

**Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting  
MIRA, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT  
Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**DRAFT until  
Endorsed by  
the  
Committee**

**Name**

Larry Baril  
Jon Colman  
Patrice Carson  
Todd Penney  
Doug Wilson  
John Cabibbo  
Russ Arnold  
Sandy Fry  
Kevin Kelly  
Jeff LaMalva  
John Carrington  
Peter Hughes  
Rob Trottier  
Gary Fuerstenberg  
John Bossi  
Jim Sollmi  
Tom Roy  
Jeff Doolittle  
Rick Zulick  
David Smith  
Duane Martin  
Derrick Gregor  
Bob Jarvis

**Organization**

Avon  
Bloomfield  
Bolton  
Coventry  
East Hartford  
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Hartford  
Hebron  
Manchester  
Mansfield  
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New Britain  
Newington  
Plainville  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
South Windsor  
Stafford  
Vernon  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Windsor

**Guests**

Peter Falk

Enfield

**Staff**

Rob Aloise  
Devon Lechtenberg  
Sotoria Montanari  
Karen Stewartson

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1. **Roll Call** - Mr. Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 11:10 am
2. **Public Forum**- No one chose to speak.

3. **Adoption of August 16, 2018 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes** – Mr. Robert Aloise mentioned that the minutes would be corrected to indicate that the August 16th Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting was held at the CRCOG Office located at 241 Main Street, Hartford CT 06106 instead of MIRA. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Jeffrey Doolittle from the Town of South Windsor to accept the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. This motion was passed unanimously with three abstentions from John Carrington from the Town of Mansfield, Kevin Kelly from the Town of Hebron and David Smith from the Town of Vernon.

4. **LOTICIP Stafford Leonard Road Bridge over Furnace Brook**

Ms. Sotoria Montanari presented an increase request from the Town of Stafford in the amount of \$1.2 million to rehabilitate the closed Leonard Road Bridge. Ms. Montanari stated when the bridge was inspected, it had a sufficiency rating of 65.8%, and therefore a proposal was not submitted in the 2017 LOTICIP Bridge solicitation. Subsequently, CTDOT completed a load rating analysis and determined the bridge was in very poor condition with an adjusted sufficiency rating of 32.8%. The bridge was closed to vehicular traffic and the Town applied for a bridge replacement in the amount of \$3.9 million in the 2018 General LOTICIP solicitation. Due to the rating criteria not being as favorable to bridges, the project was not selected. At the August 16 sub-committee meeting, staff was requested to work with the Town to review options for possible rehabilitation funding.

Ms. Montanari stated that the Town identified various options to reduce project costs and decided on the \$1.2 million rehabilitation option which could be funded by:

- A \$570,000 transferred from the previously approved 2017 LOTICIP bridge funding of South Road Bridge.
- The \$200,000 reimbursement from CRCOG to Stafford in accordance with a 2009 agreement involving ARRA funding.
- A \$430,000 supplemental LOTICIP funding to complete the repairs to re-open the bridge.

A question was asked regarding the life expectancy of the bridge with the proposed rehabilitation. It was noted that the rehabilitation had to be constructed according to CTDOT/LOTICIP guidelines of 15-20 years. The Town of Stafford stated that an engineering analysis indicated a 40 years life expectancy associated with the rehabilitation of the deck and superstructure.

Mr. Peter Hughes asked about the funding availability in the LOTICIP program. It was noted that it was important to keep the LOTICIP funding fully programmed to ensure adequate project delivery.

Mr. Rob Trottier of the City of New Britain asked if the Town examined funding from the Local Bridge Program. The Town indicated that Local Bridge Program funding was not preferred due to the urgency of the project and the possibilities of expediting a LOTICIP project.

From the meeting memo, *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.*

Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough made the motion to approve the staff recommendation, Patrice Carlson of the Town of Bolton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **5. FHWA Performance Measures and Target Setting**

Mr. Robert Aloise and Mr. Devon Lechtenberg jointly presented discussed the remaining performance targets requiring committee endorsement. Mr. Rob Aloise began with an overview of the purpose of the measures and the role foreseen for them in the planning process. He indicated that to complete this cycle of performance measure targets setting, 4 remaining targets need to be approved by the MPO by November 16<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that these targets are in the new and evolving performance management categories of System Reliability of NHS, Freight, and On-Road Mobile Source Emissions, and are far more complex and much less intuitive than the other previously explained performance measures/targets (in the Transit Asset Management, Highway Safety, Bridges and Pavement Conditions categories). Mr. Devon Lechtenberg then began to explain the meaning of the measure for system reliability as well as how it is derived from the observed data. Mr. Aloise explained that along with the MPO's, both CTDOT and the Federal government are also learning more about these new measures and gaining experience with them. While there is confidence in the measure of current baseline conditions, there is low confidence in being able to predict the impact a given amount of investment in infrastructure would result in. For example, while this predictive ability exists for bridges and pavement condition measures, it has not yet reach the same level of maturity for these new performance measures. Several committee members expressed concerns over endorsing the state's targets or CRCOG setting its own without first understanding the ramifications of either action. There was also concern relating to the ramifications from a commitment to meet targets, such as the resources needed for reaching targets or the penalties for failing to reach them. Mr. Jon Colman recommended that a representative from the Federal Highway Administration come to the next meeting and address some of these concerns. Ms. Patrice Carson of Bolton moved to postpone consideration of the System Reliability of the NHS targets, as well as the Freight and CMAQ targets until the next meeting on October 15th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jeff Doolittle, and passed unanimously.

## **6. Other Business**

- The next Cost Review Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for **Monday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11 a.m.**

## **7. Adjourn-** The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.