

**Capitol Region Council of Governments**  
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**Policy Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**  
**12:00 pm**

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

**Meeting access was remote only, consistent with provisions specified in  
CT Governor Executive Order No. 7B. This meeting was recorded.**

**Audio may be found here: <https://crcog.org/event/policy-board-35>**

**Members and Alternates**

Dan Polhamus  
Brandon Robertson  
Chris Edge  
Jim Rupert  
Pamela Sawyer  
Bob Bessel  
John Elsesser  
Lisa Thomas  
Connor Martin  
Jason Bowsza  
Lori L. Spielman  
Randal Davis  
Raul De Jesus Jr.  
Andrew Tierney  
Steve Stephanou  
Toni Moran  
Erin Stewart  
Brock Weber  
David Nagel  
John Mehr  
Maria Capriola  
Wendy Mackstutis  
Mark Sciota  
Sal Titus  
Colin Moll  
Lisa Hancock  
Steve Jones  
Representative Tammy Nuccio  
Shari Cantor  
Matt Hart  
Michael Rell  
Erika Wicewski  
Peter Souza

**Town/Organization**

Avon  
Avon  
Berlin  
Bolton  
Bolton  
Canton  
Coventry  
Coventry  
East Hartford  
East Windsor  
Ellington  
Hartford  
Hartford  
Hebron  
Manchester  
Mansfield  
New Britain  
New Britain  
Newington  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Simsbury  
Southington  
Stafford Springs  
Suffield  
Tolland  
Tolland  
Tolland  
West Hartford  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Willington  
Windsor

**Staff**

Rob Aloise  
Cheryl Assis  
Tracey Malenfant  
Tim Malone

CRCOG  
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Aaliyah Miller	CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari	CRCOG
Robyn Nichols	CRCOG
Laura Quintiliani	CRCOG
Terri Thompson	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG

**Guests**

Francesco Ricigliano	AdvanceCT
Michael Ahern	Town of Berlin
Alex Johnson	Capital Workforce Partners
Beverly Ciurylo	Town of Columbia
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Commissioner Mark Boughton	DRS
Jonathan Ferrigno	Eversource
Mark Massaro	Eversource
Vicki Shotland	GHTD
Matthew Pafford	OPM
Max Turgeon	City of New Britain
Kathie Lutz	Rome Smith Lutz
Michael Fisher	N/A

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call:**

First Vice Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**2. Public Comment:**

No public comment was offered.

**3. Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2021:**

First Vice Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting.

**Bob Bessel made a motion to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2021 Policy Board meeting. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

**4. Correspondence/Handouts**

**a. Spring 2022 UConn PSELG Workshops**

The Spring 2022 PSELG Workshops hosted by UConn are offered to CRCOG member towns. Member towns and/or employees are highly encouraged to attend these workshops as they have proven to be beneficial for municipalities in the past.

**b. FFY2021 Obligated Projects List**

This three-page table lists all the projects that received federal funding in 2021. A total of \$255 million in federal funds was dispersed for both regional and multi-district projects in 2021.

**c. CTDOT Capital Plan – CRCOG Comment Letter**

This letter outlines the next five years of capital plan projects to be included on our TIP for each fiscal year between FFY22-26. This capital plan does not include additional monies

from the federal government, but the letter asks that they coordinate with CRCOG to identify projects for those additional funds. The letter also notes which projects should be acted on first, including the Hartford Rail Line.

## **5. MONTHLY REPORTS:**

- a. **Chair and Executive Director**  
In addition to the report provided, CRCOG was once again awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from GFOA.
- b. **Municipal Services and Purchasing Council**
- c. **Community Development**
- d. **Public Safety and Homeland Security**
- e. **Transportation Committee**
- f. **MetroHartford Alliance (Tentative)**  
No report was offered.
- g. **Capital Workforce Partners (Tentative)**  
No report was offered.

## **6. PRESENTATION/UPDATES**

### **a. IJJA – Department of Revenue Services Commissioner Mark Boughton**

Commissioner Boughton gave a detailed presentation regarding the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IJJA). He discussed the details of the Act and what it means for CRCOG and our region. For questions, concerns, and more information, Commissioner Boughton can be reached at the Department of Revenue Services at 860-297-5962.

[His presentation can be viewed in its entirety here.](#)

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

### **7. Appointment of Personnel/Finance Committee Members**

Due to recent retirements and the latest municipal elections, the Policy Board and its committees have seen significant turnover, resulting in the need of new members for the Personnel and Finance Committee. Mayor Toni Moran volunteered to Chair committee. Lori Spielman and Jon Colman will continue serving on the committee. Mayor Shari Cantor, John Elsesser, and Raul De Jesus volunteered to serve on the Personnel and Finance Committee as well.

**Lori Spielman made a motion to approve the Appointment of Personnel/Finance Committee Members. Peter Souza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

### **8. Approval of Legislative Agenda**

**Jason Bowsza made a motion to Approval of the CRCOG 2022 Legislative Agenda. Bob Bessel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **9. Resolution for CEDS Contract**

**Peter Souza made a motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with a firm for the development of a COVID recovery focused update to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). Bob Bessel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **10. Resolution for Recovery Coordinator Contract**

**Jason Bowsza made a motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with a firm to provide recovery coordinator services. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **11. Resolution for Tech Assistant Contract**

**Jason Bowsza made a motion to authorize the execution of an agreement with a firm to provide technical assistance to small businesses related to digital and online operations. Lisa Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **12. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with NACCHO**

**Dave Nagel made a motion to authorize an agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

### **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

#### **13. Action: TIP Amendments – (See Attached)**

**Bob Bessel made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Chris Edge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

#### **14. Authorizing Resolution: LOTCIP Program Administration**

**Steve Jones made a motion to authorize the execution of agreements for administration of the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTCIP). Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

### **INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCES**

#### **15. Legislative Update**

Kathie Lutz provided a brief Legislative Update.

#### **16. Other Business**

No other business.

#### **17. Adjournment**

With no further discussion items, Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart made a motion to adjourn.

**Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Policy Board Meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.**