

**City of Warwick Planning Board  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 5, 2016**

**Members Present:** James Desmarais  
Vincent Gambardella  
Cynthia Gerlach  
Thomas Kiernan  
Laura Pisaturo  
Sue Stenhouse

**Member Absent:** Steve Horowitz  
Chelsea Seifert  
Philip Slocum

**Also in attendance:** Richard Crenca, Assistant Principal Planner  
Lidia Cruz-Abreu, Assistant Administrative Officer  
Diana Pearson, City Solicitor

Vice-Chairman Gambardella called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Public Meeting**  
**City of Warwick**  
**2017-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Submission**

Mr. Richard Crenca, Assistant Principal Planner, City of Warwick Planning Department; presented the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), indicating that the TIP was a list of transportation projects that the state intended to present to the US Department of Transportation for funding. Mr. Crenca informed that Board that for a project to be considered for federal funding it must first appear on the TIP. Projects listed on the State's TIP, while not guaranteed to be funded, are scheduled to be funded. This current year the state has proposed a longer TIP by included the four-year TIP, which are historically fiscally constrained, and a ten year Strategic Plan for long-term improvements. The 10-year Strategic Plan is not to be considered the TIP but will be the foundation for outlining long-term projects.

Mr. Gambardella asked if past submissions would be carried forward and if the projects would be reprioritized. Mr. Crenca stated that all prior submissions would be included and submitted forward and that the projects would be reprioritized.

Mr. Crenca presented the three new projects being added to the TIP:

- 1) Post Rd Road Improvements/ from Airport Rd-Elmwood Ave.
- 2) Rte. 2 Road Improvements/ from East Ave.-Cowesett Rd.
- 3) Jefferson Blvd. Road Improvements/ from Main Ave. to the end.

Mr. Crenca indicated that the projects were not listed in order of priority. All three projects were being submitted as high-priority projects. All three projects provide direct access to City Centre Warwick (CCW), the airport, the car rental agencies, and the train stations and would improve transportation and pedestrian access that would benefit development in CCW.

Mr. Gambardella asked if the Coronado Road project would be listed on the TIP; Mr. Crenca indicated that the Coronado Road project was already listed on the TIP from a prior submission and would be carried forward.

Mr. Crenca indicated that all three roadway improvements were selected due to their consistency with the Comprehensive Plan, informing the Board that one of the priorities presented by the community during the Comprehensive Plan meetings was better access management and improved traffic flow.

Mr. Kiernan asked if there would be a maximum budget requested for each project. Mr. Crenca indicated that there was not a maximum budget request with each submission.

Ms. Pisaturo asked, for clarification, and Mr. Crenca indicated that the Board would be voting on the 2017-2025 TIP submission which included the three new projects and the projects being carried forward.

Ms. Stenhouse, seconded by Ms. Pisaturo, made a motion to accept the Planning Department's recommendation on the 2017-2025 TIP submission and to forward a favorable recommend to the RI Department of Transportation, as presented. All in favor; none opposed.

On a motion by Ms. Pisaturo, seconded by Mr. Kiernan, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm. All in favor; none opposed.