

CRCOG Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday, March 21, 2022
12:00 PM
Meeting held remotely via Zoom

Name

Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Patrice Carson
Todd Penney
Doug Wilson
Tim Webb
Donald Nunes
Daniel Pennington
Frank Dellaripa
Jeff LaMalva
John Carrington
Rob Trottier
Gary Fuerstenberg
John Bossi
Steve Sopelak
Tom Roy
Todd Rolland
Jeffrey Doolittle
Annette Turnquist
Devin Cowperthwaite
Karen Isherwood
David Corcoran
David Smith
Greg Sommer
Derrick Gregor
Adam Kessler
Paul McNamara

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Southington
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Vernon
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor
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**DRAFT until
Endorsed by
the Committee**

Guests

Annette Diaz
Allyson Nadeau
Bob Orenstein
Brandon Robertson
Michael Fisher
Ken Radziwon
Stanley Hawthorne
Grayson Wright
Michael Whilby
Jennifer Carrier
Chuck Harlow
Mary Deppe
Joseph Balskus

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CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Ryan Faulkner, Norell Ferguson (Intern), Matt Hart, Roger Krahn, Tim Malone, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Cara Radzins, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson, Dr. Lyle Wray (Emeritus)

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/transportation-committee-meeting-63/>

1. **Roll Call – 0:00** –The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. Ms. Karen Stewartson conducted the roll call.
2. **Public Forum – 4:09** – No one chose to speak
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2022 – 4:20** – A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury, to accept the minutes from the February 14, 2022 meeting. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions by Tim Webb from the Town of Ellington and Todd Rolland from the Town of Somers.
4. **Staff Report**
 - **60 Seconds for Safety: Training Opportunities – 5:17** – Mr. Roger Krahn shared that traffic deaths have been increasing. Mr. Krahn noted that upcoming training sessions via UConn’s T2 Center are focused on traffic safety. These sessions will on Speed Management will be held in April, May, and September. Please visit www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/T2WorkshopSchedule.asp to register.
 - **State Legislative Session: Transportation-Related Items – 7:55** – Mr. Roger Krahn noted that the meeting materials included a list of and links to transportation-related bills being considered by the Connecticut General Assembly.
 - **LOTICIP Solicitation Project Proposals – 8:35** – Ms. Sotoria Montanari shared the list of projects that staff is reviewing under the 2022 solicitation. Ms. Montanari stated that staff rankings will be presented to the Cost Review Sub-Committee in April, and she noted that staff will be following up with Towns if more information is needed.
 - **The Trail Fund – 10:13** – Mr. Tim Malone shared information about The Trail Fund, which will offer small grants for trail maintenance, research, and stewardship training projects. The application deadline is April 15, 2022, and more information is available at <https://www.americantrails.org/apply-for-the-trail-fund>.
 - **Other**
 - RAISE Grant – **11:20** – Mr. Robert Aloise shared that the new Federal transportation bill (IIJA) has been funded, including the RAISE Grant program. Mr. Aloise stated that CRCOG is working with New Britain and Plainville on RAISE application. Mr. Aloise shared that a resolution allowing CRCOG to submit this application will be presented to the Policy Board without Transportation Committee action because the resolution was not on the agenda. Mr. Aloise asked if the Committee had any comments about the resolution to be shared with the Policy Board. There were no comments.
 - Executive Director – **14:20** – Mr. Matt Hart gave a brief update on his initial weeks as CRCOG’s new Executive Director.
5. **TIP Amendments – 15:52** – Mr. Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, to approve the TIP Amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.
 - Farmington-Culvert Replacement & Drainage Improvements CT 167
 - Ellington-intersection Improvements at Burbank Road CT 140
 - Ellington – Intersection Realignment & increase Horizontal Curves-CT 140
 - District 1 – Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations
 - East Hartford – Rehab Bridges 05685 & 056686 over I-84

- 6. LOTCIP Funding Increase / Scope Modification Request – 18:15** – Ms. Sotoria Montanari reviewed one (1) LOTCIP funding increase request. Mr. Larry Baril from the Town of Avon shared additional information about the request. Committee members asked some questions regarding local public support for roundabouts as well as the role Avon Old Farms school has played in this project. There was also a discussion about the impact cost increases have on the overall LOTCIP budget. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve the increase. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Avon Old Farms Road-North South Section (L004-0001): Funding increase of \$1,732,076 from \$3,378,000 to \$5,110,076 (51.2% increase)
- 7. Other Business – 37:12** – Dr. Lyle Wray raised a question regarding funding for the Hartford Rail Line. Mr. Robert Aloise mentioned that they are two meetings scheduled with CTDOT related to their Capital Plan and that he will keep the Committee updated.
- 8. Adjourn – 38:58** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin.