

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, October 24, 2022**  
**12:00 PM**  
***Virtual Meeting***

**DRAFT**  
**Until Endorsed**  
**by Committee**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Ken Radziwon	Ellington
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
Derek Dilaj	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Rob Trottier	New Britain
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

<b><u>Guests</u></b>	
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Mike Fisher	BL Companies
Joseph Cermola	Cardinal Engineering
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Dylan Reilly	Farmington
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Chuck Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill
Mary Bujeaud	GHTD
Erika Lindeberg	Jacobs' Engineering
Don Costello	Prime AE Group

Joshua Hull (Intern)  
Jay Stange  
James Brennan

Tolland  
Transport Hartford  
West Hartford

### **CRCOG Staff**

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Anthony Diaz (Intern), Maureen Goulet, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Roger Krahn, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Elizabeth Sanderson, Kyle Shiel, Erik Snowden, Karen Stewartson

*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-60/>*

- 1. Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm by the acting Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. Karen Stewartson conducted the roll call.
- 2. Public Forum – 8:43** – Jay Stange from Transport Hartford shared with the Committee that on November 21, 2022, Hartford Transport will be holding their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Multimodal Transit Summit. Mr. Stange mentioned there will be a discussion on Mobility Issues in the Region.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from September 26, 2022 – 10:02** – A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Steve Sopolak from the Town of Rocky Hill to accept the minutes from the meeting on September 26, 2022. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 4. Staff Report**
  - **60 Seconds for Safety – 10:55** – Roger Krahn highlighted the increase in crash fatalities in Connecticut. Mr. Krahn noted that as of October 4, 2022, driver, passenger, pedestrian, bicycle, and motorcycle fatalities are all increasing over the previous year's rates.
  - **IIJA Update – 13:01** – Elizabeth Sanderson shared the latest IIJA funding opportunities and other programs that CRCOG will track. She encouraged everyone to review the website. Kyle Shiel shared further details on the Thriving Communities Program. Mr. Shiel mentioned that CRCOG is available to assist with applications as needed. Robert Aloise stated that towns should start planning any local matches in their budgeting for next year.
  - **CRCOG Regional Micromobility Feasibility Study: DRAFT Final Report – 20:23** – Michael Cipriano shared with the Committee that the DRAFT Micromobility Feasibility Study was reviewed and accepted by the Steering Committee. He mentioned that approval will be needed at the November Transportation Committee meeting and that the Consultant will be making a presentation at the CRCOG Policy Board meeting on October 26, 2022.
  - **Comment Letter on DRAFT State Rail Plan – 21:17** – Robert Aloise reviewed CRCOG's Comment Letter for CTDOT's DRAFT State Rail Plan. Two further comments were raised by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin and Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton in regard to coordinating transfers for trains to New York City and returning special event trains. Mr. Aloise said he will include their comments in the letter that is sent to CTDOT.

- **Comment Letter on DRAFT Statewide Freight Plan Update – 26:27** – Rob Aloise reviewed CRCOG’s Comment Letter on CTDOT’s DRAFT Statewide Freight Plan. No comments from Committee members were provided.
  - **LOTICIP Quarterly Report – 28:33** – Sotoria Montanari provided highlights of the LOTICIP Quarterly Report for Quarter 1 FY2023. Representatives from Stafford and Plainville provided scheduling updates on their projects.
  - **Executive Director Update – 33:10** – Matt Hart thanked CRCOG Staff for their reports. Mr. Hart congratulated Jay Stange on his appointment at Hartford Transport. Mr. Hart provided updates on the ad hoc Legislative Committee preparing a draft Legislative Policy Board Agenda, encouraged the Committee members to build their local match in their Capital Plans, and referred to a future special meeting dedicated to regional approaches to Stormwater Management. Mr. Hart referred to the article on the front page the Sunday Hartford Courant about CRCOG’s RAISE Grant award. Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin thanked Mr. Hart and the CRCOG staff for arranging the Riverfront Recapture tour site. Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough asked if there were any updates on the LOTICIP Legislative Agenda. Mr. Hart said that issue was addressed through the CTDOT Lean Process and he will give a further update at the next meeting.
  - **Other: 38:27 – Reconnecting Communities Discretionary Grant Program – CRCOG Support Letter for Greater Hartford Mobility Study** – Robert Aloise shared the comment letter that CRCOG provided for CTDOT’s application to facilitate several Greater Hartford Mobility Study initiatives under the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Discretionary Grant Program.
- 5. TIP Amendments – 40:45** – Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon, to accept the TIP Amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.
- District 2- Replace Highway Illumination at Various Locations
  - District 1- Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations
  - District 2- Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations
  - District 4-/I-84- Bridge Deck Preservation of Various Bridges
- 6. Transportation Rural Improvement (TRIP) Guidelines and Solicitation: – 43:18** – Chris Henchey gave an update on the TRIP guidelines and upcoming project solicitation. Mr. Henchey discussed the release of an RFP, project submission deadlines, and future approval of projects by the Transportation Committee and Policy Board. Staff recommends that the Transportation Committee endorse CRCOG’s evaluation criteria and selection process as presented. After several discussions and comments, a motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Kevin Kelly from the Town of Hebron, to accept the TRIP Guidelines and Solicitation as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 7. Proposed LOTICIP Inflation-Based Funding Adjustments/Funding Hard Caps – 52:20** – Sotoria Montanari presented new funding adjustments and hard caps related to unit cost increases for LOTICIP projects. The

Transportation Committee requested that staff review funding adjustment strategies for approved projects, and DRAFT recommendations were discussed at a Special Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting on October 11, 2022. The Sub-Committee's recommendations for approval are as follows:

- **Projects in Application Phase** – A 25% increase in cost estimates for all Committee-approved LOTCIP projects currently in application phase.
- **Projects in the Design Phase** – Revise the percentage to 30% for CRCOG Committee approval and maintaining 20% increases for CTDOT approval. CRCOG staff will provide quarterly updates.
- **Projects in Bidding Phase** – Revise the percentages from “between 20% and 25%” to “between 20% and 40%”.
- **Projects with Approved Hard Caps** – Increase current Hard-Caps to a consistent \$5.5M, while striving to maintain this hard-cap for future projects seeking funding approvals beyond this level.

A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, to approve the above revisions for an 18-month duration. This motion was passed unanimously.

**8. 2023 LOTCIP Project Solicitation: Selection Policy – 56:47** – Sotoria Montanari reviewed the 2023 LOTCIP Project Solicitation Selection Policy. Ms. Montanari noted that this had been tabled from the September meeting. Updated funding category amounts were reviewed at a Special Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting on October 11, 2022. Ms. Montanari noted that the Sub-Committee recommends approval of an across the board increase of twenty-five percent (25%) for project/municipal funding limits and project type funding allocations. A motion was made by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve the 2023 LOTCIP Project Solicitation Selection Policy with the new increase. This motion was passed unanimously.

**9. LOTCIP Funding Increase/ Scope Modification – 59:42**

- West Hartford Trout Brook 6 Multi-use trail (L155-0001) and Berlin Various Roadways Pavement Structure Improvements (L007-0002) – Due to the approval of item #7, there is no need for Committee action.
- Sotoria Montanari reviewed one (1) LOTCIP funding increase. A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, to approve the LOTCIP funding for this project. This motion was passed unanimously.
  - Stafford Furnace Avenue Reconstruction Project (L134-0001) funding increase of \$1,715,000 from \$3,051,000 to \$4,766,000 (56.2%)

**10. Other Business – 1:04:39** – Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton asked when the next Transportation Committee meeting would be. Chris Henchey from CRCOG mentioned it would be November 14, 2022 and would be held virtually. Jon Colman thanked Patrice Carson for chairing the meeting due to technical issues.

**11. Adjourn – 1:05:33** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 pm via motion by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton.