

Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2022
12:00 PM
Hybrid meeting held via Zoom and
CRCOG, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT

<p>DRAFT Until Endorsed by Committee</p>

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
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
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Rob Trottier	New Britain
Gary Fuerstenburg	Newington
John Bossi	Plainville
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
David Corcoran	Tolland
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Paul McNamara	GHTD
<u>Guests</u>	
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Mike Fisher	BL Companies
Sarah Cote	Bloomfield
Joshua Hull	Bolton
Erika Lindeberg	CTDOT

Karen Riemer	CTDOT
Kimado Simpson	CTDOT
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Chuck Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill
Mary Bujead	GHTD
Emily Nacco	GHTD
Ashley Stephens	Vernon
CT-N	Broadcast Purposes

CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise, Anthony Diaz (Intern), Ryan Faulkner, Maureen Goulet, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Jacob Knowlton, Roger Krahn, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Kyle Shiel, 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://crocog.org/event/transportation-committee-meeting-59/>

1. **Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by the acting Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. Karen Stewartson conducted the roll call.
2. **Public Forum – 6:25** – No one chose to speak.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from July 25, 2022 – 6:35** – A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the meeting minutes from July 25, 2022. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield and Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford.
4. **Staff Report**
 - **New CRCOG Staff – 7:30** – Rob Aloise introduced CRCOG’s three new staff members: Planning Intern Anthony Diaz, Principal Planner Kyle Shiel, and BIL Coordinator/Principal Program Manager Elizabeth Sanderson. Mr. Aloise welcomed them to the organization.
 - **60 Seconds for Safety: SS4A – 8:32** – Roger Krahn shared that CRCOG staff submitted a Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Action Grant Application to update the Regional Transportation Safety Plan. CRCOG staff also coordinated and assisted in the preparation of a multijurisdictional SS4A Implementation Grant Application. Mr. Krahn applauded the Town of Farmington for serving as the lead applicant for this five-town application.
 - **IIJA Update – 10:23** – Elizabeth Sanderson shared some IIJA highlights, including the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, Thriving Communities Initiative, Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program, and Railroad Crossing Elimination Program. More information can be found at <https://crocog.org/2022/09/ijja-bil/>, which will be updated by CRCOG staff as funding opportunities become available. She also mentioned that a SMART Grant webinar will be held on September 29, 2022. Webinar registration can be found at <http://www.transportation.gov/grants/smart/webinars>. Kyle Shiel stated he would be responsible for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program, a program aimed at neighborhoods previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Mr. Shiel stated that nine CROG

Towns fit USDOT's definition of disadvantaged communities. Interested Towns can contact him with project ideas or questions.

- **Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Responder Training Course – 12:47** – Terri Thompson shared details of the upcoming free one-day TIM Responder Training Courses. Ms. Thompson noted that interested individuals should contact Aidan Neely at Aidan.Neely@ct.gov with any questions.
 - **Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) – 13:30** – Chris Henchey shared that CRCOG staff is still awaiting the final TRIP guidelines from CTDOT. Mr. Henchey noted that he is hopeful that additional information will be able to be provided at the October Transportation Committee meeting.
 - **Municipal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Assessment – 14:57** – Jacob Knowlton shared that municipalities are being asked to complete an [ADA Compliance Assessment](#). The deadline to complete the survey is September 30, 2022.
 - **Other: Draft Connecticut State Rail Plan – 15:34** – Cara Radzins mentioned that the DRAFT Connecticut State Rail Plan is out for public comment. She mentioned that there will be a public hearing at 2:30pm on September 30, 2022, and the comment period runs through October 31, 2022. Ms. Radzins mentioned that the CRCOG staff is preparing a DRAFT Comment letter that will be presented to the Transportation Committee at the October meeting. More information is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Publictrans/Office-of-Rail/Connecticut-State-Rail-Plan> or <https://aecomviz.com/CTRailPlan/>.
 - **Other: LOTCIP Funding Cap Discussion – 16:32** – Sotoria Montanari shared that CRCOG met with CTDOT last week and they indicated bid packages are being submitted with substantial cost increases. Because of the fluctuations, CRCOG Staff is recommending the reconsideration of the LOTCIP Selection Policy approval on the agenda. Instead, Staff would like to revisit the category caps and discuss whether they need to be adjusted because of the increase in unit prices at a Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting. It was recommended that Staff schedule an additional special meeting to begin this discussion as soon as possible.
- 5. TIP Amendments – 27:43** – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Daniel Pennington from the Town of Glastonbury, to approve the TIP Amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Windsor/South Windsor – I-291, Rehab Bissell Bridge over CT River
 - District 1 – CT 9 & CT 72, Rehab/Replace 9 Bridges
 - Statewide – Asset Management Group Funding
 - Statewide – Bridge Management Group Funding
 - Statewide – Pavement Management Group Funding
 - Statewide – Computerized Traffic Signal Systems Operational Improvement Program
 - Glastonbury – CT 3, Rehab Bridge 00417 over CT River
 - Statewide – TA Program, Federally Eligible Engineering Activities
- 6. LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Requests – 31:44** – Ms. Sotoria Montanari reviewed one (1) funding increase. Derrick Gregor from the Town of Wethersfield offered additional information and answered questions from the Committee. A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by

David Smith from the Town of Vernon, to approve LOTCIP funding increases for the project. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Wethersfield Heritage Way Trail (Phase 1) (L159-0003): funding increase of \$312,000 from \$720,000 to \$1,032,000 (43.3%)

- 7. Resolution: Transit Priority Corridors Study – 37:57** – Cara Radzins gave a brief update on the Transit Priority Corridors Study. She requested that the Study's recommendations be endorsed and sent to the Policy Board for adoption. Ms. Radzins noted that Hartford and East Hartford had each endorsed the recommendations. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, to endorse the Transit Priority Corridors Study. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. 2023 LOTCIP Project Solicitation: Selection Policy – 39:59** – After several discussions amongst the Committee members, it was recommended that item #8 be tabled, and CRCOG Staff will present recommendations at a Special Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting to be scheduled before the regularly scheduled October meetings. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, to table action on this agenda item. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 9. FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment – 50:00** – Cara Radzins shared that the FY2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program has been amended to reflect increased IIJA funding, incorporate GHTD's Areas of Persistent Poverty grant project, CRCOG's RAISE grant project, and a new corridor study for Route 44 in Canton. A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to recommend approval of the Unified Planning Work Program to the Policy Board. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 10. Presentation: American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Assessment – Kimado Simpson, CTDOT – 52:06**
Kimado Simpson gave a brief presentation on CTDOT's Municipal American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Assessment. Mr. Simpson shared highlights on resources available through CTDOT and how to achieve ADA Compliancy. If anyone has any questions, please contact Katherine Hedberg at Katherine.Hedberg@ct.gov or Kimado Simpson at Kimado.simpson@ct.gov.
- 11. Other Business – 1:10:52** – There was no other business discussed
- 12. Adjourn – 1:11:05** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm via motion by Patrice Carson.