

Capitol Region Council of Governments
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Policy Board Meeting
Wednesday September 28, 2022
12:00 pm

This meeting was hybrid

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Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson
Brandon Robertson
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Lisa Thomas
Jason Bowsza
Lori L. Spielman
Ellen Zappo
C.J. Thomas
Luke Bronin
Raul De Jesus Jr.
Randal Davis
Steven Stephanou
Toni Moran
Erin Stewart
Brock Weber
David Nagel
Michael Paulhus
Ray Carpentino
Maria Capriola
Wendy Mackstutis
Mark Sciota
Steve Jones
Michael Purcaro
Shari Cantor
Rick Ledwith
Fred Presley
Erika Wiecenski
Peter Souza
Vicki Shotland

Town/Organization

Andover
Avon
Berlin
Bloomfield
Columbia
Coventry
Coventry
East Windsor
Ellington
Enfield
Farmington
Hartford
Hartford
Hartford
Manchester
Mansfield
New Britain
New Britain
Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Simsbury
Southington
Tolland
Vernon
West Hartford
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Willington
Windsor
GHTD (MPO Member)

Staff

Rob Aloise
Cheryl Assis

CRCOG
CRCOG

Kim Bona	CRCOG
Maureen Goulet	CRCOG
Matt Hart	CRCOG
Jacob Knowlton	CRCOG
Roger Krahn	CRCOG
Aaliyah Miller	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Elizabeth Sanderson	CRCOG
Kyle Shiel	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG

Guests

Courtney Hendricson	Advance CT
Kevin Tedesco	CTDOT
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Kathie Lutz	Rome Smith Lutz
Rebecca Augur	OPM
Pete Smith	Rome Smith Lutz
Kasia Purciello	Manchester
Amy Traversa	Marlborough
Mark Massaro	Eversource
Jonathan Ferrigno	Eversource
CT Inspector General Robert J. Devlin, Jr.	Division of Criminal Justice
Andrew Smith	Division of Criminal Justice
Steven Hunt	Division of Criminal Justice
Frank Capozzi	Division of Criminal Justice
RA Centron	Division of Criminal Justice

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chair Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2022

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 25, 2022, Policy Board Meeting. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION/UPDATES

- a. **CT. Inspector General Robert J. Devlin Jr.-Use of Deadly Force, Police Shootings and in Custody Police Deaths-** Inspector General Robert J. Devlin Jr. introduced himself and the members of his team and provided an overview of his office’s responsibilities. He noted he was a Judge for 28 years and twenty-six of those years he worked for the Superior Court. Inspector Devlin mentioned he has been an Inspector General for one year and his position was created under the

Police Accountability Act which was passed by the General Assembly of 2020 and was amended in 2021. Inspector Devlin gave a brief overview of the investigatory process used by his office and encouraged Chief Elected Officials and Chief Administrators to contact his office for guidance or for media inquiries. Inspector Devlin's presentation can be heard in its entirety at **1:41** on the recording.

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

a. Chair and [Executive Director](#)

Mr. Hart provided an overview of his report. He did not receive any questions.

b. BIL/IIJA Update

c. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council – Mr. Souza emphasized that the gas bid is NO PIGGYBACKING bid and that the towns need to submit quantities to Kim Bona no later than October 16

d. Planning-Community Development – Mr. Aloise provided an overview of his report; he did not receive any questions.

e. Planning- Transportation - Mr. Colman reviewed the highlights from the recent Transportation Committee; he did not receive any questions.

f. Public Safety Homeland Security – Ms. Assis provided an overview of her report; she did not receive any questions.

6. Legislative Update

Kathie Lutz provided a brief Legislative update. Ms. Lutz mentioned that they were only 6 weeks left until election day and they were few Committee meetings being held. Ms. Lutz also mentioned that they are going to be a lot of changes post-election and nothing much was happening in Hartford. Ms. Lutz's update can be heard in its entirety on the recording at **31:08**.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Resolution to Approve Contract Execution Between CRCOG and ClearGov for Budget Software- Ms. Kim Bona provided a brief summary on the resolution to Approve Contract Execution Between CRCOG and Clear GOV for Budget Software. Ms. Bona mentioned that at the end of May an RFP was issued. Five proposals were received and two were eliminated upon review whilst three were interviewed by CRCOG staff and Municipal Finance Directors. Ms. Bona stated that out of the three the panel unanimously selected ClearGov as the preferred vendor.

Jon Colman made a motion to accept the Resolution. Bob Bessel seconded, the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Resolution Authorizing Contract Agreement Between the Capitol Region Council of Governments and CIRCA- Ms. Maureen Goulet gave a brief summary of Resolution Authorizing Contract Agreement Between the Capitol Region Council of Governments and CIRCA. Ms. Goulet mentioned that CIRCA is partnering with CRCOG for a regional vulnerability assessment and climate adaptation planning process and is

providing \$40, 000.00 in funding to work with CROCOG Towns to support the municipal and CROCOG regional natural hazard mitigation plan update for 2024-2029. Lisa Thomas made a motion to accept the Resolution. Jon Colman seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

9. Resolution Authorizing CROCOG Executive Director to submit a Spending Plan and to Enter into Memorandum Agreements for the DEMHS Region 3 FY2022 Federal Homeland Security Grant Funding- Ms. Cheryl Assis gave a brief summary of Resolution Authorizing CROCOG Executive Director to submit a Spending Plan and to Enter Memorandum Agreements for the DEMHS Region 3 FY2022 Federal Homeland Security Grant Funding. Ms. Assis mentioned that that this resolution is in regard to the FY2022 Federal Homeland Security Grant Funding to enter into MOA with each town. Ms. Assis stated that the funded is for \$400,000.00 and will serve to support regional public safety teams and to sustain/maintain regional homeland security equipment within communities. She also mentioned that set aside funding will be available to the Hartford Bomb Squad, Capitol Region HAZMAT Team, MMRS, and for the protection of soft targets. Lori Spielman made a motion to accept the Resolution. Bob Bessel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation- Ms. Cheryl Assis gave a brief summary on Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Yale New Haven Health Services Organization. Ms. Assis mentioned that this resolution is for the Capitol Region Medical Reserve Corps Unit. This funding will be used to train members on Basic Life Support, MAST Go Kit and Stop the Bleed Courses and more advanced classes. Ms. Assis stated that the funding is for \$22, 212.63 which will be provided through an Agreement with Yale New Haven Health Services Corporation. Jon Colman made a motion to accept the Resolution. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

11. TIP Amendments (See Attached)

Mr. Jon Colman presented the TIP Amendments to the Policy Board. Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Eric Anderson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

12. Resolution for Endorsement of the Transit Priority Corridors Study-Mr. Jon Colman gave a brief summary on Resolution for Endorsement of the Transit Priority Corridors Study. He noted that the study began in December of 2020 and was aimed at developing transit priority measures to improve the speed, reality, and overall quality of transit services in major Metro Hartford corridors. Mr. Colman noted that recommendations within these documents have been endorsed by City of Hartford and the Town of East Hartford and the Transportation Committee. Jon Colman made a motion to accept the resolution. Eric Anderson seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

13. FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment-Mr. Jon Colman gave a brief summary of the FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment. Mr. Colman mentioned that Unified Planning Work Program (UPWPO for 22-23 was adopted by the Policy Board on May 26, 2021. The UPWP is the transportation planning work plan for the Region. It summarizes the numerous programs, projects, and products that CRCOG expects to conduct and accomplish over a two-year period. It also documents the Region's proposed expenditure of federal, state, and local transportation planning funds. **Jon Colman made a motion to accept the FY 2022-23 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment. Bob Bessel seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.**

14. Correspondence/Handouts

- **CRCOG Letter of Support for CEN Middle Mile Grant Application**-Mr. Hart gave a brief summary on CRCOG Letter of Support. His summary of the Letter of Support can be found at **39:48** on the recording.

1. [CRCOG Letter of Support for CEN Mile Grant Application](#)

INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCE ITEMS

15. Other Business- There was no other business discussed

16. Adjournment- With no further discussion items, Chair Erin Stewart requested a motion to adjourn.

Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously. The Policy Board meeting was adjourned at 12:39 PM.