

Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday, May 23, 2022
12:00 PM
Meeting held remotely via Zoom

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Dylan Reilly	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Rob Trottier	New Britain
Gary Fuerstenberg	Newington
John Bossi	Plainville
Tom Roy	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Karen Isherwood	Suffield
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Bob Jarvis	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD
<u>Guests</u>	
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
Ken Radziwon	BL Companies
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Chuck Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill
Emily Nacco	GHTD
Brianne VanderWoude	Gordian Group
Heather Welsh	Gordian Group
Kevin Zomek	Gordian Group

Chris Granatini
Joseph Balskus

Tighe & Bond
VHB

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Kim Bona, Katherine Connors (Intern), Ryan Faulkner, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Roger Krahn, Devon Lechtenberg, Tim Malone, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Cara Radzins, 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-56/>

1. Roll Call – 0:00 –The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. Karen Stewartson conducted the roll call.

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

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from April 25, 2022 – 4:26 – A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to approve the minutes from the Transportation Committee Meeting on April 25, 2022. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Todd Rolland from the Town of Somers and Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford.

4. Staff Report

- **Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant Program – 5:20** – Mr. Roger Krahn shared some highlights of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. This program includes \$5 billion over five years to spend on initiatives to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was posted on May 16, 2022 and can be found at <https://www.transportation.gov/SS4A>. Related webinar recordings and presentation slides are also available on the website. There was a discussion regarding CRCOG’s potential role in coordinating applications as well as whether CRCOG’s Regional Transportation Safety Plan qualifies as an Action Plan. Mr. Rob Aloise noted that staff hopes to have more details next month, and further discussion may be needed at a Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting.
- **Connecticut Ozone/PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination – 21:51** – Ms. Cara Radzins shared that CTDOT has prepared an Air Quality Conformity Determination for the 2019-2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plans and the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Programs. Ms. Radzins noted that Hartford County remains in non-attainment for Ozone and in attainment for PM2.5. The document is available for public review, and CRCOG will be holding a virtual public meeting on June 6, 2022 from 12-1pm. Comments are due by June 20, 2022, and staff will seek action related to this document at the June meeting.
- **Commuter Parking Lots Utilization – 23:25** – Ms. Cara Radzins shared that the commuter parking lot counts conducted in April showed double the number of cars as the average during 2020-2021. While this is encouraging, the April numbers were still approximately half of the pre-COVID utilization. Ms. Radzins noted that it will be interesting to see what the counts show in October.

- **Transit Priority Corridors Draft Implementation Strategy – 24:560** – Ms. Cara Radzins shared that a draft Transit Priority Corridors Implementation Strategy is available for review, and the public comment period will run through June 13, 2022. CRCOG staff is coordinating with Hartford and East Hartford to secure municipal endorsement of the study’s recommendations and will seek endorsement by the Transportation Committee (acting as the Policy Board) in July. Documents are available at <https://www.metrohartfordrapidroutes.com/>, and comments can be sent to info@metrohartfordrapidroutes.com.
- **Transportation Committee Virtual/Hybrid Meeting Approach – 25:47** – Ms. Cara Radzins reported that based on the discussion at the April meeting, CRCOG staff recommends that Transportation Committee continue to meet virtually but with a hybrid option quarterly. The first hybrid meeting will be held on September 26, 2022. Adjustments to this approach can be made as needed if members of the Transportation Committee agree on the need for changes. No committee members objected to this recommendation.
- **LOTICIP Financial Review and Next Solicitation – 27:29** – Mr. Rob Aloise and Ms. Sotoria Montanari shared information about CRCOG’s LOTICIP financials, noting a large gap between the amount of funds committed and the amount of funds awarded. There were several discussions about the reasons for the time lag, and there was consensus about CRCOG taking a more aggressive approach to soliciting projects. Mr. Aloise noted that staff will develop a suggested plan for the next solicitation for discussion at next month’s meeting.
- **Rural Funding Follow-Up – 41:05** – Mr. Rob Aloise shared that CTDOT will be initiating a Rural LOTICIP Program. Draft guidelines will be discussed at a meeting between CTDOT and the COGs in June. More information will be shared at the next Transportation Committee meeting.
- **CTDOT/COG LEAN Process – 42.49** – Mr. Rob Aloise shared that CTDOT and the COGs will participate in a LEAN Process in early June. Mr. Aloise stated that the purpose of a LEAN Process is to analyze processes in order to make them more efficient. Mr. Aloise mentioned that he and Matt Hart will be attending on behalf of CRCOG, and topics include the Capital Plan, LOTICIP, additional delegation of programs to COGs, funding, and how COGs interact with CTDOT.
- **Other: Updated LOTICIP On-Call Lists 1&2 – 45:30** – Ms. Sotoria Montanari shared that new firms have been selected for LOTICIP On-Call Lists 1 and 2. The complete list and contact information will be posted on the CRCOG website by June 1, 2022 when the new lists go into effect. Ms. Montanari thanked the Committee members who were part of the selection process.
- **Other: Reconnecting Communities Grant Program – 46.27** – Mr. Tim Malone shared information about the new Reconnecting Communities Grant Program. This program includes \$1 billion over five years to spend on removing, retrofitting, mitigating, and replacing eligible transportation facilities that create a barrier to mobility. The NOFO is expected to be released this summer. More information is available at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities>.
- **Other: Executive Director Update – 49.30** – Mr. Matt Hart shared that CRCOG will be hiring additional staff to coordinate new efforts related to IIJA. He also noted that Steven Nocera will be doing a presentation on IIJA at the Policy Board meeting on May 25, 2022. Mr. Hart stated he will be participating on a panel with Commissioner Boughton on June 3, 2022.

- 5. TIP Amendments – 51:20** – Mr. Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. Mr. Dan Pennington added some information about the project in Glastonbury. A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Dan Pennington from the Town of Glastonbury, to approve the TIP Amendments. This motion was passed unanimously
- Hartford – GHTD – Roberts St. Facility (SGR) FY 22
 - Glastonbury – CT 17 – Remove Bridges and Revise CT 17 SB @ New London Turnpike
 - Windsor Locks – I-91 – Rehab Bridge over CT River, AMTRAK & CT 159
 - Stafford – Modern Roundabout at Routes 32 & 190
 - East Windsor – Replace Bridge over Scantic River
 - District 1 – UHC Beam End Repairs on Various Bridges
 - Hartford / Hamden – GHTD/GHNHTD - Electric Vehicle Pilot Project FY 22
 - Statewide – Minor Bridge Rehab – NHS NBI Bridges w/ Pin and Hanger Assemblies
- 6. Annual Urban Planning Certification Resolution – 56:18** – Ms. Cara Radzins presented the annual resolution for CRCOG to self-certify that its transportation planning program is compliant with the applicable federal codes. A motion was made by Dan Pennington from the Town of Glastonbury, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury, to approve the Annual Urban Planning Certification. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 7. Resolution Authorizing Transportation Committee to Act as Policy Board – 57:51** – Mr. Jon Colman presented the annual resolution to allow the CRCOG Transportation Committee to act on behalf of the CRCOG Policy Board during the summer when Policy Board does not meet but Transportation Committee does. A motion was made by Dan Pennington from the Town of Glastonbury, seconded by Eric Anderson from the town of Andover, to approve the resolution. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. Presentation: ezIQC Program – 59:06** – Ms. Kim Bona gave a brief overview of the ezIQC Program, which is a competitively-bid, on-call service for construction projects. Representatives from the Gordian Group shared additional details about the program, its benefits, and sample projects. More information about the program is available at <https://crocog.org/eziqc-program/>.
- 9. Other Business – 1:14:47** – Mr. Jon Colman wished the Committee a safe, healthy, and enjoyable Memorial Day holiday.
- 10. Adjourn – 1:15:06** – The meeting was adjourned 1:17 pm via a motion by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon.