

**Transportation Committee**  
**CRCOG, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106**  
**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**12 Noon**

**Name**

Larry Baril  
Chris Edge  
Patrice Carson  
Jon Colman  
Todd Penney  
Doug Wilson  
Timothy Webb  
Donald Nunes  
Russ Arnold  
Daniel Pennington  
Jim Ford  
Sandra Fry  
Kevin Kelly  
John Carrington  
Peter Hughes  
Rob Trottier  
Gary Fuerstenberg  
John Bossi  
Jim Sollmi  
Tom Roy  
Keith Hayden  
Jeffrey Doolittle  
Scott Lappen  
Duane Martin  
Bob Jarvis  
Jen Rodriguez  
Lashaunda Drake

**Guests**

Grayson Wright  
Peter Falk  
Stephen Sopelak  
Charles Harlow  
James Kulpa  
Jennifer Carrier  
Ken Shooshan-Stoller  
Mark Moriarty

**Organization**

Avon  
Berlin  
Bolton  
Bloomfield  
Coventry  
East Hartford  
Ellington  
Enfield  
Farmington  
Glastonbury  
Hartford  
Hartford  
Hebron  
Mansfield  
Marlborough  
New Britain  
Newington  
Plainville  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Southington  
South Windsor  
Tolland  
West Hartford  
Windsor  
Windsor Locks  
GHTD

CTDOT  
Enfield  
Rocky Hill  
Fuss & O'Neill  
VHB  
HNTB  
FHWA  
New Britain

**DRAFT until**  
**Endorsed**  
**by the**  
**Committee**

**Staff**

Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Hannah Cassey	CRCOG
Mike Cipriano	CRCOG
Emily Hultquist	CRCOG
Devon Lechtenberg	CRCOG
Tim Malone	CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari	CRCOG
Pramod Pandey	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Dr. Lyle Wray	CRCOG

1. **Roll Call** – Mr. Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. **Public Forum** – There was no public comment.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018** – A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to accept the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes, seconded by Duane Martin from the Town of West Hartford. This motion was passed unanimously with three abstentions made by Scott Lappen from the Town of Tolland, Keith Hayden from the Town of Southington, and David Smith from the Town of Vernon.
4. **Staff Report**
  - **Appointment of New Director of Transportation**-Dr. Lyle Wray mentioned to the Committee that Mr. Rob Aloise was selected to be the New Director of Transportation.
  - **Election Results-Lock Box**- Mr. Rob Aloise gave a brief update on the Election Results-Lock Box
  - **Federal FAST-ACT Rescission Mitigation**- Mr. Robert Aloise gave a thorough update on the Federal Rescission Mitigation. Mr. Aloise mentioned that recently, CTDOT has performed analysis of their existing programing and has determined that approximately \$165 million is in jeopardy. Mr. Aloise also said that CTDOT has explored mitigation strategies and estimates reduced to approximately \$38 million. Mr. Aloise emphasized the mitigation strategy relies heavily on moving FFY2019 and 2020 projects into and out of the STP-urban program, which is one of the few programs that is immune to the rescission. This rescission only applies to FFY2019, and therefore carryforward rules are expected to return to normal after FFY2019. Mr. Hugh Hayward and Mr. Darren Meyers from CTDOT were present at the sub-committee meeting for questions. They both stated that Mr.

Robert Aloise gave a thorough explanation of the Federal Rescission Mitigation. A graphic was also presented as an explanation of the flow of mitigation strategies. The sub-committee voted to recommend approval of the subsequent TIP actions/amendments as a mitigation strategy for the federal rescission.

- **Training: Traffic Signal Camera Systems-A Roundtable Discussion-** Mr. Rob Aloise mentioned to the Committee that Connecticut Technology Transfer Center (CTI) will be holding a training on December 11, 2018 in Cheshire, CT. This discussion is open to those who are responsible for making decisions regarding municipal and state traffic signal systems and those responsible for the operation and maintenance of those systems.
- **Municipality ADA Compliance Assessments-**Mr. Devon Lechtenberg gave a brief update on the Municipality ADA Compliance Assessment. Mr. Lechtenberg stated that CTDOT has requested that CRCOG assist with reaching out to CRCOG member towns. Mr. Lechtenberg has asked the Committee to complete the questionnaire that was included in the mailing to be submitted to him by Friday December the 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For additional information and resources related to ADA Self Evaluations and Transition Plans, please visit [www.crcog.org/adaplans](http://www.crcog.org/adaplans).
- **Long Range Transportation Plan-Public Outreach-** Mr. Tim Malone gave a brief update on the Long Range Plan. Mr. Malone stated that they had two public meetings: December 4 in New Britain and December 6 in Hartford. About 10 people attended in New Britain and around 40 came to the Hartford meeting. Both meetings were streamed live on Youtube. A few themes that were brought up included:
  - Performance measures: desire to measure VMT reduction
  - Climate change concerns
  - Development potential near transportation infrastructure
  - Maintenance and safety
  - ADA accessibility; especially in suburban areas
  - rail access to Boston
  - A question about tunneling

Mr. Malone said that he will be sending a draft of the plan to DOT in January and will have more public outreach in the late Winter/Early Spring.

- **Other-**Mr. Rob Aloise brought to The Committees attention that moving forward the TC meeting notices will be done through Constant Contact. Also Mr. Aloise asked the Committee if they preferred Panera Bread or The Main Deli (previously known as Max Bibo's) for lunch. The consensus preferred The Main Deli.
- 5. LOTCIP On-Call Lists-Upcoming RFQ Review-** Ms. Sotoria Montanari reviewed the upcoming LOTCIP On-Call Lists 1,2, and 3 Request for Qualifications (RFQ). Ms. Montanari stated that on December 13, 2018, CRCOG is planning to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to identify qualified firms to serve on the following

On-Call Lists for a 36-month timeframe to assist with Local Transportation Capital Improvements Program (LOTICIP) related tasks:

- On-Call List 1: Municipal Engineering Design Phase Assistance
- On-Call List 2: Municipal Engineering Construction Phase Assistance
- On-Call List 3: CRCOG Program Management and Design Review Assistance

Ms. Montanari stated that the terms are expiring on May 31, 2019. For the On-Call List 3, CRCOG would like to identify two firms and extend the contract for the one current serving consultant firm. A draft timeframe was provided. The sub-committee approved a recommendation to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in December to identify qualified firms to serve on-Call Lists (1,2 & 3) for a 36-month timeframe to assist with Local Transportation Capital Improvements Program (LOTICIP) related tasks. A motion was made by Jim Ford from Hartford, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. This motion was passed unanimously.

**6. TIP amendments-** Mr. Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP amendments. A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to accept the TIP amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.

- I-691 – Resurfacing, Bridge Rehab and Safety Improvements – Meriden / Southington
- CT 140 - Replace Bridge 02668 over Charters Brook – Ellington
- Replace Highway Signs & Supports - CT 9 (Exits 18-24), CT 5/15 & Route 571 & 1 VMS Sign – Cromwell / Berlin
- Replace Highway Signs & Supports - CT 9 (Exits 125-31), CT 72 (Exits1-9) & Route 571 & 4 VMS Signs – District 1
- US 5 / CT 15 - Installation of CTSS with CV Tech (Phase 1) – Berlin/Wethersfield
- US 5 / CT 15 - Installation of CTSS with CV Tech (Phase 2) – Berlin

## **7. TIP Actions**

*\*\* See posted sheets showing multiple federal rescission related TIP Actions \*\** Mr. Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Actions. A motion was made by Sandy Fry from the City of Hartford, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury to accept the TIP Actions as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.

**8. Performance Measures: Annual Safety Targets-** Safety Performance Measures- Mr. Devon Lechtenberg gave a brief update on the Performance Measures-Annual Safety Targets. Mr. Lechtenberg stated per federal requirements, The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) set its five (5) annual safety performance targets for 2019 on August 31, 2018. CRCOG has until February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to either support these targets or set its own. Safety performance measures represent recent trends in crash data (as measured by five-year moving averages). Several concerns about the safety targets rising in response to rising fatalities and serious injuries were voiced in the previous Cost Review Subcommittee were reiterated. Mr. Jon

Colman requested a motion for the CRCOG staff to recommend the Committee action to support the State's 2019 safety targets and has attached the resulting potential DRAFT Policy Board resolution for comment. Mr. Jim Ford from the City of Hartford stated that support programs should be implemented to reduce speed, teach children to use crosswalks more safely in light of speeding being near or at its worst. He requested that his concerns be noted in the recommendation to the Policy Board endorsing the safety performance measures. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the City of Berlin to support the state's 2019 safety targets and a draft Policy Board resolution for comment. This motion was passed unanimously with one opposition from Ms. Sandy Fry from the City of Hartford.

**9. Eastern Gateway Study-Public Comment Period-** Mr. Pramod Pandey gave a brief presentation on the Eastern Gateways Study Final Report Endorsement. Mr. Pandey mentioned that the study involved a robust public outreach process with six public meetings, three popup events, and interviews with Town representatives and UConn, and a variety of other methods documented in the draft plan. He also mentioned that the draft plan for the Eastern Gateways study was released for public comment on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The comment period will be open until January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Town Councils in the study area will be asked to endorse the plan in January or February 2019. Contingent upon approval by the study area Town Councils, CRCOG Staff plans to seek endorsement of the Final Report by the Transportation Committee on February 25, 2019. Following that, a study resolution is anticipated to be brought before the Policy Board for adoption in February or March, 2019. More detail about the study and the full draft plan can be found at: <http://www.cteasterngateways.com/>

**10. Presentation: Jubilee Street, New Britain-reclaiming roadway for community space-** Ms. Emily Hultquist mentioned to the Committee that CRCOG's Complete Streets Plan and Policy Project assisted the City of New Britain in implementing a demonstration project on Jubilee Street near the East Main Street CTfastrak station. The neighborhood surrounding Jubilee street has approximately 2300 residents and a median income of approximately \$33-39,000. CRCOG conducted a walk audit of the area at its fall Open Planning Studio which was held at the YWCA's Community Center on East Street. The young women in the after school program at the YWCA were able to test out a virtual reality tool to see what the demonstration project would look like once in place. The 7500 square foot space that was painted with a "beehive/honeycomb" theme mural was intended to extend the green open space already existing at the Jubilee Street and closed a redundant leg of roadway in order to do so. The surrounding neighborhood could utilize this space for community gatherings in the future should the city wish to keep the mural in place.

**11. Other Business-** There was no other business discussed

**12. Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.