

**Capitol Region Council of Governments**  
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**Policy Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 16, 2020**  
**12:00 pm**

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

**Meeting access was remote only, consistent with provisions specified in  
CT Governor Executive Order No. 7B. This meeting was recorded.**

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**Members and Alternates**

Eric Anderson  
Brandon Robertson  
Jon Colman  
Joshua Kelly  
Robert Skinner  
Mark Walter  
John Elsesser  
Marcia Leclerc  
Jason Bowza  
Lori Spielman  
Chip Beckett  
John Ward  
Scott Shanley  
Brock Weber  
Robert Lee  
John Mehr  
Maria Capriola  
Mark Sciota  
Michael Rosen  
Shari Cantor  
Matt Hart  
Michael Rell  
Peter Souza  
Chris Kervick

**Town/Organization**

Andover  
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Bloomfield  
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East Windsor  
Ellington  
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Manchester  
New Britain  
Plainville  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Southington  
Tolland  
West Hartford  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Windsor  
Windsor Locks

**Staff**

Rob Aloise  
Cheryl Assis  
Winsome Barnaby  
Kimberly Bona  
Roger Krahn  
Tim Malone  
Laura Quintiliani  
Lyle Wray  
Pauline Yoder

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**Guests**

Courtney Hendricson  
Maureen Lawrence

AdvanceCT  
CTDOT

Grayson Wright  
Matt Pafford  
Kathie Lutz  
Representative Steve Stafstrom  
Britt Foulds  
Ellen Graham  
Chris McArdle

CTDOT  
OPM  
Rome Smith Lutz  
State Representative  
Office of Senator Murphy  
Office of Senator Blumenthal

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Chairperson Mayor Marcia Leclerc called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**2. Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**3. Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2020:**

Chairperson Marcia Leclerc requested a motion to adopt the minutes.

**Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Policy Board Meeting minutes from November 18, 2020. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**4. Correspondence/Handouts:**

**1. Memorandum Regarding COGs as County Equivalents for CENSUS Boundaries**

**2. FAQ for CT County Equivalency**

Dr. Wray addressed the Memorandum and FAQ handouts together. He reports that the Federal Register has a publication out that will allow Connecticut to use Council of Government boundaries for the purpose of census information. Dr. Wray noted this was helpful as we can have data based on the planning regions used in the state rather than having data based on historic counties. This doesn't recreate counties, it only creates census boundaries for data from the nine council of government bodies in the state.

**3. EDA Grant Application Denial Letter**

Dr. Wray reported that CRCOG received a denial letter from the US EDA. We were surprised to receive a denial on this and are working with Governor Lamont's office and CT DECD Commissioner David Lehmann, on a plan for possibly resubmitting the grant application at a reduced amount. When this plan is finalized, information will be shared. Discussion followed.

**4. Crumbling Foundations Captive Reaches the 250-Foundation Milestone**

**5. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**a. Chair and Executive Director**

Mayor Leclerc encouraged Policy Board members to read through the submitted reports and follow up with any questions after the meeting.

**b. Opportunities and Resources**

**c. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council**

**d. Policy and Planning**

**e. Public Safety and Homeland Security**

**f. Transportation Committee**

**g. MetroHartford Alliance (Tentative)**

No report was offered.

**h. Capital Workforce Partners (Tentative)**

No report was offered.

**At this time, Mayor Leclerc addressed the action items on the agenda.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**7. Action: 2021 CRCOG Legislative Agenda**

We will be working with Kathie Lutz to schedule meetings with appropriate legislative leaders to follow up on the approved CRCOG 2021 legislative agenda.

**Chris Kervick made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing the 2021 CRCOG Legislative Agenda. Jon Colman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**8. Action: Resolution Authorizing Four EZIQC Regional Contractor Awards – Road and Bridge Maintenance**

**Chris Kervick made a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Four EZIQC Regional Contractor Awards – Road and Bridge Maintenance. Jon Colman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**9. Action: Resolution Authorizing Four EZIQC Regional Contractor Awards – General Construction**

**Chris Kervick made a motion to approve the Resolutions Authorizing Four EZIQC Regional Contractor Awards – General Construction. Jon Colman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**10. Action: TIP Amendments (tentative)**

There were no TIP Amendments.

## **11. Action: Resolution to Support Performance Measures – 2021 Annual CTDOT Safety Targets**

**Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Resolution to Support Performance Measures – 2021 Annual CTDOT Safety Targets. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

## **12. Action: Approval of Regional Transportation Safety Plan – Capitol Region**

**Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Regional Transportation Safety Plan. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**At this time, Mayor Leclerc resumed order of the agenda and addressed the presentations.**

## **6. PRESENTATIONS/UPDATES**

### **Police Accountability Bill, Representative Steve Stafstrom**

Mayor Leclerc introduced Representative Steve Stafstrom to discuss the Police Accountability Bill.

Representative Stafstrom highlighted several areas of the proposed bill that respond to concerns brought forth by police departments and municipalities across the state. Among other topics, the Police Accountability Bill addresses the need to make it easier to terminate employment of officers who are unfit for the position, a ban on consent searches, and the Use of Force policy (answering the question “What is a justifiable use of force?”). Representative Stafstrom also discussed the proposed certification requirement and agencies as well as qualified immunity.

Policy Board members questioned the policy on several matters including the hiring process and pool of applicants for the Inspector General and whether the time some officers have already invested in certification programs will be time and money wasted once the new certification and accreditation process is in place.

Mayor Leclerc asked if Representative Stafstrom anticipated an annual review of this bill to ensure it is updated appropriately to reflect the concerns of the community and if the proposed civilian oversight programs would be organized at a regional or town level. Discussion followed these questions at length.

## **INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCE ITEMS**

### **13. CRCOG Legislative Committee Update and Legislative Update**

Kathie Lutz provided a brief update to the board. She noted that many things are still being ironed out for the upcoming session. She will provide updates to the CRCOG Legislative Committee as they are available.

### **14. Other Business**

No other business.

### **15. Adjournment**

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

**Chris Kervick moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:59. Jon Elsesser seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**