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Policy Board Meeting
Wednesday April 27, 2022
12:00 pm

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CT Governor Executive Order No. 7B. This meeting was recorded.
Audio may be found here: <https://crcog.org/event/policy-board-38>**

Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson
Brandon Robertson
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Bob Bessel
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Lisa Thomas
Lori L. Spielman
Robert Cressotti
C.J. Thomas
Larry Niland
Erica Robertson
Randal Davis
Raul De Jesus Jr.
Andrew Tierney
Steve Stephanou
Ryan Aylesworth
Toni Moran
Erin Stewart
David Nagel
Robert E. Lee
John Mehr
Maria Capriola
Steve Jones
Shari Cantor
Bonnie Therrien
Peter Souza

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Guests

Courtney Hendricson
David Elder
Adam Fox
Grayson Wright
Jennifer Carrier
Matthew Pafford
Max Turgeon
Sam Gold
Kathie Lutz
Duane Martin

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Rome Smith Lutz
Town of West Hartford

1. Call to Order and Roll Call:

Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2022

Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting.

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 23, 2022 Policy Board Meeting. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATION/UPDATES

a. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – Commissioner Boughton

Due to a scheduling conflict, Commissioner Boughton was unable to join the meeting and his presentation has been postponed.

b. Train Station Study and Status Update – Adam Fox, CTDOT

Adam Fox, Principal Engineer of the Facilities Design Group at the Connecticut Department of Transportation, provided an update on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail Program.

Mr. Fox noted that the project is a corridor program to double track New Haven's Union Station all the way up to the Massachusetts state line. Amtrak is both the operator and the owner of the right-of-way, which is about 62 miles of double-track. There is no federal railroad administration formula funding, so the program is currently being funded by competitive grants. The Department of Transportation is placing focus on expanding services of several projects, especially this New Haven-Hartford-Springfield Rail Program. A brief question and answer session followed.

[Mr. Fox's presentation can be viewed in its entirety here.](#)

5. MONTHLY REPORTS:

- a. **Chair and Executive Director**
Mr. Hart provided an overview of his report. He did not receive any questions
- b. **Municipal Services and Purchasing Council**
- c. **Public Safety and Homeland Security**
- d. **Transportation Committee**
- e. **MetroHartford Alliance (Tentative)**
No report was offered.
- f. **Capital Workforce Partners (Tentative)**
No report was offered.

6. Legislative Update

Kathie Lutz provided a brief Legislative Update which can be found at minute 21:48 in the recording.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Resolution for Solid Waste Consultant RFP

Mr. Hart provided a brief summary of this item and noted that CRCOG issued an RFP at the end of January and informed the Policy Board that two of the three firms that responded have been interviewed. CRCOG is seeking approval of the Policy Board to select Resource Recycling Systems, Inc. (RRS) as the consultant.

Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the execution of a solid waste consulting agreement with Resource Recycling Systems, Inc. (RRS). Peter Souza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

8. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)

Mr. Hart provided a brief summary of this item. CRCOG applied for this grant back in March and has been notified that the application has been selected. This funding would continue to build out our COVID-19 response efforts and allow CRCOG to prepare and respond to future waves of the virus and future pandemics.

Jon Colman made a motion to authorize the Agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). Bob Bessell seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

9. Action: TIP Amendments (See Attached)

Mr. Colman presented this item to the Policy Board and made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments. Peter Souza seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

10. Correspondence/Handouts

A full discussion of the below handouts can be found at minute 39:36 of the recording.

- a. [MetroHartford Future CEDS 2021 Annual Report](#)
- b. [OPM Memo on Parcel Data Collection](#)
- c. [CTCOG Letter to Governor Lamont on IIJA Process](#)

INFORMATION/OPPORTUNITY/RESOURCES

11. Other Business

There was none.

12. Adjournment

With no further discussion items, Chairperson Mayor Erin Stewart requested a motion to adjourn.

Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn. Lori Spielman seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Policy Board Meeting adjourned at 12:43 PM.