

**Transportation Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, June 27, 2022**  
**11:00 AM**  
*Meeting held remotely via Zoom*

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Until Endorsed  
by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Larry Baril	Avon
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Russell Arnold	Farmington
Kirk Severance	Granby
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Jason Outlaw	New Britain
Gary Fuerstenberg	Newington
Tom Roy	Simsbury
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Karen Isherwood	Suffield
James Brennan	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Bob Jarvis	Windsor

Guests

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Broadcast Purposes

CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise, Ryan Faulkner, Chris Henchey, Roger Krahn, Sotoria Montanari,  
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 at: <https://crcog.org/event/cost-review-sub-committee-meeting-13/>*

- 1. Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. Karen Stewartson conducted the roll call.
- 2. Public Forum – 3:15** – No one chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Minutes: Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting on April 25, 2022 – 3:25** – Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton made a motion, seconded by

Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, to approve the minutes from the Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting on April 25, 2022. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford and Kevin Kelly from the Town of Hebron.

- 4. Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP): Recap of 6/21 CTDOT Meeting – 4:14** – Rob Aloise gave shared information about the Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP), which was discussed at a meeting with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) on June 21. This new funding program will solicit applications from municipalities through their respective Council of Government (COG), with applications due in Fall 2022. Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) per year is allocated for this program in each of the state fiscal years 2023, 2024, and 2025, for a total of \$15 million. CTDOT has requested COG comments on the draft program guidelines. Based on the draft guidelines, CRCOG will be allowed to submit four (4) applications which will be selected from eight (8) eligible rural towns. Several Committee members commented, and after some discussion it was suggested that CRCOG include the following comments in the response to CTDOT: relax roadway eligibility requirements and allocate significantly more funding towards the program. Mr. Aloise said that additional comments could be submitted to him by July 8. Staff will draft a comment letter to CTDOT, which will be shared for discussion at the July Transportation Committee meeting.
- 5. 2023 LOTCIP Project Solicitation: DRAFT Schedule and Funding Allocations – 21:17** – Sotoria Montanari shared that staff proposes a FY2023 LOTCIP solicitation of \$25 million. This solicitation, along with an envisioned \$43 million solicitation in FY2024, would maintain programming of at least an additional year of funding beyond what is budgeted. Two schedules were presented to the Committee: a standard schedule and a compressed schedule. After a discussion, the Committee agreed on a preference for the standard schedule. Two funding category allocations for the solicitation were presented to the Committee. There was a discussion regarding the bridge funding allocation, and it was suggested that \$8 million be allocated to bridge projects and the total solicitation be increased to \$27 million. The Committee agreed to these adjustments. These changes will be reflected in the DRAFT Selection Policy at the July Transportation Committee meeting.
- 6. Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant Program/Capitol Region Safety Action Plan – 46:11** – Roger Krahn shared some highlights of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program. The purpose of SS4A is to improve roadway safety in order to reduce and/or eliminate fatalities and serious injuries through Safety Action Plan development and implementation. These plans are focused on all users including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation users, motorists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, and commercial operators. Town Governments and MPOs are eligible to apply. The application deadline is September 15, 2022 thorough [www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov). The deadline for technical questions is August 15, 2022. CRCOG is planning to establish a Regional Safety Action Plan, which can be used as for municipal applications. Staff will seek approval of the updated Plan at the July Transportation Committee meeting. CRCOG will also plan a workshop to discuss opportunities for multijurisdictional project applications, which are expected to be

more competitive under this program. Those interested in attending such a workshop should reach out to Mr. Krahn as soon as possible.

**7. LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Requests – 1:02:22** – A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Todd Penney from the Town of Coventry, to approve the funding increase request. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Simsbury/Bloomfield Route 189 Corridor Multi-Use Trail Project (L128-0001): Funding increase of \$752,000 from \$1,517,400 to \$2,269,400 (49.5%)

**8. Other Business – 1:03:19** – There was no other business discussed.

- The next Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2022 at 11:30 AM.

**9. Adjourn – 1:03:33** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury.