

Transportation Committee Meeting

Committee Members are requested to join remotely:
Via Web:<https://zoom.us/j/8605222217>
Or by phone:1-646-876-9923; **Meeting ID:** 860-522-2217

Monday March 23rd 2020
12 Noon

Name

Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Patrice Carson
Neil Pade
Todd Penney
Doug Wilson
Timothy Webb
Donald Nunes
Russ Arnold
Kirk Severance
Sandy Fry
Frank Dellaripa
Kevin Kelly
Peter Hughes
John Bossi
Jim Sollmi
Tom Roy
Jeffrey Doolittle
Devin Cowperthwaite
David Smith
Duane Martin
Derrick Gregor
Adam Kessler
Jennifer Cassidy

Guests

Grayson Wright
Mary Deppe
Jennifer Carrier
Chuck Harlow
Mike Fisher
Jonathan Thiesse
Melissa Evans
Donna Shea

Organization

Avon
Berlin
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canton
Coventry
East Hartford
Ellington
Enfield
Farmington
Granby
Hartford
Hartford
Hebron
Marlborough
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
South Windsor
Stafford
Vernon
West Hartford
Wethersfield
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DL Companies
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Committee**

Staff

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| Frank Adarkwa | CRCOG |
| Robert Aloise | CRCOG |
| Mike Cipriano | CRCOG |
| Roger Krahn | CRCOG |
| Devon Lechtenberg | CRCOG |
| Pramod Pandey | CRCOG |
| Cara Radzins | CRCOG |
| Sotoria Montanari | CRCOG |
| Karen Stewartson | CRCOG |
| Terri Thompson | CRCOG |
| Dr. Lyle Wray | CRCOG |

1. **Roll Call** – Alphabetically by Member Municipality, then others.
2. **Public Forum** – No one choose to speak.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from February 24th, 2020-** A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to adopt the meeting minutes from February 24th, 2020. This motion was passed unanimously with (1) one abstention by David Smith from the Town of Vernon.
4. **Staff Reports (if necessary)**
 - Rob Aloise mentioned that due to the recent transition of many committee members to working remotely, CRCOG was having issues connecting with some members. Mr. Aloise indicated that there will likely be communication from CRCOG in a few days requesting updated contact information for committee members (phone numbers/ e-mail)
 - Rob Aloise mentioned that he reached has out to CTDOT about the plans for capital improvement projects moving forward amid the recent Governor’s announcement Friday regarding closures of non-essential businesses. Mr Aloise mentioned that prior to the Governor’s remarks, CTDOT’s stance was that there were no plans for construction projects to be intentionally put on hold. However CRCOG has requested clarification given recent events, including if any changes may affect construction schedules or LOTCIP projects. Dr. Lyle Wray mentioned that he was waiting on the Governor’s clarification on the Executive Order about those projects.
5. **TIP amendments**
 - Statewide-Asset Management Group
 - Statewide-Bridge Management Group
 - Statewide-Pavement Management Group
 - District 1-Traffic Signal LED RE-Lamping (Break out from project 0171-0449)

Mr. Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury to accept the TIP amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.

6. LOTCIP Project Funding Increase Requests

- Hartford Main Street/Boce Barlow Bridge- Ms. Sotoria Montanari reviewed the Hartford Main Street/Boce Barlow Bridge Memo. Ms. Montanari stated that the City of Hartford is requesting a scope change modification and LOTCIP funding increase of \$570,000 from \$1,368,000 to \$1,938,000 (41.6% increase) based on the most recent engineering estimate. Ms. Montanari explained that based on a June 2019 Main St. Road Diet Traffic Model Report conducted by FHI, the City would like to incorporate additional complete streets components, including the addition of bicycle lanes. The City is proposing to modify the two through lanes to a single through lane (each direction) and add the bike lanes. To incorporate Complete Street Components, staff recommends committee approval of a scope change modification adding the bicycle facility and an additional \$570,000 of LOTCIP funding for the Hartford (L051-0003) project, increasing the funding approval from \$1,368,000 to \$1,938,000. A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough seconded by, Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton to accept the staff recommendations. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Windsor Archer Road-Ms. Sotoria Montanari reviewed the Windsor Archer Road Rehabilitation Project (L164-0004) memo. Ms. Montanari mentioned that the Town of Windsor is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of \$953,200 from \$994,800 to \$1,948,000 (95.8% increase) based on the most recent engineering estimate. This project has progressed to the semi-final design phase. Ms. Montanari indicated that this increase in cost is to address the modification of pavement rehabilitation technique which includes increasing the 2 inch mill and overlay to 4 inches, ensuring a 15-year service life expectancy.

Ms. Montanari mentioned that the condition of the pavement has substantially deteriorated and based on the geotechnical report, the Town's design consultant and a third-party consultant assessment, the Town is recommending a 4 inch mill and overlay to ensure a 15-year service life. The additions, including \$428,000 HMA increase, combined with the pavement markings, etc. resulted in the total estimated cost increase of \$953,200. Mr. Jeff Doolittle from the Town of South Windsor asked how many inches of pavement were currently on the roadway. Mr. Jim Sollmi of Rocky Hill reiterated the importance of more in-depth screening during the project application phase to avoid these type of unexpected increases.

To ensure a 15-year service road, staff recommends committee approval of an additional \$953,200 of LOTCIP funding for the Windsor Archer Road (L164-0004) project, increasing the funding approval from \$994,800 to \$1,948,000. A motion was made by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury seconded by, Tim Webb from the Town of Ellington to accept the staff recommendations. This motion was passed unanimously.

6a. Emergency Chair Action -LOTCIP Application Submission Revisions

Mr. Jon Colman mentioned that given recent COVID-19 events staff had heard from committee members requesting that the LOTCIP application deadline be extended.

To comply with this request, staff has recommended that the Committee act to extend the application deadline another 5 weeks, from April 22nd to 2p.m. on May 27th. Also, Rob Aloise relayed staff's recommendation to allow for submittal of electronic application copies only. Applicants can e-mail application to smontanari@crcog.org , or e-mail Sotoria at this same address to arrange for transfer of larger files.

A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford extend the LOTCIP application deadline from April 22nd to 2p.m. on May 27th and revise submission requirements to accept electronic copies of LOTCIP Applications. This motion was passed unanimously.

7. Presentation - Melisa Evans, Safety Circuit Rider & Donna Shea, Executive Program Director, CT Training and Technical Assistance Center, UConn

Ms. Melisa Evans and Ms. Donna Shea gave a brief update on the Safety Circuit Rider Program. Ms. Evans highlighted the many programs they offer, including:

- Technical Assistance
- Promote Safety
- Training Opportunities
- How to become CT Safety Champion

Ms. Evans also said that all Safety Academy Trainings are free. She mentioned that they will tailor training for your town if needed. More information can be found at: www.12center.uconn.edu Ms. Donna Shea mentioned that during the COVID crisis she is available if anyone needs assistance.

8. Other Business - Mr. Robert Aloise mentioned that the Governor recently signed legislation allowing Bonding **authorization** for fiscal year 2020 and 2021 LOTCIP funding. This authorization will allow for the eventual bonding of enough funds to accommodate the ongoing LOTCIP solicitation. Mr. Aloise also stated that the State Bond Commission has already **allocated** enough bonding for LOTCIP projects anticipated to be bid and awarded through FY2020. However, to cover anticipated construction projects for FY2021, additional State Bond Commission **allocations** are necessary. CTDOT plans to include a request to fully fund FY2021 construction in their package to the bond commission for its next meeting, currently scheduled for the end of March.

9. Adjourn- The Meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m. by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton and David Smith from the Town of Vernon.