

Capitol Region Council of Governments
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Policy Board Special Meeting
CRCOG Offices, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor Board Room, Hartford, CT 06106
Wednesday, October 30, 2019
12:00 pm
DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Members and Alternates

Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Sandra Pierog
Robert Skinner
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Jim Hayden
Marcia Leclerc
Lori Spielman
Nancy Nickerson
Chip Beckett
David Grant
Scott Shanley
Paul Shapiro
Roy Zartarian
Robert Lee
John Mehr
Rob Phillips
Steve Werbner
Matt Hart
Shari Cantor
Erika Wiczenski
Peter Souza
Chris Kervick

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West Hartford
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Windsor Locks

Staff

Cheryl Assis
Kimberly Bona
Emily Hultquist
Tim Malone
Jessica Muirhead
Caitlin Palmer
Cara Radzins
Lyle Wray
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Vicki Shotland
Grayson Wright
Mark Massaro
Kathie Lutz
Brittany Foulds

GHTD
CTDOT
Eversource
Rome Smith Lutz
Office of U.S. Senator Murphy

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Marcia Leclerc called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

2. Public Comment:

Mark Massaro of Eversource provided an update regarding an [energy efficiency program](#) being offered to customers.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2019:

Chairperson Marcia Leclerc requested a motion to adopt the minutes.

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Policy Board Meeting minutes from September 25, 2019. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence/Handouts:

Dr. Wray provided an update on the [Panel Discussion: Five Steps to Accelerate Economic Growth in CT](#) stating this will take place tomorrow, October 31st at the Hartford Public Library. A light lunch will be served at 11:30am and the forum will begin at Noon.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

a. Chair and Executive Director

Dr. Wray asked the Board if there were any questions on the monthly report. There were none.

b. Opportunities and Resources

c. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council

Peter Souza provided the following update to the Board:

A draft report for OPM and Survey for RPIP projects was sent out to MSC members on Monday and we will bring the results to the full board for the November meeting.

ezIQC User Group meeting will be tomorrow, October 31st in Glastonbury at 10 AM.

Cybersecurity Model Policies are now online at crcog.bonfirehub.com. Please contact Brian Luther if you need help accessing those policies.

d. Policy and Planning

Emily Hultquist provided this update to the Board.

e. Public Safety and Homeland Security

Lori Spielman provided this update to the Board.

f. Transportation Committee

Jon Colman provided the following update to the Board:

Transportation funding remains unclear, as parts of CTDOT's proposed Capital Plan remain at risk if bonding is limited and additional revenue sources are not identified. There may be a need to begin making decisions regarding funding priorities in the event that everything cannot be funded.

Before the Policy Board meeting, towns along the Hartford Line met to discuss a second meeting with the governor and potential options for station implementation given the potential funding limitations. Dr. Wray discussed this point further later in the meeting.

g. Capital Workforce Partners

No update from CWP.

6. PRESENTATION / UPDATES:

- **Metro Hartford Future CEDS update**

Tim Malone provided an update on the CEDS to the Board. The CEDS is still being reviewed by the EDA in Philadelphia. The first implementation committee was held on October 17. Topics of discussion included a college student attraction and retention strategy. Dr. Beckett expressed the importance of finding ways to bring people back to Connecticut whom have temporarily moved out of state. i.e. college students, etc.

Discussion followed.

Tim Malone and Dr. Wray urged municipal leaders to please send the letter to support to CRCOG and we will forward to Department of Commerce.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. RESOLUTION Authorizing Application to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Brownfield Assessment Grant

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Application to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for Brownfield Assessment Grant as presented. Dr. Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Action: RESOLUTION Authorizing Execution of Agreement with a Vendor for No-Cost Regional Bikeshare

Dr. Beckett made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Agreement with a Vendor for No-Cost Regional Bikeshare as presented. Jon Colman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Action: RESOLUTION to Amend the CRCOG Bylaws Section Pertaining to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC)

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Resolution to Amend the CRCOG Bylaws Section Pertaining to the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) as presented. Chris Edge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Action: 2020 DRAFT Policy Board and Executive Meeting Schedules

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the 2020 DRAFT Policy Board and Executive Committee meeting schedules as presented. Dr. Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Metropolitan Planning Organization Items:

11. Action: TIP Amendments

There were no TIP Amendments.

INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCE ITEMS

12. Legislative update

Kathie Lutz provided a brief update to the board.

13. CRCOG Rail Services and Rail Stations

Dr. Wray provided an update on the Rail Stations meeting that was held prior to the Policy Board meeting. Kim will send meeting materials to the full board for their viewing.

Dr. Wray stated he has a call scheduled tomorrow morning, October 31st, with Kim Robinson of PVPC to discuss the importance of the Boston rail service study.

17. Other Business

Mayor Leclerc announced that the following board members are not seeking re-election, and thanked them all for their service to CRCOG:

Mayor Paul Shapiro, Mansfield
Council Chair Nancy Nickerson, Farmington
Mayor Roy Zartarian, Newington

18. Adjournment

With no further discussion items, Chairperson Marcia Leclerc requested a motion to adjourn.

Jon Colman moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm.