

Transportation Committee Meeting
MIRA Trash Museum, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford
Monday September 26th, 2016
12 Noon

Name

Larry Baril
Jon Colman
Chris Edge
Len Norton
Timothy Webb
John Cabibbo
Russ Arnold
Daniel Pennington
Kirk Severance
Jim Ford
Kevin Kelly
Jeff LaMalva
Peter Hughes
Mark Moriarty
Chris Greenlaw
Jim Sollmi
Tom Roy
Jim Grappone
Bill Hawkins
Kevin Berger
David Smith
Greg Sommer
Derrick Gregor
Bob Jarvis

Guests

Sandra Sheehan
Mary Poesse
Jonathan Thiesse
Sandra Fry
Rob Trottier
Anthony Lorenzetti
Grayson Wright
Mike Fisher
Member of the Public

Organization

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Staff

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| Jennifer Carrier | CRCOG |
| Rob Aloise | CRCOG |
| Mike Cipriano | CRCOG |
| Emily Hultquist | CRCOG |
| Tim Malone | CRCOG |
| Jillian Massey | CRCOG |
| Sotoria Montanari | CRCOG |
| Pramod Pandey | CRCOG |
| Karen Stewartson | CRCOG |
| Ryan Visci | CRCOG |

1. Roll Call - Patrice Carson called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.
2. Public Forum - No one chose to speak at this time.
3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes July 25th, 2016 - A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Russ Arnold to adopt the meeting minutes from the June 20th, 2016 meeting, with one abstention made by Len Norton from the Town of East Windsor. This motion was passed unanimously.
4. Staff Reports
 - Planning Corridor Studies-Ms. Jennifer carrier gave a brief update on the Planning Corridor Studies
 - Bike/Ped Update-Ms. Emily Hultquist gave an update on Bik/Ped planning. Ms.Hultquist that the Statewide Bike/Ped Planning Committee upcoming meeting will be held on October 5th. Ms. Hultquist said that public meetings for the Statewide Bike/Ped Plan would be held once CTDOT reviews the updates on the road bicycle networks from the Towns. On the Bike/Ped Counts, counts were done on September 13th-18th with completion last week and this week. There were 44 volunteers count, 58 counts out of which of 63 desired. A new system was implemented this year of counting fewer locations each year, but counting each location once every three years to improve consistency. Ms. Hultquist also said on October 5th also there will be a Bike/Ped Committee Meeting to be held at the Downtown District Visitor's Center, 66 West Main Street, in New Britain beginning at 12 Noon. The speakers will explain the study that they are working on as well as complete streets best practices. After the meeting there will be a brief walking tour of complete streets implementation projects in New Britain led by city staff.
 - EPA Building Blocks Technical Assistance Grant-Ms. Hultquist gave a brief update on the EPA Technical Assistant Grant. Ms. Hultquist mentioned that The Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program provides quick, targeted technical assistance to selected communities using a variety of tools that have demonstrated results and widespread application. EPA delivers the assistance

using teams of experts who conduct one- to two-day workshops in the selected communities. After the workshop, the community gets a next-steps memo with specific actions it can take if it chooses to implement the ideas generated in the workshop. Green and Complete Streets is one of the highlighted topic areas.

- Eligibility: The applicant can be a local, county, or tribal government, or a nonprofit organization that has the support of the local government on whose behalf they are applying.
- Deadline: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on October 12, 2016.
- Safety Overview – Ms. Jillian Massey gave brief update on UConn Connecticut Crash Data Repository-Crash Dashboard. Ms. Massey stated that the new dashboard/interface was developed using a software called Tableau that automatically generates graphs, tables and other visuals from the crash data in the repository. The dashboard provides users with the opportunity to select specific features and produce graphics with the data, which could assist in crash analysis and safety planning. The Crash Dashboard is accessible to the public without any log in information (<http://www.ctcrash.uconn.edu/dashboard.html>).
- CTDOT 5-Year Capital Plan Update-Ms. Jennifer Carrier told the Committee that the CRCOG Staff will meet with CTDOT to discuss the comments that were listed in the handout. The meeting will be held on Friday September 30th.
Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) - Mr. Rob Aloise informed the group that CRCOG has issued a solicitation for federal Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside funded projects. The deadline for applications to CRCOG is November 8th. The TA Set-Aside program funds capital improvement type projects including: on/off road pedestrian and bicycle facilities; access to public transportation and enhancement mobility; community improvement activities; multi-use trail projects; and safe routes to school projects. Additional details are available on CRCOG's website including Draft Solicitation Guidelines containing eligibility, funding, and evaluation/selection information. At CRCOG's October meetings the committees will be asked to review and act to finalize the Solicitation Guidance.
- CT**rides** Quarterly Report-Mr. Ryan Visci gave an update on the CT**rides** quarterly report. Mr. Visci stated that CT**rides** planned events throughout "Earth Week," April 18-22. These included 8 Earth Day events at TOP CT**rides** partners such as Pratt & Whitney and the Hartford. There 387 new sign-ups for the Ridematching & rewards program. CT**rides** Week was held May 16-20. It's the program annual capstone event. This year's theme was "Better Commute. A Click Away." There was Strong Support from the CTDOT Commissioner Redeker as well as Governor Malloy. This year's CT**rides** week had a record number of 1289 pledges to make at least one green commute during the week. Events during the week included a reward day hosted at various CT**fastrak** stations. The week ended with National Bike-To Work day with another 8 events statewide. During the quarter CT**rides** handled over 5500 total inquiries through calls and e-mails.
- CT**fastrak** and CT**fastrak** Expansion Updates-Mr. Ryan Visci gave an update on CT**fastrak** and CT**fastrak** Expansion Updates. Mr. Visci stated that CT**fastrak**

Expansion Stakeholder Meeting #5 was held in Manchester on July 20th, 2016. Phase 2 as planned would serve the UConn Storrs campus with stops at I-84 park-and-ride lots as well as Buckland Hills Mall. Service expansion will be dependent on funding and the procurement of nine new CT **fastrak** buses and three commuter coach vehicles which could arrive in late 2017. The expansion as planned would include hourly service to UConn running until midnight on weekdays and 1 am on Fri/Sat. The Plan also calls for 20-30 minute peak service along Silver Lane, Burnside Avenue and a Buckland Hills circulator route. Finally CTDOT will be meeting with the public this Wednesday night at the Whiton Memorial Library in Manchester from 4:30 to 8pm. More information can be found on the CT **fastrak** website. In regards to the CT **fastrak** Ridership Mr. Ryan Visci told the Committee that Governor Malloy and the DOT announced at the end of August that CT **fastrak** has surpassed 4 million riders since opening in March 2015. Ridership in July 2016 was over 10, 000 passenger boardings on an average weekday, up 23% from July of 2015. Overall ridership across all CT **transit** local and CT **fastrak** routes in the corridor achieved a high of over 18,000 average daily weekday passengers in August. This is a 20% increase over the year prior.

- I-84 Viaduct-Ms. Jillian Massey gave a brief update on I-84 Hartford Project. Ms. Massey told the Committee that Governor Malloy announced that the CTDOT will soon begin the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-84 Hartford Viaduct Project-a major step in the process to replace the 50 year old elevated structure through downtown Hartford. Ms. Massey also mentioned that “As many as 20 acres near Sisson Avenue could be made available for housing and small businesses. Twenty to 25 acres near Asylum Hill and Bushnell Park, along with a new rail station would be a strong catalyst for transit oriented development.”

5. TIP Amendments

- Stafford – Modern Roundabout at Routes 32&190
- West Hartford – Replace Highway Signs and Supports I-84 Exit 40 to Exit 56
- CT **fastrak** East Operating Funds

Ms. Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP Amendments. Mr. Jon Colman asked if CMAQ funding would affect other projects? Ms. Jennifer Carrier responded by saying that she was informed by CTDOT that it would not. Mr. Grayson Wright (from CTDOT) also responded that this portion of CMAQ funds does not impact regional projects. A motion was made by Timothy Webb, seconded by Jim Sollmi to accept the TIP amendments with one abstention made by Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 6. **LOTICIP Funding Increase Request – Granby Street, Bloomfield** - Ms. Sotora Montanari indicated that the subcommittee reviewed and approved a Bloomfield funding increase request of \$410,000, from \$882,000 to \$1,292,000 for the Granby

Street Pavement Rehabilitation project (Project No. L011-0001). Ms. Montanari indicated that the increased project cost was the result of re-establishment of a contingency for inflation (which CTDOT had eliminated in the project's transition to LOTCIP funding) and due to the Town discovering that the drainage system for the street was failing and needed replacement. Ms. Montanari indicated that the Town was only requesting funding for a \$300,000 portion of the drainage improvements, which are estimated to cost a total of \$750,000. The Town has currently authorized capital funding to cover the remaining \$450,000. The subcommittee also recommended that the project be reclassified from a pavement rehabilitation project to a reconstruction project.

A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Jim Ford, to reclassify the project as a reconstruction project and increase its approved funding amount to \$1,292,000. This motion was passed unanimously, with Jon Colman abstaining.

7. LOTCIP – Municipal Recognitions for Project Delivery- Mr. Jon Colman announced the following awards recognizing six municipalities for their efforts in expediting LOTCIP project delivery:

- In recognition of the City of New Britain for expediting the delivery of the Allen Street Reconstruction Project (L088-0001). The first LOTCIP funded reconstruction project delivered in CRCOG.
- In recognition of the Town of Farmington for expediting the delivery of the South Road Reconstruction Project (L051-0001). The quickest CRCOG LOTCIP funded reconstruction project to be advanced through design and into construction in Fiscal Year 2016.
- In recognition of the Town of Plainville for expediting the delivery of the Cooke Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project (L109-0001). The quickest CRCOG LOTCIP funded pavement rehabilitation project to be advanced through design and into construction in Fiscal Year 2016.
- In recognition of the Town of Manchester for expediting the delivery of the Hillstown Road and Spencer Street Reconstruction Project (L076-0001). The first LOTCIP funded bicycle/pedestrian improvement project delivered in CRCOG.
- In recognition of the Town of Rocky Hill for expediting the Old Forge Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project (L118-0001). The first project selected as part of CRCOG's 2015 LOTCIP solicitation to receive a CTDOT Commitment to Fund Letter and advance into design.
- In recognition of the Town of Windsor for expediting the delivery of the Kennedy Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project (L164-0001). The first LOTCIP funded project delivered in the State.

Rob Aloise of CRCOG staff was also recognized for his contributions in initiating and ramping up CRCOG's LOTCIP program.

- 8. Presentation/Demo: CRCOG TIP and LOTCIP interactive Map** – Mr. Tim Malone presented interactive web-based maps that CRCOG has developed for the TIP and LOTCIP programs. Mr. Malone indicated that it is anticipated that each map will be updated regularly.
- 9. Other Business**-There was no other business discussed
- 10. Adjourn**-The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm