

**Capitol Region Council of Governments**  
241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106  
Phone: (860) 522-2217 FAX: (860) 724-1274

**Policy Board Meeting**  
**CRCOG Offices, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor Board Room, Hartford, CT 06106**

Join via Web: <https://zoom.us/j/8605222217>  
or Phone: +1 646 876 9923; or One tap mobile: +16468769923,, 8605222217#

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

**12:00 pm**

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

**Unless indicated otherwise, all board members, guests and CRCOG staff participated remotely.**

**Members and Alternates**

Chris Edge  
Sandra Pierog  
Jon Colman  
Bob Bessel  
Mark Walter  
John Elsesser  
Jim Hayden  
Marcia Leclerc  
Jason Bowza  
Lori Spielman  
CJ Thomas  
Chip Beckett  
Luke Bronin  
Kayla Reasco  
Brock Weber  
Robert Lee  
Rob Phillips  
Mike Rosen  
Mike Purcaro  
Matt Hart  
Mike Rell  
Erika Wiczenski  
Peter Souza  
Chris Kervick

**Town/Organization**

Berlin  
Bolton  
Bloomfield  
Canton  
Columbia  
Coventry  
East Granby  
East Hartford  
East Windsor  
Ellington  
Farmington  
Glastonbury  
Hartford  
Hartford  
New Britain  
Plainville  
Southington  
Tolland  
Vernon  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Willington  
Windsor  
Windsor Locks

**Staff**

Rob Aloise  
Cheryl Assis  
Kimberly Bona (present in person)  
Mike Cipriano  
Roger Krahn

CRCOG  
CRCOG  
CRCOG  
CRCOG  
CRCOG

Tim Malone	CRCOG
Jessica Muirhead	CRCOG
Bill Perkins	CRCOG
Erik Snowden	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Lyle Wray (present in person)	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder (present in person)	CRCOG

**Guests**

Richard Blumenthal	United States Senator
Ellen Graham	Sen. Blumenthal’s Office
Sadie Colcord	CERC
Maureen Lawrence	CTDOT
Tom Maziarz	CTDOT
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jonathan Ferrigno	Eversource
Amy Jackson	FHWA
Abby Kenyon	Granby
Gene Goddard	MetroHartford Alliance
Matt Pafford	OPM
Kathie Lutz	Rome Smith Lutz

**1. Call to Order:** Chairperson Mayor Marcia Leclerc called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm, and thanked everyone for taking the time to participate remotely during these uncertain times.

Roll call was conducted.

**2. Public Comment:**

None.

**3. Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2020:**

Chairperson Marcia Leclerc requested a motion to adopt the minutes.

**Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Policy Board Meeting minutes from January 22, 2020. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

At this time, Chairperson Marcia Leclerc addressed agenda item 8, stating a motion is needed to remove it from the agenda as it was tabled during the last executive committee meeting.

**Jon Colman made a motion to remove action item 8, entitled “Resolution Restricting Possession of Open Alcoholic Beverage Containers in Motor**

**Vehicles,” from the agenda. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**4. Correspondence/Handouts:**

- [Final ACIR Report](#)
- [Federal Transit Administration \(FTA\) – U.S. DOT Announces \\$20.3 Million in Grants to Improve Transportation Access Through Innovative Technologies Through Integrated Mobility Innovation \(IMI\)](#)
- [IMI FY 2019 Selected Projects](#)

**5. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

CRCOG Staff [monthly reports](#) were emailed to board members. Marcia Leclerc asked the board if there were any questions pertaining to the monthly reports. There were no questions on any of the reports.

**a. Chair and Executive Director**

Dr. Wray stated that CRCOG received notice that the Metro Hartford Economic Development Strategy has been received by the U.S. Economic Development Administration in Philadelphia.

Dr. Wray explained that CTDOT will be moving forward with all ongoing construction projects and that LOTCIP is funded in the current year.

**b. Opportunities and Resources**

Dr. Wray stated that CRCOG Public Safety staff is working hard on providing region 3 towns with necessary PPE and other key products as this public health emergency continues.

**c. [Municipal Services and Purchasing Council](#)**

**d. [Policy and Planning](#)**

**e. [Public Safety and Homeland Security](#)**

**f. [Transportation Committee](#)**

**g. MetroHartford Alliance**

Gene Goddard provided an update on the Metro Hartford Alliance to the board. To view the update, please [click here](#).

At this time, Mayor Leclerc addressed the action items on the agenda to ensure that a quorum remain present for votes.

## **7. Action: Ad-hoc Transition Committee Strategic Plan and Recommendations**

Jon Colman stated that strategic plan has been endorsed by the Executive Committee, and now seeks endorsement from the board.

**Jon Colman made a motion to endorse the Ad-hoc Transition Committee Strategic Plan and Recommendations as presented. Dr. Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

## **8. Action: Resolution Restricting Possession of Open Alcoholic Beverage Containers in Motor Vehicles**

This item was removed from the agenda.

### **Metropolitan Planning Organization Items:**

## **9. Action: TIP Amendments**

**Jon Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Mike Purcaro seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

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

### **10. Legislative update**

Kathie Lutz provided a brief update to the board. She stated leadership meetings are being held daily, but there is not much moving forward at this time.

At this time, Chairperson Marcia Leclerc resumed order of the agenda, addressing Presentations/Updates. She welcomed Tom Maziarz of CT DOT to present first, allowing time for Senator Blumenthal to join the meeting.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS / UPDATES**

- **Transportation Climate Initiative- Tom Maziarz, CT DOT**

Tom Maziarz began his presentation to the board on Transportation Climate Initiative. To view the presentation, please [click here](#).

At present, Mayor Leclerc announced that Senator Richard Blumenthal joined the meeting.

- **COVID-19 update and discussion – U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal**

Mayor Marcia Leclerc welcomed Senator Blumenthal to the meeting and thanked him for taking time to speak to the board.

Senator Blumenthal spoke to the board about the coronavirus relief stimulus package and explained it is designed to support the country's economy during this pandemic. He stated that package will provide expansion of unemployment benefits, loans and funding for small business as well as larger industries, state and local governments, and a "Marshall Plan" for hospitals.

Senator Blumenthal addressed questions from board members. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Leclerc thanked Senator Blumenthal for his time and for all the work he is doing. Dr. Wray thanked the Senator as well, and respectfully stated he would like to have him speak to the board again at its April meeting, if his schedule allows.

At this time, Tom Maziarz finished his presentation.

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

### **11. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **12. 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 1:10 pm.**