

Capitol Region Council of Governments
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Policy Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 2021
12:00 pm

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

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CT Governor Executive Order No. 7B. This meeting was recorded.**

Audio may be found here: <https://crcog.org/event/policy-board-30>

Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson
Brandon Robertson
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Jim Rupert
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Marcia Leclerc
Lori L. Spielman
Chip Beckett
Randal P. Davis
Scott Shanley
Toni Moran
Brock Weber
David Nagel
Robert E. Lee
Maria Capriola
Mark Sciota
Shari Cantor
Matt Hart
Erika Wiecenski
Peter Souza
Chris Kervick

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Staff

Rob Aloise
Cheryl Assis
Kimberly A. Bona
Tracey Malenfant
Tim Malone
Aaliyah Miller
Lynne Pike DiSanto
Laura Quintiliani
Cara Radzins
Lyle Wray

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Guests

Anna Doroghazi
Courtney Hendricson

AARP
AdvanceCT

Grayson Wright
TJ Magnoli
Gene Goddard
Britt Foulds
Christine Piazza
Ellen Graham
Matthew Pafford
Kathie Lutz

CTDOT
Eversource
MetroHartford Alliance
Office of Senator Murphy
Office of Senator Blumenthal
Office of Senator Blumenthal
OPM
Rome Smith Lutz

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson Mayor Marcia Leclerc called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2021:

Chairperson Mayor Marcia Leclerc requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the April 28, 2021 meeting.

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Policy Board Meeting minutes from April 28, 2021. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence/Handouts

a. [CRCOG Letter to Governor Lamont Regarding Hartford 400](#)

b. [Metro Hartford-Springfield: Economic Benefits of Regional Rail](#)

c. [Invitation to CRCOG Annual Meeting](#)

At this time, Chairperson Mayor Leclerc addressed the action items on the agenda, beginning with the presentation and approval of the CRCOG 2021 Annual Budget.

6. PRESENTATION/UPDATES

a. **CRCOG 2021 Annual Budget Highlights – Tracey Malenfant, CRCOG**

Tracey Malenfant, Principal Financial Officer from CRCOG, presented the 2021 Annual Budget Highlights to the Policy Board.

[To view the CRCOG 2021 Annual Budget Highlights, please click here.](#)

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Action: Approval of CRCOG 2021 Annual Budget

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the CRCOG 2021 Annual Budget. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Action: Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Recruiting Agency Services

Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the Agreement with Recruiting Agency Services. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

9. Action: Resolution Authorizing Pauline Yoder and Cheryl Assis to act as CRCOG Executive Director

Jon Colman made a motion to authorize Pauline Yoder and Cheryl Assis to act as CRCOG Executive Director. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Action: Resolution Authorizing CRCOG Executive Director to Contract with Firm for Region-Wide COVID After Action Review

Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the CRCOG Executive Director to Contract with Firm for Region-Wide COVID After Action Review. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. Action: Resolution to Proceed with Regional Jobs Portal Application Program

Jon Colman made a motion to approve Proceeding with Regional Jobs Portal Application Program. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

12. Action: Resolution Authorizing CRCOG to Enter into an Agreement for Municipal Textile Collection and Recycling Services

Dr. Chip Beckett made a motion to authorize CRCOG to Enter into an Agreement for Municipal Textile Collection and Recycling Services. Jon Colman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

13. Action: Resolution to Execute an Agreement with Consulting Firm for Statewide Transportation Project

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Execution of an Agreement with Consulting Firm for Statewide Transportation Project. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

14. Action: TIP Amendments – (See Attached)

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

15. Action: Resolution Approving CRCOG's FY 2022-2023 Transportation Planning Program

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Scott Shanley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

16. Action: Resolution Certifying Annual Urban Planning Process

Jon Colman made a motion to approve CRCOG's FY 2022-2023 Transportation Planning Program. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

17. Action: Resolution Approving CRCOG Transportation Committee to Act on Behalf of Policy Board

Jon Colman made a motion to approve CRCOG Transportation Committee to Act on Behalf of Policy Board. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

18. Action: Resolution to Execute Agreement with CTDOT for CRCOG's FY 2022 & 2023 Transportation Planning Program

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Execution of an Agreement with CTDOT for CRCOG's FY 2022 & 2023 Transportation Planning Program. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

19. Action: Resolution for Endorsement of Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Endorsement of Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

20. Action: Transportation Planning Study Application Rankings

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Transportation Planning Study Application Rankings. Dr. Chip Beckett seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

At this time, Mayor Leclerc resumed the order of the agenda and addressed the monthly reports and remaining presentation.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

a. Chair and [Executive Director](#)

Dr. Wray reported that CRCOG is continuing to work on the Hartford-Springfield-Boston Rail study. To implement a regular rail service from Hartford to Boston would result in a roughly ten (10) to one (1) payback; it would cost \$7 - \$9 billion but produce \$80+ billion over a thirty-year time frame. CRCOG is continuing to work with our federal lobbyist(s) and US Senator Markey (MA) to finalize this project.

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)

Gene Goddard provided a brief update to the Policy Board. Of note is a webinar on June 2 entitled "The Hidden Epidemic." The webinar will be hosted by the MetroHartford Alliance Connecticut Health Council Initiative and will focus on the delayed health procedures over the last 14 months that did not take place because of COVID. Presenters will discuss how these delays will ultimately be impacting our organizations as employees return to work. [More information on this webinar can be found here.](#)

h. Capital Workforce Partners (Tentative)

No report was offered.

i. Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee

The Ad Hoc Executive Director Search Committee met at 11:00 AM on May 26, 2021 for a presentation and training session on Hiring Best Practices. This session was hosted by a

member of Updike, Kelly, and Spellacy, P.C. who provide legal services to CRCOG. CRCOG staff also sent out an RFP for recruitment firms and received two responses. Staff will be reviewing those responses and plan to make a recommendation to the Committee within the next few weeks. After review, the Committee will then endorse that recommendation and will then begin actively searching for a candidate.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. **AARP Livable Communities: Improving Accessibility and Livability of Our Communities – Anna Doroghazi, AARP**
Anna Doroghazi, Associate State Director of Advocacy and Outreach at AARP, presented to the Policy Board on “Improving Accessibility and Livability of Our Communities”.

[To view the PowerPoint presentation, please click here.](#)

INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCES

21. Legislative Update

Kathie Lutz provided a brief Legislative Update.

22. Other Business

There was no other business.

23. Adjournment

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

Dr. Chip Beckett moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:04. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.