

**CRCOG Special Meeting
Rail Stations on Hartford Line
CRCOG Board Room, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106
Wednesday, April 24, 2019
10:30 am
DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Town/Organization</u>
Jon Colman	Bloomfield/CRCOG TC
Aimee Chambers	COH
Erin Howard	COH
Marcia Leclerc	East Hartford
Carl Sferrazza	Enfield
Christopher Bromson	Enfield
Nelson Tereso	Enfield
Laurie Whitten	Enfield
Kasia Purciello	Enfield
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Erik Johnson	Hartford
Craig Minor	Newington
Roy Zartarian	Newington
Tanya Lane	Newington
Andy Brecher	Newington
Matthew Hart	West Hartford
Mark McGovern	West Hartford
Duane Martin	West Hartford
Chris Kervick	Windsor Locks
Jen Rodriguez	Windsor Locks
<u>CRCOG</u>	
Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Kimberly Bona	CRCOG
Emily Hultquist	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG

1. Call to Order

Mayor Marcia Leclerc called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

2. Executive Director - Purpose of meeting

CRCOG Executive Director Dr. Lyle Wray explained that there is approximately 290 million dollars of state funding that has been allocated for the upgrading, replacing and renewing of rail stations in the region. He stated that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the issues of concern along with how CRCOG can help going forward.

3. Rail Stations on the Hartford Line discussion:

- **Status**

Mayor Leclerc explained there are currently 6 towns that need new rail stations and expressed the importance of working together with the Governor's office to see that these towns get the help they need.

- **Issues of concern**

Chris Kervick expressed concern with the lack of involvement with the new Department of Transportation Commissioner, Joseph Giulietti. He feels that enthusiasm for the Hartford line has dwindled, and this is troubling.

Those present concurred that the lack of communication with Commissioner Giulietti has been disappointing.

Lengthy discussion followed.

- **Possible next steps**

Mayor Leclerc suggested organizing a meeting between DECD Commissioner David Lehman, DOT Commissioner Joseph Giulietti and TOD Senior Coordinator Lisa Tepper Bates to discuss possible next steps. Dr. Wray agreed that this is an excellent idea and suggested the Governor be part of this meeting, as well.

It was suggested, and agreed upon, that Jonathan Harris of OPM and David Kooris also be invited to this meeting.

Jon Colman suggested that this group convenes a couple more times and puts a plan in place to bring to the meeting.

Discussion followed.

CRCOG will send a survey to towns with rail stations requesting feedback regarding the status with planning and development of their station. Also, CRCOG will provide DOT's preliminary cost estimates for towns containing rail stations to review. Once this is done, we will have a better idea of what kind of budget we will be proposing at the meeting. This information will be sent out early next week.

The goal is to schedule the meeting on or before June 15, 2019 and to prepare a write up of the case for moving ahead with the stations in advance of that meeting.

4. Other Business

There was no further business.

5. Adjournment

Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn at 11:37 am. Chris Kervick seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.