Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting
CRCOG, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106
Monday February 24th, 2020
11:30 AM

Name | Organization
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Larry Baril | Avon
Chris Edge | Berlin
Jon Colman | Bloomfield
Patrice Carson | Bolton
Todd Penney | Coventry
Doug Wilson | East Hartford
Tim Webb | Ellington
Donald Nunes | Enfield
Russ Arnold | Farmington
Kirk Severance | Granby
Frank Dellaripa | Hartford
Sandy Fry | Hartford
Kevin Kelly | Hebron
Jeff LaMalva | Manchester
Peter Hughes | Marlborough
Rob Trotter | New Britain
John Bossi | Plainville
Jim Solmi | Rocky Hill
Tom Roy | Simsbury
Jeff Bord | Somers
Keith Hayden | Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle | South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite | Stafford
Greg Sommer | West Hartford
Derrick Gregor | Wethersfield
Rick Baldwin | CCEJ

Guests
Jennifer Carrier | FHWA
Kurt Salmoiragi | FHWA
Carl Sferrazza | Enfield

Staff
Roger Krahn | CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari | CRCOG
Karen Stewartson | CRCOG

1. Roll Call – Mr. Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 11:30 am

2. Public Forum – There was no public comment.

A voluntary Council of Governments formed to initiate and implement regional programs of benefit to the towns and the region
3. Adoption of January 13th, 2020 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Jeffrey Doolittle from the Town of South Windsor to accept the January 13th, 2020 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention made by Keith Hayden from the Town of Southington.

4. LOTCIP Project Funding Increase Requests

- Stafford Leonard Road Bridge Replacement- Ms. Sotoria Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP funding increase request for the Town of Stafford-Leonard Road Bridge Replacement Project. Ms. Montanari mentioned that based on the most recent engineering estimate, the Town of Stafford is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of $1,217,000 from $1,200.00 to $2,417,000 (101% increase). The bridge has been closed to vehicular due to its poor load rating and sufficiency rating of 32.8%. To re-open the bridge, this project was initially approved in September 2018 by the Transportation Committee as an emergency rehabilitation project for $1,200,000. At that time, funding was made up of the following transfers and approvals:

  - The transfer of $570,000 of LOTCIP funding previously awarded for South Road Bridge improvements under CRCOG’s 2017 Bridge Solicitation
  - Reimbursement of $200,000 of AARA funding of that Stafford provided to CRCOG (prior to Stafford joining CRCOG)
  - An additional $430,000 in supplemental LOTCIP funding to allow for completion of the necessary emergency bridge repairs to re-open the bridge.

Ms. Montanari reported that the Town completed a Structure Type Study identifying three structure types, which also incorporated a Geotechnical Study with extensive efforts to investigate subsurface conditions. Ms. Montanari reported that the Structure Type Study determined it was necessary to replace existing superstructure and abutments because the abutments cannot adequately support a new superstructure. One of CRCOG’s on-call consultants reviewed the information and substantiated the results. There were discussions and several comments from the Committee, specifically the Committee questioned why the Town didn’t realize abutments were sub-standard when the application was submitted. The Town assumed the existing abutments were adequate at the time of the application submittal. After the completion of the investigative studies, it was determined that they were not adequate. Mr. Jon Colman said he appreciated the Town making concessions. Mr. Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Tim Webb from the Town of Ellington made a motion to consider an additional $1,217,000 of LOTCIP funding for the Stafford (L134-0002) project, increasing the funding approval from $1,200,000 to $2,417,000. This motion was passed unanimously.

Due to the project’s history and cost increases, as a condition of an approval CRCOG staff suggested that the Town consider the offering concessions in the upcoming LOTCIP solicitation. The Town agreed to reducing the maximum amount of potential LOTCIP funding in the January 2020 Solicitation ($3,000,000) by an amount equal to this increase ($1,217,000).
Farmington Colt Highway South Road Roundabout- Ms. Sotoria Montanari reviewed the Roundabout at Colt Highway and South Road Project in Farmington (L051-0003). Ms. Montanari mentioned that this project, currently in the application phase, was approved by the Transportation Committee in July of 2019 as a LOTCIP project funding transfer of $955,200 from a previously awarded 2015 LOTCIP Solicitation project (Colt Highway Improvements). Based on the most recent engineering estimate, the Town of Farmington is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of $565,200 from $955,200 to $1,520,400 (59% increase). The increase to the overall project cost incorporates Complete Streets components, granite curbing and channelization as a result of an application review process by the Town’s consultant and affirmed by CRCOG’s on-board consultant. Mr. Rick Baldwin of CCEJ, stated his concern that roundabouts do not provide good accommodation for bikes and pedestrians, and he preferred signalization. A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Jim Sollmi form the Town of Rocky Hill to approve an additional $565,200 of LOTCIP funding for the Farmington (L051-0003) project, increasing the funding approval from $995,200 to $1,520,400. This motion was passed unanimously.

5. Other Business- There was no other business discussed

6. Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am