

Transportation Committee
CRCOG, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106
Monday October 15th, 2018
12 Noon

Name

Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Patrice Carson
Jon Colman
Todd Penney
Timothy Webb
Donald Nunes
Russ Arnold
Sandra Fry
Kevin Kelly
Jeff LaMalva
John Carrington
Peter Hughes
Rob Trottier
Gary Fuerstenberg
Jim Sollmi
Tom Roy
Tim Grappone
Jeffrey Doolittle
Gerry Turbet
David Smith
Duane Martin
Derrick Gregor
Bob Jarvis
Jennifer Rodriguez
Jennifer Cassidy

Guests

Grayson Wright
Joe Ouellette
Jonathan Thiesse
Peter Falk
Dawn R. Maselek
Roy Seelye
Bridget Boucaud
Mark Moriarty
James Kolpa
Steve O'Neill
Charles Harlow

Organization

Avon
Berlin
Bolton
Bloomfield
Coventry
Ellington
Enfield
Farmington
Hartford
Hebron
Manchester
Mansfield
Marlborough
New Britain
Newington
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Southington
South Windsor
Suffield
Vernon
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor Locks
GHTD

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CTDOT-Traffic Engineering
Bloomfield
Enfield
Vernon
Beta Group
VN Engineers
New Britain
VHB
VHB
Fuss & O'Neill

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Staff

Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Mike Cipriano	CRCOG
Devon Lechtenberg	CRCOG
Tim Malone	CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Terri Thompson	CRCOG
Dr. Lyle Wray	CRCOG

1. **Roll Call** – Mr. Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. **Public Forum** – No one chose to speak.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 5th, 2018** - A motion was made by Peter Falk from the Town of Enfield, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton to accept the September 5th, 2018 meeting minutes. This motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Staff Report**
 - **Candidate Bulletin: Moving Transportation Forward in Connecticut**- Mr. Rob Aloise presented the draft “CANDIDATE BULLETIN -Moving Transportation Forward in Connecticut” to the Committee. Mr. Aloise indicated that CRCOG along with other organizations had drafted the candidate bulletin for distribution to political candidates to inform them of the current important issues facing transportation.
 - **DEEP Funds Available for Diesel Reduction Projects**-Mr. Rob Aloise mentioned to the Committee that Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is announcing the anticipated availability of at least \$213,000 in new federal funds for the reduction of diesel emissions in our state. This money is authorized under the federal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) and is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In addition, DEEP has reserved the opportunity to double its State DERA allocation if demand is sufficient. Mr. Aloise stated that all interested parties are encouraged to apply by submitting their proposal no later than November 14th, 2018. The form can be found at:
http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=322100&deepNav_GID=1619

Completed forms and inquiries should be directed to Patrice.Kelly@ct.gov

- **Complete Streets Plan Update** - Mr. Tim Malone gave a brief update on CRCOG’s ongoing efforts to update its Complete Streets Plan.

- **Long Range Transportation Plan Update-** Mr. Rob Aloise gave a brief update on efforts to update CRCOG's Long Range Transportation Plan. It's a federal requirement that the plan be updated every 3-4 years, that it look at a long-range 20+ year horizon, and that Performance Based Planning and Programming (PBPP) be implemented. For this update, CRCOG is looking at transportation deficiencies, issues, and solutions until the year 2045. The final approved plan is due in April 2019 with a draft due by January 2019. CRCOG has initiated its outreach plan which will include stakeholder interviews, focus group meetings, surveys, presentations to the Transportation Committee, and two Public meetings (anticipated in December and February/March timeframes).
- **T2 Center's New Traffic Signal Circuit Rider -Theresa Schwartz, PE, PTOE -** Mr. Rob Aloise mentioned to the Committee that Ms. Theresa Schwartz is serving as the T2 Center's New Traffic Signal Circuit Rider.
- **2018 AASHTO A policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets-**Mr. Devon Lechtenberg mentioned to the Committee that the 2018 seventh edition of a Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (The AASHTO "Green Book") includes a number of key revisions and updates from the sixth edition, published in 2011.
- **CTrides Quarterly Report-**Mr. Devon Lechtenberg gave a brief update on the CTrides Quarterly Report . Mr. Lechtenberg mentioned that overall CTrides saw a 104% increase in new members (818) during competition month across 352 organizations, with an overall total of 1,738 active members. 71 meetings and 62 outreach events were held during this time frame to promote the competition and drive participation. 58 prizes were donated by 15 local and national sponsors for a total value of \$8,077.
- **Other**
 - Dr. Lyle Wray briefed the Committee on the Reauthorization Act. Dr. Lyle Wray says he will provide more information soon.
 - Ms. Sotiria Montanari mentioned to the committee that CRCOG's revised bridge guidelines were e-mailed to those towns with bridge projects. Ms. Montanari said that CRCOG's on-call consultant reviewed the guidelines and towns were asked to review them and make any comments. Ms. Montanari indicated anyone wishing to review/comment on the guidelines contact her so that final DRAFT guidelines can be posted for the next transportation committee meeting for potential approval.
 - Ms. Sotiria Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP infographic chart that was distributed to the Committee. She mentioned that the updated charts reflected program increasing expenditures and metrics. The infographic will be posted on the CRCOG LOTCIP page of the website.

5. LOTCIP Quarterly Report and Updates- Ms. Sotiria Montanari gave a brief update on the LOTCIP Quarterly Review Report (Quarter 1) that was included in the meeting packet. Ms. Montanari indicated that CRCOG expended **\$2,960,670** in

Quarter 1 FY19 for the South Windsor Buckland Sidewalk Installation, South Windsor Avery Street 3 Reconstruction and Mansfield Eastwood Road Walkway Projects. Projections for Quarter 2 FY19 expenditures are approximately **\$10 million**. Ms. Montanari stated that twenty-three (23) projects have been awarded or constructed in the program since program inception. CTDOT issued one (1) Commitment to Fund Letter for West Hartford Fern Street Bridge Replacement, the first bridge project Commitment to Fund Letter in the region. Four (4) applications were submitted to CTDOT this quarter. Ms. Montanari mentioned more applications will be submitted to CTDOT next quarter.

- 6. LOTCIP Windsor Locks Route 75 Sidewalk Installation Cost Increase-** Ms. Sotora Montanari briefed the committee on the recommendation of the sub-committee to approve the LOTCIP funding increase request for the Route 75 Sidewalk Installation Project in Windsor Locks. Ms. Montanari explained that the Town of Windsor Locks is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of \$400,000, from \$1,132,800 to \$1,533,200 (35% increase). The cost increase is due to CTDOT requiring the project to address significant pedestrian signal and crosswalks deficiencies at six (6) intersections within the project limits, and also a change in sidewalk material from Route 20 to Halfway House Road from bituminous to concrete. The CTDOT recommendations were outlined during the encroachment permitting process. A motion was made by Peter Falk from the Town of Enfield, seconded by Chris Edge from the town of Berlin to approve the funding increase. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Performance Measures and Target Setting** – Mr. Rob Aloise briefed the committee on the prior Subcommittee’s in-depth performance measure discussion regarding Target setting for Performance of the National Highway System, Freight Performance: Truck Travel Time Reliability, and On-Road Mobile Source Emissions. In summary, the subcommittee decided that at this time it was appropriate to support CTDOT’s targets for the measures. A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Peter Falk from the Town of Enfield to take action on supporting the state’s targets for System Reliability of the NHS, Freight, and On-Road Mobile Source Emissions. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. TIP Amendments**

 - Replace Traffic Control Signals in Various Locations in District 2
 - Replace Bridge 022259 over S. Branch of Roaring Brook-Willington
 - Upgrade Traffic Signals to LED at Various Locations in District 2
 - Replace Bridge 01524 over Scantic River-East Windsor
 - Construct Roundabouts at CT 178 & Wintonbury Avenue-Bloomfield

Mr. Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP amendments. A motion was made by Peter Falk from the Town of Enfield, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury to accept the TIP amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 9. Presentation: CRCOG Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Bridget Boucaud, VN Engineers** - Ms. Bridget Boucaud from VN Engineers gave a brief presentation on a Regional Transportation Safety Plan they will be preparing for the CRCOG region. Ms. Boucaud stated that the purpose of the plan is to reduce Fatal and Injury Crashes on all Roadways in the Capital Region. Ms. Boucaud indicated that to initiate the safety planning work, she would be reaching out to set up meetings with all CRCOG municipalities soon. Ms. Boucaud stated that if anyone had any questions please reach out to Robert Gomez, PE at rgomez@vnengineers.com or call at 1-203-234-7862.
- 10. Other Business** - No other business was discussed.
- 11. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm.