

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
***\*Acting on Behalf of the CRCOG Policy Board\****  
**Monday, July 25, 2022**  
**12:00 PM**  
***Meeting held remotely via Zoom***

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Until Endorsed  
by Committee

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Ken Radziwon	Ellington
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Dylan Reilly	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Rob Trottier	New Britain
John Bossi	Plainville
Jason Scott	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Karen Isherwood	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Bob Jarvis	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD
<b><u>Guests</u></b>	
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Emily Nacco	GHTD
Chuck Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill

Toni Moran  
James Kulpa  
Joe Balskus  
Emily Bigil  
CT-N

Mansfield  
VHB  
VHB  
Sustainable CT  
Broadcast Purposes

### **CRCOG Staff**

Rob Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Katherine Connors, Ryan Faulkner, Maureen Goulet, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Jacob Knowlton, Roger Krahn, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Cara Radzins, Erik Snowden, 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-58/>*

**1. Roll Call – 0:00** –The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm by the Acting Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. Ms. Carson noted that the meeting is being broadcast via CT-N. Karen Stewartson conducted the roll call.

**2. Public Forum – 4:15** – No one chose to speak.

**3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 27, 2022 – 4:37** – A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2022, Transportation Committee Meeting. This motion was passed unanimously with five (5) abstentions made by Dylan Reilly from the Town of Farmington, Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, Adam Kessler from the Town of Simsbury, Todd Rolland from the Town of Somers, and David Smith from the Town of Vernon.

### **4. Staff Report**

- **Welcome New CRCOG Staff – 5:50** – Matt Hart introduced CRCOG’s new Community Development Planner, Jacob Knowlton, and welcomed Jacob to the CRCOG Team. Mr. Hart also thanked everyone for their condolences related to the untimely passing of Tim Malone. He stated that projects that Mr. Malone was working on are being reassigned to other CRCOG staff, and if anyone has any questions, please contact Rob Aloise.
- **60 Seconds for Safety: Road Safety Assessments for Local Roads – 8:37** – Roger Krahn shared that a Road Safety Assessments for Local Roads Workshop is being offered by UConn’s T2 Center on September 27, 2022. Registration is available at [www.cti.uconn.edu/ctiT2Workshopschedule.asp](http://www.cti.uconn.edu/ctiT2Workshopschedule.asp). Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford noted that he attended the July version of this workshop and found it to be very informative.
- **Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant Program – 9:17**
  - **Summary of Workshop held July 14, 2022** – Roger Krahn shared highlights from CRCOG’s SS4A workshop that was held on July 14, 2022. Mr. Krahn discussed the difference between Implementation Grants and the Action Plan Grants. Projects must be identified in an existing Safety Action Plan to be eligible for funding. Transportation Committee will be

acting on an update to CRCOG's Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) to make it a usable resource for Implementation Grant applications. CRCOG will be coordinating potential multijurisdictional Implementation Grant applications, but a municipality will need to be the lead applicant. CRCOG will be submitting for an Action Plan Grant to more fully update its RTSP to include updated crash data, project prioritization, and stakeholder input. Matt Hart noted that CRCOG has hired two (2) dedicated staff to assist with IIJA and Special Projects. These persons will join CRCOG in August and will be introduced to the Committee at the September meeting.

- **Intent to Apply Form** – Mr. Krahn shared the Intent to Apply Form, noting that any municipalities that are planning to submit an SS4A application need to submit this form to [rkrahn@crcog.org](mailto:rkrahn@crcog.org) by July 28, 2022.
  - **Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program – 17:37** – Jacob Knowlton shared highlights of the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Discretionary Grant Program, which includes a total of \$195 million in funding for Planning Grants and Capital Construction Grants. Eligible projects include the removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development. Applications are due October 13, 2022. Additional information about the RCP Grant Program is available at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities>. Rob Aloise noted that the new IIJA grant programs – including RCP, SS4A, and Electric Vehicles – are going to be available annually for the next several years, and that USDOT is focused on awarding funding to projects that have been identified in existing Plans.
  - **LOTICIP Quarterly Report – 22:33** – Sotiria Montanari provided highlights of the LOTICIP Quarterly Report for Quarter 4 of FY22. There were no projects that required scheduling updates from their municipalities. Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton noted her thanks to CRCOG staff for their continued good work in managing the LOTICIP Program and assisting the municipalities.
  - **2023 LOTICIP Project Solicitation: DRAFT Selection Policy – 27:24** – Sotiria Montanari shared that during the Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting there was a discussion on the details of the FY23 LOTICIP Solicitation DRAFT Selection Policy. She noted that comments and questions from the Sub-Committee will be incorporated into an updated DRAFT Selection Policy, which will be shared for approval at the September Transportation Committee meeting. Ms. Montanari discussed Bridge/Culvert Replacement projects, noting that such projects will be ranked based on their condition as determined from inspection reports performed in conformance with National Bridge Inspection (NBI) standards. There were no comments or questions from Committee members.
  - **Other – 30:17** – There were no additional staff reports.
- 5. TIP Amendments – 30:30** – There were no TIP amendments for action this month.
- 6. Regional Transportation Safety Plan Update – 30:45** – Roger Krahn shared that CRCOG staff has updated the 2020 Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) in order to make it compliant as a Safety Action Plan for the SS4A Grant Program. This would allow municipalities to apply for SS4A Implementation Grants for projects

identified in the RTSP. Acting as the Policy Board, a motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, to approve the updated Regional Transportation Safety Plan. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Dylan Reilly from the Town of Farmington and Jason Scott from the Town of Rocky Hill.

- 7. CRCOG Comment Letter on TRIP Guidelines – 36:14** – Rob Aloise reviewed the CRCOG Comment Letter on TRIP (Transportation Rural Improvement Program) Guidelines, which staff prepared based on Committee feedback at the June meeting. Members of the Committee requested that the following additional comments be added to the letter: the definition of rural is too restrictive, project eligibility overlaps too greatly with LOTCIP, and the requirement for pavement design within an application is too costly. A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Kevin Kelly from the Town of Hebron, to approve the letter with the additions noted above. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. Other Business – 46:13** – Patrice Carson mentioned that the next Transportation Committee Meeting is scheduled as a hybrid meeting on September 26, 2022. The in-person portion of the meeting will be held in CRCOG’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Room, and Zoom access will also be available.
- 9. Adjourn – 46:45** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:47pm via a motion by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton.