

Transportation Committee
CRCOG, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106
Monday, November 18th, 2019
12 Noon

**DRAFT until
Endorsed
by the
Committee**

Name

Eric Anderson
Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Todd Penney
Doug Wilson
Tim Webb
Mike Perry
Russ Arnold
Dan Pennington
Sandra Fry
Kevin Kelly
Peter Hughes
Gary Fuerstenberg
Rob Trottier
Jim Sollmi
Tom Roy
Keith Hayden
Jeffrey Doolittle
David Smith
Derrick Gregor
Duane Martin
Jennifer Cassidy
Rick Baldwin

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Guests

Mary Deppe
Charles Harlow
Grayson Wright
Mark Moriarty
Melissa Evans
Carl Sferrazza
Jeffrey Leonowicz

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CTDOT
New Britain
UConn T2 Center
Enfield
Enfield

Staff

Robert Aloise
Mike Cipriano
Emily Hultquist
Tim Malone
Roger Krahn

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Sotoria Montanari
Cara Radzins
Karen Stewartson
Dr. Lyle Wray

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1. **Roll Call** – Mr. Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
2. **Public Forum** – There was no public comment.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Jim Sollmi from the Town of Rocky Hill, to accept the meeting minutes from October 21st, 2019. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention made by Keith Hayden from the Town of Southington.

4. **Staff Report**

- **Welcome New T2 Center Safety Circuit Rider** – Mr. Robert Aloise introduced Ms. Melissa Evans to the Committee. Ms. Evans recently became the T2 Center Safety Circuit Rider. Ms. Evans noted that she started in the position in July and is looking forward to working with the towns on the T2 Center’s equipment loan program and educational opportunities. Ms. Evans added that her contact information is available on the T2 Center’s website.
- **Draft Final Report: Silver Lane, East Hartford Corridor Study** – Ms. Cara Radzins stated that the Draft Final report for the Silver Lane Corridor Study is not yet complete. The report is anticipated to be completed in time for review at December’s Transportation Committee meeting, with action to be taken in January 2020. Mr. Jon Colman asked for the reason for the delay. Ms. Radzins stated that she wasn’t aware of the reason for the delay but that Emily Hultquist, the CRCOG project manager, was expecting the Report to be submitted by the end of this week. Mr. Doug Wilson of East Hartford noted that some recommendations from the Study have been implemented as part of the VIP paving program. The changes have generally been well received.
- **Governor Lamont’s CT2030 Transportation Proposal** – Mr. Robert Aloise briefed the Committee on Governor Ned Lamont’s CT2030 Transportation Plan and the subsequently released Republican Transportation Plan. Mr. Aloise stated that each plan represents a ten-year vision. The Governor’s plan represents \$21 billion of investments through 2030 vs. \$18 billion in the Republican Plan. Each plan is partially funded by potentially controversial funding ideas, with Lamont’s proposing tolling on 14 bridges statewide (two within CRCOG) and the Republican’s plan requiring a transfer of \$1.5 billion from the “rainy day” fund. Mr. Jon Colman mentioned that LOTCIP is funded at current levels in each plan, but remains potentially at risk in future plan iterations. Mr. Colman also noted that the plans are inadequate in terms of transit and bike/ped considerations. Mr. Colman assessed that the passage of either plan is very unlikely, and the final version will likely be a combination of the two. There was some discussion regarding the fact that it seemed like some larger projects – like the I84 Viaduct – were missing from the proposals. Mr. Aloise noted that both plans have a horizon of ten years, so

projects like the Viaduct would not be funded over that timeframe. Dr. Lyle Wray noted that there are four primary loose ends regarding the state's transportation vision: 1) There are two competing plans, and neither is fully adequate. 2) The Bond diet is constraining funds. 3) Funding for LOTCIP remains a concern. 4) A decision regarding the rescission of federal funds is still outstanding.

- **LOTCIP Funding and Solicitation Update** – Mr. Robert Aloise indicated that a LOTCIP solicitation is still on hold pending more certainty regarding funding.
- **CTDOT Capital Planning Update** – Mr. Robert Aloise indicated that a November 7th Capital Planning meeting between CRCOG and CTDOT was postponed indefinitely, pending more certainty regarding future transportation funding.
- **Commuter Parking Lot Utilization** – Ms. Cara Radzins gave a brief update on Commuter Parking Lot Utilization. Ms. Radzins noted that CRCOG conducts utilization of the region's commuter parking lots twice each year, in April and October. The October 2019 counts complete a full three years of data collection. Ms. Radzins shared that the October 2019 count was about 6% lower than the average. Ms. Radzins also noted that CRCOG staff conducted condition assessments at each of the lots and uploaded the data to CTDOT's GIS platform. Ms. Radzins also updated the Committee on the two Glastonbury lots that were discussed at the previous meeting. Ms. Radzins stated that a meeting will be held with CRCOG, CTDOT, Glastonbury, and State Rep. Jill Barry to discuss the discontinuation of service to the St. Augustine and St. Paul parking lots. Conversations have been ongoing, and it seems that limited ridership, as well as insurance concerns, were the reasoning behind the closures. Ms. Radzins will update the Committee when she gets clarity on possible implications for other privately owned lots in the region. A Committee member asked whether any changes will be made as a result of the counts. Ms. Radzins noted that the condition assessments allowed CRCOG to flag lots that are in need of striping, sealing, etc., but that ultimately it will be up to CTDOT to make any changes.
- **2019 CRCOG Complete Streets Policy Update** – Mr. Tim Malone gave a brief update on the status of the pending Complete Streets Policy. Mr. Malone mentioned that a meeting will be held on Thursday, November the 21st at 1:30pm at CRCOG to review viewpoints on the Draft Policy that were raised at the October Transportation Subcommittee meeting. He stated that the complete draft policy is posted on CRCOG's website and any members of the Committee are welcome to attend the discussion. Mr. Rob Aloise added that there is a need to gather a smaller group to discuss the details of the policy, and staff wants to ensure that they move in the correct direction as they make adjustments to the Policy before bringing an updated version back to the full Committee.
- **Other** – Mr. Jon Colman introduced Mr. Eric Anderson, the New Town Administrator for the Town of Andover.

5. **TIP Amendments** – Mr. Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP amendments listed below. A motion was made by David Smith from the Town of Vernon, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin to accept the amendments. This motion passed unanimously.
- Tolland-Replace Bridge 01120 over Skungamaug River
 - GHTD-Adjacent Property Purchases

6. Draft Transportation Committee Schedule for 2020 – Mr. Jon Colman called attention to the provided Draft Transportation Committee Schedule for 2020. Mr. Colman inquired regarding any issues Committee members may have with any of the scheduled dates. Hearing none, a motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington to approve the schedule. The motion passed unanimously

7. 2020 Transportation Safety Performance Measure Targets – Mr. Roger Krahn shared an update on 2020 Annual Safety Targets. Please see table below:

Measure	2020 Target
Number of Fatalities	277
Fatality Rate (per 100 million vehicle miles traveled (VMT))	0.883
Number of Serious Injuries	1,547
Serious Injury Rate (per 100 million VMT)	4.93
Number of Non-Motorist Fatalities and Serious Injuries	307

Mr. Krahn stated that CTDOT chose to set 2020 targets that maintain the five-year moving average over the years 2013 to 2017. A detailed description of the data, trends, and rationale of each target were presented and discussed at the October Transportation Committee Meeting. Mr. Krahn also presented fatal crash statistics recently released by NHTSA for 2018, noting that there were 36,560 fatalities in the United States in 2018, which is a 2.4% reduction from 37,473 in 2017. In Connecticut there were 294 fatalities in 2018, a 4.6% increase over 281 in 2017. Mr. Krahn also highlighted recent and anticipated upcoming CTDOT/CRCOG safety efforts, including a soon to be released regional safety plan. Mr. Krahn stated that CRCOG staff recommends endorsement of CTDOT’s 2020 safety targets and recommends submitting the resolution to the CRCOG Policy Board for approval. A motion was made by Tim Webb from the Town of Ellington, seconded by Jim Sollmi from the Town of Rocky Hill to approve the Resolution Regarding Targets for Five Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT. This motion passed unanimously.

8. Presentation: GREEN SNOW PRO, Jim Mahoney, UConn T2 Center – Mr. Jim Mahoney gave a brief overview of the GREEN SNOW Pro program. Learning Objectives focus on the balance between safety, costs, and environmental issues associated with the use of chlorides. Mr. Mahoney mentioned that the Green Snow Pro program anticipates offering classes each Spring and Fall. For more information, please contact Mary McCarthy at mary.c.mccarthy@uconn.edu. There was a discussion regarding the need for towns to adhere to best practices so that legislative mandates are not implemented.

9. Other Business – No other business was discussed.

10. Adjourn –The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 pm