinks this can be avoided.

A cost estimate for remediation of the property has not been identified. Sanzo reported that the Notice to Proceed for the Title VI and NEPA has been drafted and needs to be sent to DHP.

Curtis indicated an implementation schedule for both sites will be developed as part of the Master Plan. He anticipates a ground breaking of the Middletown property in 3 years with an additional 18 months to build. The Shoreline building will be done in 5-6 years. Curtis will work with the consultants to develop a timeline bar chart.

- c. *Middletown Terminal Renovation* –Ben Limmer, Bureau Chair of Public Transportation, will be visiting all facilities in the near future.

Curtis was available to answer questions posed by committee members.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

The May meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at the Middletown Garage, 91 N. Main Street, Middletown at 2:00 p.m. with remote options.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Denison
Clerk