

Transportation Committee Meeting
MIRA Trash Museum, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford
Monday October 17th, 2016
12 Noon

Name

Larry Baril
Jon Colman
Andrea Drabicki
Denise Horan
Len Norton
Timothy Webb
John Cabibbo
Russ Arnold
Daniel Pennington
Kirk Severance
Jim Ford
Kevin Kelly
John Carrington
Peter Hughes
Rob Trottier
Chris Greenlaw
John Bossi
Jim Sollmi
Tom Roy
Keith Hayden
Jeffrey Doolittle
Rick Zulick
Bill Hawkins
Kevin Berger
David Smith
Greg Sommer
Derrick Gregor
Gilbert Hayes

Guests

Sandra Fry
Grayson Wright
Joe Balskus
Stephanie DeCar-Carrol
Daniel Hageman
Meredith Andrews
Sebastian Cannamela
Dale Spencer
Kelsey Morander

Organization

Avon
Bloomfield
Columbia
East Hartford
East Windsor
Ellington
Enfield
Farmington
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Hebron
Mansfield
Marlborough
New Britain
Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Southington
South Windsor
Stafford
Suffield
Tolland
Vernon
West Hartford
Wethersfield
GHTD/East Windsor

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by the
Committee

Ken Shooshan-Stoller
Stephen Sopelak
Member of the Public

FHWA
Rocky Hill
Windsor

Staff

Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Emily Hultquist	CRCOG
Tim Malone	CRCOG
Jillian Massey	CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari	CRCOG
Erik Snowden	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG

1. **Roll Call** – Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. **Public Forum** – Mr. Bradshaw Smith made reference to the 5% increase in bus and trail fares. He asked the question what CRCOG was going to do about the increase. Mr. Jon Colman commented by saying that any CRCOG position on the increase would need to be dictated by the Policy Board, and that there was no position on the increase at this time.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes September 26th, 2016** - A motion was made by Timothy Webb, seconded by Jim Sollmi to adopt the meeting minutes from the September 26th, 2016 meeting, with one abstention made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. This motion was passed unanimously.
4. **Staff Reports**
 - Air Quality Conformity Analysis-Ms. Jennifer Carrier reviewed the Air Quality Analysis. Ms. Carrier mentioned that CRCOG is required to have a 30-day public comment period for the AQCA that includes a public hearing. The comment period is now open and will end on 11/14/2016. The public hearing will be held at 11:30am on 11/14/2016 at MIRA. The Policy Board will consider a resolution approving the AQCA on 11/16/2016.
 - LOTCIP Quarterly Report Summary-Ms. Sotoria Montanari gave a brief update and overview on the LOTCIP Quarterly Report Summary for Quarter 1 of FY17. Ms. Montanari summarized the highlights of the program from the previous quarter. Additionally, Ms. Montanari indicated that several town representatives were asked to provide scheduling updates at the LOTCIP reporting meeting. Representatives from the Town of Granby and Town of South Windsor provided

project updates, and CRCOG staff provided project updates on behalf of the towns of Bloomfield and Windsor.

- **Bike/Ped Update:** Recreational Trails Program/State Bike-Ped Plan/ Trail Interactive Map (<http://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/cttrailtrail/index.html>). Ms. Emily Hultquist gave a brief update on the Bike/Ped. Ms. Hultquist provided the committee with a web link to the DEEP/CTDOT interactive map that delineates the state park trails to rails. The link also provides visitors with trail guides and other park information. Additionally, Ms. Hultquist informed the committee of a meeting of the State Bike-Ped Plan update. The meeting will take place on November 14 at the Elmwood Center in West Hartford. Also, Ms. Hultquist reminded committee members of the December 15 trail application deadline.
- **Union Station Master Plan Open House-**Ms. Jennifer briefed the Committee of the Open House to be held at the Union Station-Great Hall on Thursday October 20, 2016 from 6:00 AM-10:00 AM and 3:00 PM-6:00 PM.
- **Statewide Aerial Flight-**Mr. Erik Snowden gave a brief update on the Statewide Aerial Flight.
- **Other-**Mr. Lyle Wray gave a brief update on a meeting at Pioneer Valley regarding connecting Hartford to Boston by Rail. Mr. Wray also stated that it would cost approximately 600 million dollars to re-connect the Region. Mr. Wray also mentioned the Rail and Transit Conference. Mr. Wray said he met with the Uber Reps regarding providing last mile connections to rail.

5. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program- Ms. Jennifer Carrier provided an overview of the Cost Review Sub-Committee discussion of the TA Set Aside Program. CRCOG issued a solicitation for project proposals for potential federal TA Set-Aside funding which included a DRAFT 2016 Solicitation Guidance for review. The four main items discussed included the following:

1. Prioritization and resubmission of the projects that were approved under the 2012 Transportation Enhancement Program solicitation, including the South Main Street (Route 83) Enhancements project in Manchester, and the Silas Deane Highway (Route 99) Streetscape - Phase 2 project in Rocky Hill, including approval of adjustments for inflation.
2. CRCOG project selection process utilizing the pre-defined selection criteria and a similar methodology to that used for the previous Transportation Enhancement solicitation.
3. Strategy for initiation and advancement of CRCOG TA Set-Aside projects through CTDOT
4. Staff recommendation that the committee review a CTDOT list of recommended existing projects for TA Set-Aside pre-approval.

A motion was made by Peter Hughes, seconded by Patrice Carson to advance the solicitation process with automatic selection and priority given to the two projects (Rocky Hill and Manchester) that were previously selected but not advanced in a

previous solicitation. Additionally, staff should coordinate with CTDOT and disseminate to member municipalities the most recent understanding of the funding allocation and an assurance of CTDOT's commitment and capacity to move the projects forward. This motion was passed unanimously with one abstention made by Andrea Drabicki from the Town of Columbia. Ms. Jennifer Carrier reminded the Committee that the TA Set-Aside program fund applications are due on Tuesday November 8th, 2016 promptly at 4:00 pm, and that the projects will be ranked by attending Transportation Committee members at a Special Meeting of the Transportation Committee to be held on November 18th, preliminarily scheduled for all morning. As such, applying municipalities should be prepared to present their projects to the committee for ranking at that meeting.

6. **TIP amendments** – Ms. Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson, seconded by Jim Sollmi to accept the TIP amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.
 - Enfield- Route 190 Bridge Rehab over Terry Brook
7. **Presentation: Interstate 91 Northbound at Interchange 29 (Project No.63-703)** - Mr. Dale Spencer from CME Associates gave a brief presentation on Interstate 91 Northbound at Interchange 29 project (Project No.63-703), which is currently in its design phase. Mr. Spencer stated that the project is estimated to cost approximately \$257 million.
8. **Other Business**-There was no other business discussed
9. **Adjourn** - The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm.