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Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2022
12:00 PM
Meeting held remotely via Zoom

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

Name	**Organization**
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Warren Disbrow	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Rob Trottier	New Britain
Gary Fuerstenberg	Newington
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Tom Roy	Simsbury
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Karen Isherwood	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Adam Kessler	Windsor
Mary Deppe	GHTD

Guests	
Annette Diaz	Amplify
Allyson Nadeau	Amplify
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Stanley Hawthorne	Bloomfield
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
Michael Fisher	BL Companies
Ken Radziwon	BL Companies
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA

Chuck Harlow   Fuss & O'Neill
Joseph Balskus   VHB

CRCOG Staff
Mike Cipriano, Ryan Faulkner, Norell Ferguson (Intern), Maureen Goulet, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Roger Krahn, Tim Malone, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson

The record below includes a brief description of each agenda item as well as the timestamp of the beginning of that discussion. The audio recording for this meeting is available:
https://crcog.org/event/transportation-committee-meeting-55/

1. **Roll Call – 0:00** –The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. Karen Stewartson conducted the roll call.

2. **Public Forum – 4:36** – No one chose to speak.

3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 21, 2022 – 4:54** – Kevin Kelly from the Town of Hebron noted a need to correct the minutes to reflect that he attended the meeting. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by David Smith from the Town of Vernon, to approve the minutes from the Transportation Committee Meeting on March 21, 2022, as amended. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington and Len Norton from the Town of East Windsor.

4. **Staff Report**
   - **60 Seconds for Safety – 6:05** – Roger Krahn shared information about the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program. Mr. Krahn noted that this is a new discretionary grant that will be available to local government applicants for planning, design, and development for infrastructure projects and other strategies identified in a comprehensive safety plan. Information about the program is available at https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A, and information about SS4A webinars is available at https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/webinars.
   - **Municipal Grant Program for Elderly / Disabled Transportation – 7:42** – Chris Henchey shared that information related to the new application cycle for the Municipal Grant Program for Elderly /Disabled Transportation has been sent to all the Towns. He mentioned that application materials are due to CRCOG by May 2, 2022 so that we can submit them to CTDOT. Questions can be sent to him at chenchey@crcog.org.
   - **LOTCIP Quarterly Report – 9:31**– Sotoria Montanari provided highlights of the LOTCIP Quarterly Report for Quarter 3 of FY2022. Daniel Pennington from the Town of Glastonbury provided scheduling updates on his projects.
   - **Other**
     - **Hybrid Meetings – 13:35** – Cara Radzins facilitated a discussion and polls related to the potential shift from virtual to hybrid meetings. Regarding format, 55% of Committee members expressed a preference for hybrid meetings, with 30% preferring virtual and 15% indicating no

preference. No one indicated a desire for fully in-person meetings. When asked how they would attend a hybrid meeting, 70% indicated they would attend virtually, with the other 30% planning to attend in person. Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield suggested to mostly continue virtual meetings but to offer a hybrid option quarterly. Several Committee members agreed. There was discussion about technology for hybrid meetings and the need for flexibility to reconsider meeting logistics depending on how the hybrid meetings go. Ms. Radzins stated staff will prepare an action for Committee consideration in May.

- o **RAISE Grants – 21:00 –** Cara Radzins shared that CRCOG submitted a RAISE grant application in coordination with the City of New Britain and the Town of Plainville for $16.4 million to close the gap in the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail and connect to the CT*fastrak* multi-use trail. Ms. Radzins noted that CRCOG also supplied letters of support and/or technical assistance for other RAISE grants submitted from within the Region.
- o **Policy Board Presentations – 21:50 –** Cara Radzins shared that two presentations of interest will be given at the Policy Board Meeting on April 27, 2022. Commissioner Boughton will discuss the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and Adam Fox from CTDOT will present a CT*rail* Station and Status Update.

5. **TIP Amendments – 22:31** – Cara Radzins reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, to approve the TIP Amendments. This motion passed unanimously.

   - Bus & Bus Facility Discretionary – CT Zero Emission Bus Program
   - Statewide Bus Replacements
   - Systemwide Admin Capital / Misc Support / Facility Improvements
   - Statewide Travel Demand Management (Greater CT Moderate)
   - Hartford-Rehab Bridge 01469B over CSRR, SR 598 & TR803
   - CTFASTRAK Infrastructure/Station/Facility Improvements
   - US 15-Berlin-Meriden-Operation Improvement Breakout-CTSS w/CV Tech.
   - District 4 – Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various locations
   - Statewide Urban 5311 Carryover
   - Windham Transit District 5311 Carryover

6. **LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Requests** – 27:33 – Sotoria Montanari reviewed one (1) LOTCIP funding increase request, noting that the Cost Review Sub-Committee had recommended approval of the request. A motion was made by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, seconded by Jeffrey Doolittle from the Town of South Windsor, to approve the increase and scope modification. This motion was passed unanimously.

   - Vernon Various Stand-Alone Sidewalk Project (L146-0001): Funding increase of $291,544 from $925,000 to $1,216,544 (31.5% increase)

7. **2022 LOTCIP Solicitation: Staff Ratings and Draft Selections** – 29:42 – Sotoria Montanari reviewed the staff ratings and draft selections from the 2022

LOTCIP project solicitation. Ms. Montanari stated that, in line with the project selection policy's goal of programming approximately $38 million in projects under this solicitation, the draft selections identify $38.9 million for 20 projects in 17 municipalities. Ms. Montanari noted that the Cost Review Sub-Committee had recommended approval of staff's draft selections. Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield added that the Cost Review Sub-Committee had a valuable discussion related to CTDOT and LOTCIP selection guidelines. A motion was made by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury, seconded by Karen Isherwood from the Town of Suffield, to accept the project selections as presented and recommend approval by the Policy Board at their meeting in May. This motion was passed unanimously.

There was a discussion related to rural towns and the challenges they can have identifying projects that are eligible for LOTCIP funding. It was suggested that CRCOG may want to send a letter to CTDOT with these concerns. CRCOG staff will look into these matters and follow up with the Committee at the meeting in May.

8. **Other Business – 41:01 –** Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough asked about the proposed legislation that would give CRCOG more authority over the LOTCIP program. Matt Hart replied that he has been coordinating with CTDOT and will continue working with them between legislative sessions with the goal of realizing improvements administratively without the need for legislation action.

9. **Adjourn – 43:20 –** The meeting was adjourned at 12:44pm via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin.