

To: CRCOG Policy Board
CRCOG Transportation Committee

From: Jennifer Carrier, Director of Transportation Planning

Date: May 12, 2017

Subject: Transit Representation on MPO

Federal regulations have been modified to require representation of public transportation providers on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). As you are aware, CRCOG's Policy Board acts as our MPO when endorsing transportation related matters, guided by CRCOG's Transportation Committee. CRCOG staff has outreached to both the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and the Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD) to discuss the required representation on the MPO.

CRCOG outreached to CTDOT asking for an appointment to the MPO, representing the interests of fixed-route public transportation operators within the Capitol Region. CRCOG also reminded CTDOT of possible conflict of interest items that may arise from voting on MPO TIP amendments that have CTDOT interest. Understanding these items, CTDOT has appointed their new CTDOT Transit Administrator to the MPO. It is expected that the CTDOT Transit Administrator will be starting their position in late May and the formal announcement will be coming shortly. Regular attendance at MPO meetings was also requested.

CRCOG also outreached to Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD) asking for an appointment. Their Board of Directors met on May 11, 2017 and have appointed Vicki Shotland, GHTD's Executive Director, to serve as their MPO member. GHTD also appointed Bloomfield Mayor Joan Gamble, who currently serves as the Bloomfield Policy Board representative, to serve as their alternate to the MPO. The GHTD representatives understand that some votes or discussion items may present conflicts of interest and regular attendance is preferred.

CRCOG will be looking for your consideration of these appointments at the upcoming May 22 Transportation Committee and May 24 Policy Board meetings. In the coming months we will be working to understand if changes to the bylaws are necessary and to offer such changes if needed for Board consideration.

***Resolution Regarding Public Transportation Providers
on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)***

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Capitol Region,

WHEREAS, Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 450.310(d) requires public transportation providers be represented on the MPO,

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has appointed their Transit Administrator, who will be starting work in May 2017, as the Capitol Region MPO representative,

WHEREAS, the Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD) has appointed their Executive Director as the Capitol Region MPO representative and the Bloomfield representative to their Board as their alternate representative;

WHEREAS, the public transit provider representatives are familiar with potential conflict of interest items that may arise and regular meeting attendance preference,

WHEREAS, any needed changes to the CRCOG bylaws will be evaluated and if changes are required revisions will be brought to the Board for their approval,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CRCOG Policy Board supports these appointments and believes that these appointments comply with the requirements of Title 23 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 450.310(d).

*I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution
adopted by the CRCOG Policy Board on May 24, 2017.*

CRCOG Secretary
Capitol Region Council of Governments

Date