

Transportation Committee
MIRA, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT
Wednesday September 5, 2018
12 Noon

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Committee**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Larry Baril	Avon
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
John Cabibbo	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Sandra Fry	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Rob Trottier	New Britain
Gary Fuerstenberg	Newington
John Bossi	Plainville
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Tom Roy	Simsbury
Jeff Bord	Somers
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Rick Zulick	Stafford
Scott Lappen	Tolland
David Smith	Vernon
Duane Martin	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Bob Jarvis	Windsor
Chris Kervick	Windsor Locks

<u>Guests</u>	
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Sharon Okoye	CTDOT
Ken Shooshan-Stoller	FHWA
James Kolpa	VHB

<u>Staff</u>	
Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Emily Hultquist	CRCOG
Devon Lechtenberg	CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari	CRCOG

Pramod Pandey
Karen Stewartson
Terri Thompson

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1. **Roll Call** – Mr. Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
2. **Public Forum** – No one chose to speak.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from July 23rd, 2018** –A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by David Smith from the Town of Vernon, with one abstention made by Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. This motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Staff Report**
 - CRCOG Personnel Update
 - Emily Hultquist-Director of Policy and Planning/Community Development-Mr. Jon Colman introduced Ms. Emily Hultquist the new Policy and Planning Director to the Committee, who replaced Mary Ellen Kowalewski who retired after 38 years at CRCOG.
 - Rob Aloise-Acting Director of Transportation - Mr. Jon Colman mentioned to the Committee that Mr. Rob Aloise will be the Acting Director of Transportation Planning until the permanent position is filled.
 - Special Transportation Fund/Lock Box Update - Mr. Rob Aloise gave a brief update on Special Transportation Fund(STF)/Lock Box. Mr. Aloise explained that there will be a referendum on the November ballot for approval of a “lock box” on the STF. Also, Mr. Aloise explained that the recently approved phased redirection of revenues from taxes on new cars from the general fund to the STF should be expected to result in STF solvency for about five (5) years.
 - Potential Upcoming CTDOT Solicitations (Community Connectivity/Local Road Accident Reduction Program/Corridor Studies)- Now that the STF has been stabilized, funds are once again expected to be available for these programs. Mr. Aloise updated the committee regarding recent award announcements for each for the programs, including new approvals within the region of sixteen (16) community connectivity projects, two (2) local road accident reduction projects, and one (1) corridor study. Mr. Aloise also indicated that CRCOG has been inquiring with CTDOT regarding any new solicitations for these programs, and has been informed that CTDOT will not be soliciting for additional corridor studies this fall. CRCOG staff will apprise the committees of any updates regarding other program solicitations as news becomes available.
 - CTDOT Capital Plan- Mr. Rob Aloise informed the committee that CTDOT had provided a Draft 5-year Capital Plan (2019-2023) to each region for comment, however the department only provided each region with 2 1/2 weeks to submit comments. The compressed response timeframe was a result of the recent

solution providing STF solvency and CTDOT's desire to have the plan finalized prior to elections. Mr. Aloise indicated that CRCOG's 5-year Capital Plan response letter containing comments is provided as a handout in the meeting materials.

- Other - Mr. Rob Aloise mentioned to the Committee that a Capital Region National Hazards Mitigation Plan Update (NHMP) presentation will be held in South Windsor on from 2 to 3 pm on Wednesday September 12th at the South Windsor EOC at 1530 Sullivan Avenue in South Windsor. Mr. Aloise said if more information is needed please contact Ms. Lynn Pike-DiSanto at 860-522-2217 ext. 4211.

5. TIP Amendments

There are no TIP amendments for action. However, due to the urgency of programming projects, TIP amendments may be added prior to the meeting.

6. LOTCIP Stafford Leonard Road Bridge over Furnace Brook- Ms. Sotora Montanari stated that the Town of Stafford requested \$1.2 million emergency rehabilitation funds for Leonard Road Bridge over Furnace Brook from the following funding sources:

- The transfer of \$570,000 of LOTCIP funding previously awarded for South Road Bridge Improvements under CRCOG's 2017 Bridge Solicitation (in April 2018 CTDOT notified the Town that it had determined that status of the South Road Bridge's eligibility had changed, and it no longer qualified to receive LOTCIP or federal funding)
- Reimbursement of \$200,000 of funding per a 2009 CRCOG-Stafford agreement regarding \$200,000 of AARA funding that Stafford provided to CRCOG (prior to Stafford joining CRCOG)
- An additional \$430,000 in supplemental LOTCIP funding to allow for completion of the necessary emergency bridge repairs to re-open the Leonard Road Bridge over Furnace Brook (Bridge No. 04778).

Ms. Montanari indicated that Staff recommends committee approval of the LOTCIP funding transfer of \$570,000 from South Road Bridge Improvement Project, of \$200,000 of LOTCIP reimbursement funding, and of supplemental LOTCIP funding in the amount of \$430,000 for the Leonard Road over Furnace Brook Bridge Improvement Project, and that the Cost Review Subcommittee had recommended approving the staff recommendation.

A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Patrice Carlson of Bolton to approve the staff recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

7. 2018 LOTCIP Solicitation-Project Selections – Ms. Sotora Montanari stated that a Cost Review Subcommittee meeting held on August 16 with action items approved

for \$27.4 million for twenty (20) new project from the 2018 LOTCIP Solicitation, and transfers of \$3.8 million of previous STP-Urban approvals for two projects to LOTCIP. Ms. Montanari briefed the committee on the highlights of the Subcommittee meeting:

- The committee approved transfer of approval of \$3.8 million in the 2004 STP- Urban projects - \$2 million for the Somers Maple Street Bridge Project and \$1.79 million for Avon Old Farms Road Reconstruction Project to LOTCIP funding.
- From the 2018 Solicitation, twenty (20) projects (attached listing) from sixteen (16) Towns totaling approximately \$27.4 million were endorsed by the committee, including ten (10) reconstruction projects, four (4) pavement rehabilitation projects, two (2) stand-alone sidewalk projects, two (2) multi-use trail projects and two (2) pedestrian improvement projects.
- Staff explained that the new funding recommendations slightly exceeded the original \$25.5 million reserved for the solicitation.
- Staff was directed to review possible funding sources for the Andover Bridge Project and the Leonard Road over Furnace Brook Bridge Project that were not selected for funding.

A motion to approve the staff recommendations and project listing was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Patrice Carlson of the Town of Bolton. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Performance Measures and Target Setting- Mr. Rob Aloise indicated that memo's related to setting targets for performance measures in each of the following categories were included in the meeting materials:
- Performance of the National Highway System
 - Freight Performance: Truck Travel Time Reliability
 - On-Road Mobile Source Emissions

Mr. Aloise indicated that these memos were described in the prior Cost Review Subcommittee meeting, however the Subcommittee expressed concerns with endorsing any targets for these measures at this time. The primary concerns stemmed from the committee's lack of comfort level ability to accurately set achievable targets for these new measure (given associated limited historical experience, availability of historical data, and predictive methodologies), and the potential for penalties if targets are not met. Therefore staff was instructed to coordinate further with FHWA and CTDOT regarding these issues prior to action on the measures.

A motion to postpone action on these measures until the October 15th meeting was made by Patrice Carlson of Bolton, seconded by Dave Smith of Vernon, and passed unanimously.

9. Presentation: CTDOT Transportation Asset Management Plans, Sharon Okoye, Transportation Engineer 3, Connecticut Department of Transportation- Ms. Sharon Okoye gave a brief presentation on Transportation Asset Management Plans.

10. Other Business - No other business was discussed.

11. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Table 1: Preliminary DRAFT Staff Recommended LOTCIP Projects for Immediate Funding

Town	Project	LOTICIP Request	Cumulative Total	Comments
Traditional Reconstruction Projects				
West Hartford	New Park Avenue Complete Streets Improvements	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000	
New Britain	Downtown Complete Streets Improvements VIII	\$ 2,997,600	\$ 4,497,600	
Avon	Old Farm Road Improvements	\$ 1,583,250	\$ 6,080,850	<i>Additional \$1,794,750 requested transfer from STP-Urban approval</i>
Hartford	Traffic Signal Improvements (Washington and Wethersfield)	\$ 1,521,600	\$ 7,602,450	
Wethersfield	Wolcott and Franklin Reconstruction	\$ 2,351,200	\$ 9,953,650	
Windsor Locks	Downtown Complete Streets Improvement II	\$ 2,567,600	\$ 12,521,250	
Coventry	Swamp Road at CT44 Intersection Improvements	\$ 1,419,600	\$ 13,940,850	<i>Total allocation for 2 projects capped at \$3M</i>
Plainville	Town Line Reconstruction (Rt 177 to Red Stone Hill)	\$ 1,507,200	\$ 15,448,050	
Berlin	Pavmnt Structure Improvmnts (Burnham, Porter, Christian, Deming, Missaro)	\$ 2,972,400	\$ 18,420,450	
Somers	Maple Street Bridge	\$ 403,000	\$ 18,823,450	<i>Additional \$2,000,000 requested transfer from STP-Urban approval</i>
Pavement Rehabilitation / Stand-Alone Sidewalk Projects				
Wethersfield	Highland Street Pavement Rehabilitation (Rocky Hill to Thornbush Rd)	\$ 640,800	\$ 640,800	
Manchester	Tolland Turnpike Sidewalk Installation	\$ 1,072,000	\$ 1,712,800	
South Windsor	Avery Street Pavement Rehabilitation	\$ 872,400	\$ 2,585,200	
Windsor	Archer Road Pavement Rehabilitation	\$ 994,800	\$ 3,580,000	
Bloomfield	Blue Hills Complete Streets - Sidewalks	\$ 939,600	\$ 4,519,600	
Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects				
Vernon	Rockville Center Complete Streets & Multi-Use Trail	\$ 696,400	\$ 696,400.00	
Manchester	Multi-Use Trail (Hartford Road and Bidwell)	\$ 707,400	\$ 1,403,800.00	
Rural Set-Aside Recommendations				
Coventry	South Street Roadway/Pedestrian Improvements (Phase 1)	\$ 1,580,400	\$ 1,580,400.00	<i>Total allocation for 2 proj capped at \$3M/Rural Reconstruction Recommendation</i>
Marlborough	South Main Street Phase II	\$ 993,600	\$ 2,574,000.00	<i>Rural Pavement Rehab/Stand-Alone Sidewalk Project Recommendation</i>
Marlborough	Blackledge River Greenway Trail Phase II	\$ 512,400	\$ 3,086,400.00	<i>Rural Bike/Pedestrian Improvements Project Recommendation</i>
		Total	\$ 27,430,250	