

Transportation Committee
CRCOG, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106
Monday, January 14th, 2019
12 Noon

Name

Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Patrice Carson
Jon Colman
Doug Wilson
Timothy Webb
Donald Nunes
Matt Walsh
Daniel Pennington
Kirk Severance
Frank Dellaripa
Sandra Fry
Kevin Kelly
John Carrington
Peter Hughes
Rob Trottier
Gary Fuerstenberg
John Bossi
Jim Sollmi
Jeff Shea
Keith Hayden
Jeffrey Doolittle
Rick Zulick
Bill Hawkins
Scott Lappen
David Smith
Derrick Gregor
Duane Martin
Bob Jarvis
Jennifer Cassidy

Guests

Grayson Wright
Carl Gandza
Jonathan Thiesse
Mary Deppe
Michael Fisher

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Farmington
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Rocky Hill
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Southington
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Staff

Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Hannah Cassey	CRCOG
Mike Cipriano	CRCOG
Emily Hultquist	CRCOG
Devon Lechtenberg	CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Terri Thompson	CRCOG
Dr. Lyle Wray	CRCOG

1. **Roll Call** – Mr. Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.
2. **Public Forum** – There was no public comment.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from December 10th, 2018** – A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Timothy Webb from the Town of Ellington to accept the December 10th, 2018 meeting minutes. This motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Staff Report**
 - **CRCOG Traffic Incident Management Coalition**
 - a. November 20, 2018 Meeting Summary-Ms. Terri Thompson gave a brief update on the Greater Hartford Traffic Incident Management Coalition that was included in the meeting packet. Key areas that will be focusing on are training, diversion plan updates, performance measures using crash data and also adopting a unified response manual.
 - b. Ms. Thompson indicated that she and Devon Lechtenberg are participating in the Regional Transportation Safety Plan meetings being conducted by CTDOT consultant VN Engineers. CRCOG is a partner in the endeavor and will be working with towns to support and assist with any safety recommendations that are derived from crash study.
 - c. Meeting with Fire/EMS Services Legislative Caucus on December 12th, 2018- Ms. Terri Thompson gave a brief update on the Fire/EMS Services Legislative Caucus that was held on December 12th, 2018. A copy of the statement she provided to Caucus is available upon request and the presentation to the Caucus can be viewed at: <http://ctn.com/ctnplayer.asp?odID=15823>

- **LOTICIP Quarterly Review Update-** Ms. Sotoria Montanari gave a brief update on the LOTICIP Quarter 2 Quarterly Report. Ms. Montanari provided highlights from the attached tables included in the LOTICIP Quarterly Memo. She mentioned that, in Quarter 2, one project (Southington, Jude Lane) received a CTDOT Authorization to Advertise Letter, five (5) CTDOT Commitment to Fund Letters were issued, and six (6) applications were submitted to CTDOT. Ms. Montanari informed the committee that, as shown in provided tables, Quarter 3 expenditure projections are approximately \$12 million associated with ten (10) projects, and that towns can review the tables to determine if their project is one projected for expenditure. Additionally, Ms. Montanari indicated that twenty-three (23) projects have been awarded (since program inception). Five Towns provided project design scheduling updates during the Cost Review sub-committee meeting.
- **T2 Center-2019 Training Schedule- A copy of the 2019 Connecticut** Technology Transfer Center Workshops and Events was distributed to the Committee.
- **ADA Municipality Compliance-** Mr. Devon Lechtenberg gave a brief update on the Municipal ADA Compliance effort. He briefly discussed the contents of a reissued memorandum from December 2017 that explained which treatments are considered “maintenance” and which are considered “alteration”. The significant distinction is that “maintenance” does not require constructing curb ramps whereas “alteration” does. Mr. Lechtenberg also mentioned that there would be a future training workshop for ADA Transition Plans hosted by the Connecticut Technology Transfer Center at the University of Connecticut. More information and updates (including the yet-to-be-determined workshop dates) are available at: www.t2center.uconn.edu.
- **FFY 2018 Federal Obligated or Grant Project MPO 10-** Mr. Robert Aloise gave a brief update on the FFY 2018 Federal Obligated or Grant Projects. Mr. Aloise stated that these projects were solely funded by the state. He also said that Federal money is using 1/3 to 1/2 of the projects. Mr. Aloise also said that there was \$288 million worth of projects and that 9 projects were estimated over one million dollars. He also said that Exit 29 off I-91 is over \$119 million state funds.
- **2019 VIP Paving Schedule –** Ms. Emily Hultquist spoke to a memo handed out at the meeting. The memo is the draft VIP CTDOT Pavement Improvement Program project list for 2019. The VIP program presents an opportunity for improving a municipality's multi-modal infrastructure goals as restriping can accomplish more room for bicycles, pedestrians and other active transportation amenities. Several CRCOG towns have roadways that are on the 2019 list. CTDOT will inform the towns of these projects through each municipality's Local Traffic Authority. Sometimes the LTA is a member of the municipal police department. Ms. Hultquist suggested that each community take some time to

understand who the Local Traffic Authority is in their town and to stay in touch on opportunities presented through the VIP Pavement Improvement Program.

- **Other**

- Dr. Lyle Wray mentioned to the committee that potential legislation was being prepared by Congress that would rescind the FAST ACT rescission. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and provide information.
- Mr. Jon Colman brought to the Committee's attention the issue of Eversource Utility Relocation charges on roadway reconstruction projects that members had questions about. Dr. Lyle Wray indicated he would follow up.

5. LOTCIP Project Increases-

Glastonbury Multi-Use Trail Cost Increase - Ms. Sotoria Montanari stated that this project was approved by the sub-committee and has progressed through the preliminary and ninety (90%) percent design phases. Based on the most recent engineering estimate, the Town of Glastonbury is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of \$206,000 from \$778,200 to \$984,000 (26.4% increase). The increase to the project cost is requested to address feedback from State to Federal environmental regulators for permitting approvals. Specifically, the permit review resulted in an increase of \$160,000 to install a 165-ft pre-cast concrete boardwalk to minimize wetlands impact and additional landscaping was added to remediate wetland disturbance at an additional cost increase. Mr. Dan Pennington, Glastonbury's Town engineer further addressed the town wetland remediation measures instituted. He explained that the town had agreed to accept a Conservation easement over a 15-acre portion of adjacent town owned land within Corporate Park. This land will no longer be available for development within the town. To incorporate State and Federal environmental regulator's requirements for the Glastonbury LOTCIP Multi-Use Trail installation project, staff recommends the approval of an additional \$206,000 of LOTCIP funding for the project, increasing the costs from \$778,200 to \$984,00. A motion was made by Ms. Patrice Carson of the Town of Bolton to approve the increase in full, seconded by Mr. Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, This motion was passed unanimously.

Hartford Boce Barlow Bridge/Main Street Cost Increase - Ms. Sotoria Montanari stated that this project was approved by the sub-committee and endorsed by the 2018 LOTCIP Phase II solicitation and is currently in the application phase. Based on the most recent engineering estimate, the City of Hartford is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of \$347,000, from \$1,368,000 to \$1,715,000 (25.4% increase). The cost increase is due to a CTDOT review of the application and the subsequent recommendations based on evaluation. Ms. Montanari explained that specifically, due to the roadway and deck patching, replacement of bus concrete pads and curbing, the City is requesting the increase. Mr. Frank Dellaripa of Hartford introduced himself to the committee. Ms. Montanari mentioned that to incorporate CTDOT's recommendations for the LOTCIP Hartford Boce Barlow Way/Main Street

Repaving project, staff recommends the approval of an additional \$347,000 of LOTCIP funding for the project, increasing the cost from \$1,368,000 to \$1,715,00. A motion was made by Bob Jarvis from the Town of Windsor to approve the increase in full, seconded by Mr. Jim Sollmi from the town of Rocky Hill to approve of this cost increase. This motion was passed unanimously.

6. TIP amendments- Mr. Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP amendments. Mr. Rob Trottier asked if CRCOG could provide a list of traffic signals that are located in various locations. Mr. Rob Aloise says he would do a follow up with the affected communities. 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 TIP amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Farmington-CT 167 Culvert Replacement and Drainage Improvements
- Enfield-Traffic Study, vicinity of Routes 190, 220,I-91 & Enfield Square Mall
- Districts 1, 2-Replace Traffic Signals at 14 Locations (change from 12 locations to 14)

7. Presentation: CRCOG Transportation Video Testimonial- A video testimonial was presented to the Committee that was created by former staff member Ms. Hedy Ayers.

8. Other Business- There was no other business discussed.

9. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.