

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
***\*Acting on Behalf of the CRCOG Policy Board\****  
**Monday, June 27, 2022**  
**12:00 PM**  
***Meeting held remotely via Zoom***

<p><b>DRAFT</b> Until Endorsed by Committee</p>
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<u><b>Name</b></u>	<u><b>Organization</b></u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Ken Radziwon	Ellington
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Jason Outlaw	New Britain
Gary Fuerstenberg	Newington
John Bossi	Plainville
Tom Roy	Simsbury
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Karen Isherwood	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
Jim Brennan	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Bob Jarvis	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD
<u><b>Guests</b></u>	
Mike Fischer	BL Companies
Stanley Hawthorne	Bloomfield
Broadcasting Purposes	CT-N
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Lori Spielman	Ellington
Chuck Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill

Emily Nacco  
Monet Paredes  
Emily Bigl

GHTD  
Sustainable CT  
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**CRCOG Staff**

Robt Aloise, Kim Bona, Katherine Connors, Ryan Faulkner, Maureen Goulet, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Jacob Knowlton, Roger Krahn, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Robyn Nichols, Caitlin Palmer, Cara Radzins, Erik Snowden, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson, Pauline Yoder

*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-57/>*

- 1. Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. Karen Stewartson conducted the roll call.
- 2. Public Forum – 4:09** – No one chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from May 23, 2022 – 4:22** – A motion was made by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to approve the minutes from the Transportation Committee Meeting on May 23, 2022. This motion was passed unanimously with five (5) abstentions made by: Michael Ahern from the Town of Berlin, Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, Donald Nunes from the Town of Enfield, Owen Deutsch from the City of Hartford, and Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford.
- 4. Staff Report**
  - **60 Seconds for Safety: Traffic Signal Design and Operation Workshop – 5:55** – Roger Krahn shared that a two-day course on Traffic Signal Design and Operation is being offered by UConn’s T2 Center on September 14-15, 2022. Registration is available at: [www.cti.uconn.edu/ctiT2WorkshopSchedul.asp](http://www.cti.uconn.edu/ctiT2WorkshopSchedul.asp).
  - **Notice of Funding Opportunity: Bridge Investment Program – 6:16** – Roger Krahn shared that a NOFO has been released for the new Bridge Investment Program. He noted that an overview of the program was included in the memo, and Committee members can contact him to discuss further.
  - **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SSA4) Grant Program/Capitol Region Safety Action Plan – 6:52** – Roger Krahn shared that during the Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting he outlined details of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SSA4) Grant Program. Mr. Krahn noted that for those Towns interesting in applying for the program, a workshop would be held in the next couple of weeks to discuss multijurisdictional project opportunities. An e-mail will be sent out with the workshop date once it is set.
  - **NEW CRCOG Website User Test Group – 7:24** – Cara Radzins shared with the Committee that CRCOG is in the process of updating the Agency website. She noted that CRCOG will be looking for individuals to test the website before it goes live. Those interested in participating in the test group, which is anticipated to take place in August, can email her.

- **Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP): Recap of 6/21 CTDOT Meeting – 8:01** – Rob Aloise shared that the Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) is a new CTDOT funding program, and draft guidelines are out for review and comment. This was discussed during the Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting, and the draft guidelines are posted on the CRCPG website. Towns can send comments to Rob at by July 8<sup>th</sup> so that they can be incorporated into a draft comment letter that will be reviewed at the July Transportation Committee meeting. Mr. Aloise noted that the Cost Review Sub-Committee provided two comments: 1) loosening roadway eligibility requirements and 2) increasing the \$5 million annual allocation to a more significant amount.
  - **2023 LOTCIP Project Solicitation: DRAFT Schedule and Funding Allocations – 9:39** – Sotoria Montanari shared that in response to the discussion at May’s meeting about overprogramming the LOTCIP funds, Staff is proposing a solicitation for FY2023. At the Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting, a standard schedule and a more compressed schedule were presented as options for the solicitation. The Sub-Committee preferred the standard schedule due to time constraints and construction during the summer. The Sub-Committee also requested that the solicitation be increase from \$25 million to \$27 million, with \$8 million allocated to bridge projects. A draft Selection Policy will be provided to the Committee at the July meeting and will be approved in September.
  - **Other: Connecticut’s Clean School Bus Program – 11:43** – Caitlin Palmer shared that CTDEEP is seeking input related to the development of a Clean School Bus matching grant program. Interested parties can provide input by responding to questions included in the posted RFI. More information is available at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Business-and-Financial-Assistance/Grants-Financial-Assistance/Bipartisan-Infrastructure-Bill-Clean-School-Bus-Program>.
- 5. TIP Amendments – 13:01** – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. Acting as the Policy Board, a motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury, to approve the TIP Amendments. This motion passed unanimously.
- Hartford – Rehab Bridge 05868 Carrying I-84 EB TR 839 to I-91
  - Bloomfield – Replace Culvert at Mill Brook
  - Stafford – Modern Roundabout at Routes 32 & 190
  - Manchester – Roundabouts: Rt83 @ Oakland, Oakland @ Local Roads – Delete FD &CON Phases FD & CON Phases
- 6. LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Requests – 15:15** – Sotoria Montanari reviewed one (1) LOTCIP funding increase and scope modification request. Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury shared additional information about the request. A motion was made by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the increase and scope modification. 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%)
- 7. Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act – 18:50** – Cara Radzins presented the resolution. Based on CTDOT’s analysis, CRCOG’s transportation

planning program is compliant with the Clean Air Act, and CRCOG needs to pass a resolution to indicate its concurrence with this. Acting as the Policy Board, a motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to approve the resolution. This motion was passed unanimously.

**8. Approval of Regional Services Grant Statement of Work and Spending Plan – 20:20** – Pauline Yoder presented the FY2023 regional services grant (RSG) statement of work and spending plan. She noted that the document contains information from the budget that has already been passed by the Policy Board. Acting as the Policy Board, a motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the RSG statement of work and spending plan. This motion was passed unanimously.

**9. Resolution: Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant Match Approval – 21:49** – Kim Bona presented the resolution. She noted that at the May Policy Board meeting a resolution was passed to authorize the Executive Director to sign documents related to OPM’s Regional Performance Incentive Program. Per the grant application requirements, CRCOG must also approve a minimum 25% match, which is the subject of this resolution. Acting as the Policy Board, a motion was made by Paul McNamara from GHTD, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the resolution. This motion was passed unanimously.

**10. Resolution: Acceptance of Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Subgrant to Update the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan – 23:25** – Maureen Goulet presented the resolution. She noted that the update of the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan will cost \$252,000 and will be funded by a congressional earmark of \$189,000 and a CRCOG cost share of \$63,000 from RSG funds for FY2024-FY2029. Acting as the Policy Board, a motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury to approve the resolution.

**11. Resolution: Acceptance of a Grant from The Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation for the Resilient Connecticut 2.0 Program – 25:04** – Rob Aloise presented the resolution. He noted that CIRCA seeks to work with CRCOG to support a climate vulnerability assessment, identify resiliency project opportunities in member municipalities, and engage with municipal stakeholders. Acting as the Policy Board, a motion was made by Karen Isherwood from the Town of Suffield, seconded by Paul McNamara from GHTD, to accept this resolution. This motion was passed unanimously.

Jon Colman noted that one of the benefits of having the Transportation Committee designated to act as the Policy Board is that it gives Committee members an appreciation of the breath of activities and programs that CRCOG offers as benefits to its member municipalities.

**12. Other Business – 28:07** – There was no other business discussed.

**13. Adjourn – 28:17** – Jon Colman wished those in attendance a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Tom Roy from the Town of Simsbury.