

Special Transportation Committee Meeting
MIRA, 211 Murphy Road, Hartford, CT
Monday January 8th, 2018
10:00 AM-Special Time

**DRAFT until
Endorsed
by the
Committee**

Name

Larry Baril
Patrice Carson
Jon Colman
Tim Bockus
Tim Webb
Michael Ciriello
Russ Arnold
Daniel Pennington
Kirk Severance
Kevin Kelly
Peter Hughes
Rob Trottier
John Bossi
Tom Roy
Rick Zulick
Bill Hawkins
Duane Martin
Bob Jarvis
Jennifer Cassidy

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Guests

Vicki Shotland
Grayson Wright
Dennis Solensky
Kerry Ross
Charles Harlow
Rob Sachnin
Jeff LeBeau
Kristin Wood
Leah Sirmin
Sergio Coronado
Ken Shooshan-Stoller
Michael Chong
Erik Shortell

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Staff

Rob Aloise
Jennifer Carrier
Devon Lechtenberg

CRCOG
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Jillian Massey	CRCOG
Tim Malone	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari	CRCOG
Pramod Pandey	CRCOG
Erik Snowden	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Terri Thompson	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG

1. **Roll Call** – Mr. Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.
2. **Public Forum** – No one choose to speak.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from December 11th, 2017** – A motion was made by Bob Jarvis from the Town of Windsor, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury, to adopt the meeting minutes from the December 11th, 2017 meeting. This motion was passed unanimously with abstentions made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton and Tim Bockus from the Town of East Hartford.
4. **Staff Reports**
 - **CTDOT Long Range Transportation Plan** – Ms. Jennifer Carrier informed the group that CTDOT has released a DRAFT update of their Long Range Transportation Plan for comment. Ms. Carrier stated there two Public Information Meetings related to the draft plan will be held at CTDOT in Conference Room A on Tuesday January 16th, 2018; one from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and a second from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Ms. Carrier indicated that CRCOG staff would also be reviewing and commenting on the document. More information is available on the CTDOT web-site at www.ct.gov/dot/lrp, under “Publications”.
 - **January 18th, 2018 (10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon) Sub-Committee Meeting Special Transportation Fund(STF)/LOTICIP/STP-Urban/Tolling/STP-Urban** – Ms. Jennifer Carrier informed the Committee that a special Sub-Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 18th at MIRA to discuss the current state of Connecticut’s Special Transportation Fund and the associated potential impacts facing Transportation Funding. The meeting is anticipated to focus on CTDOT and OPM’s identification of potential additional revenue sources (including Gas Tax and Tolling) and the ramifications to important CRCOG funding sources (including LOTICIP) if additional revenue sources are not secured.
5. **TIP amendments** – Ms. Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP amendments. There were several discussions regarding the need for additional project backup information associated with items 4a (Congestion Management & Air Quality funding for CT **fastrak**) and 4b (FTA Section 5307S funding for CT **fastrak**). Mr. Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield suggested that items 4a and 4b needed more clarification from

CTDOT before the Committee could take further action. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Michael Ciriello from the town of Enfield to approve items 1a-3h. The motion passed unanimously.

A second motion was made by Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton supporting items 4a and 4b in concept, and indicating that the Committee would support the Policy Board's approval of each of these items contingent on receipt of satisfactory additional project backup information. This motion was passed unanimously. The Policy Board is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 24th, 2018, and Mr. Dennis Solensky indicated that the CTDOT would be sending CRCOG staff the necessary additional information in sufficient time for approval of these items at that meeting.

6. Other Business – Dr. Lyle Wray noted that there is an upcoming conference of the National Association of Regional Councils. It is anticipated that information about the Federal infrastructure plan will be shared at this event. Dr. Lyle Wray also noted that CT **fastrak** has had more than 7.5 million riders in under three years and that this transit asset has made the Hartford Metro area one of the top ten regional in terms of access to jobs. Mr. Dennis Solensky added that we should be proud of the inclusion of Hartford, as many of the other locations on the list, such as Seattle, are larger and more dense. Mr. Jon Colman made mention of the guests from FHWA and FTA partaking in CRCOG's Transportation Management Area (TMA) Certification Review, and provided an opportunity for a discussion between the Committee and these guests. For the purpose of the Certification Review, Mr. Ken Shooshan-Stoller inquired with the committee regarding their level of satisfaction with CRCOG's work efforts and procedures. General discussion ensued that is anticipated to be documented as part of the Certification Review Process.

7. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am