

Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday, December 19, 2022
12:00 PM
Hybrid meeting held via Zoom and
CRCOG, 241 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Hartford, CT

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by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Ken Radziwon	Ellington
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
John Carrington	Mansfield
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
Rob Trottier	New Britain
John Bossi	Plainville
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
David Nourse	Southington
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
David Corcoran	Tolland
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Bob Jarvis	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD

<u>Guests</u>	
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Chuck Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill
Emily Nacco	GHTD
Matthew Bordeaux	Hebron

James Kulpa
Joe Balskus
Lesley Beland

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CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise, Anthony Diaz (Intern), Maureen Goulet, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Jacob Knowlton, Roger Krahn, Devon Lechtenberg, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Cara Radzins, Laura Rosenbluth, Elizabeth Sanderson, Kyle Shiel, 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 will be available at www.crcog.org for a minimum of 45 days.

- 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. Karen Stewartson conducted the roll call.
- 2. Public Forum – 4:40** – No one chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2022 – 4:52** – A motion was made by Steve Sopolak from the Town of Rocky Hill, seconded by Daniel Pennington from the Town of Glastonbury, to accept the October 24, 2022 meeting minutes. This motion was passed unanimously with Todd Rolland from the Town of Somers abstaining.
- 4. Staff Report**
 - **60 Seconds for Safety – 5:44** – Roger Krahn shared recently adopted engineering, enforcement, and education recommendations from the Connecticut Vision Zero Council. More information can be found on the Council’s website: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/VisionZeroCouncil/WhatIsTheVisionZeroCouncil>
 - **IIJA Update – 11:52** – Elizabeth Sanderson shared the latest IIJA funding opportunities and other programs that CRCOG is tracking. She requested for towns to submit any updates on funding applications that have been submitted recently. Kyle Shiel gave an update on the upcoming RAISE grant opportunity and some changes to the program’s criteria. He noted that an updated memo would be added to the posted meeting materials.
 - **2023 Annual CTDOT Safety Performance Targets – 14:00** – Roger Krahn shared CTDOT’s 2023 annual safety performance targets with the Committee. He noted that these targets will be put forth for endorsement as CRCOG’s targets at the meeting in January. Jon Colman asked if staff would have final crash numbers for 2022 by the January meeting. Mr. Krahn did not know but said he would share the most up to date figures at that meeting.
 - **CTDOT Municipal ADA Compliance Assessment – Deadline Extension – 16:15** – Jacob Knowlton reminded towns to complete the CTDOT ADA Compliance Assessment, noting that the deadline for completion has been extended to December 31st. He noted that 17 towns had already completed the survey and that there would be a workshop on ADA compliance and planning in January. (Event Link: <https://www.cti.uconn.edu/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=2296>)

- **TRIP Project Solicitation – 17:20** – Chris Henchey shared the release of the Request for Proposals for projects for funding under the Transportation Rural Improvement Grant Program (TRIP). He also noted a few adjustments to CTDOT’s program guidelines that were made in response to CRCOG’s feedback.
 - **LOTICIP 2023 Project Solicitation – 19:36** – Sotoria Montanari shared the release of the Request for Proposals for projects for the 2023 LOTICIP Solicitation. She mentioned to the Committee that there will be a new voluntary pre-application workshop held in January in lieu of a Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting.
 - **Commuter Parking Lots Utilization – 22:44** – Cara Radzins provided an update on the fall utilization of the region’s commuter parking lots. She noted a 7% increase in usage over April of 2022, a 135% increase over 2020/2021, but a 48% decrease from pre-pandemic numbers. There was a brief discussion about whether there have been changes to lot availability or bus service because of the lower utilization. It was also noted that Express bus service is currently fare-free.
 - **CRISI Letters of Support – 25:44** – Matt Hart shared two letters of support CRCOG prepared for project applications under the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program on a pair of rail projects affecting the region: double tracking the Hartford Line from Windsor to the CT/MA State Line and the Massachusetts East-West Rail Corridor upgrades with the potential for re-instating one seat service between Hartford and Boston.
 - **Executive Director Update – 27:31** – Matt Hart asked towns to consider adding local funding matches to their budgets if they plan to pursue IIJA grant money. He also noted that the Municipal Services Committee is seeking funding for regional stormwater management approaches. Mr. Hart also gave an update on CRCOG’s legislative agenda, including improvements to the local match process for federal money and implementing the recommendations from the Vision Zero Council. Mr. Hart then introduced new executive assistant Laura Rosenbluth to the Committee. He finally wished Committee members a happy holiday season.
 - **Other – 31:49** – There were no other staff reports.
- 5. STBG Programming Discussion – 31:55** – Rob Aloise reviewed the programming allocation and rules for Surface Transportation Block Group (STBG) funding and facilitated a discussion on future state and regional controls on this funding source. He noted CTDOT is looking for more flexibility in terms of long-range ability to program funding and offered a few potential approaches to the Committee. Jon Colman noted that he would be most comfortable with two years of programing flexibility and freeway approval on a project-by-project basis but was concerned that freeway projects have the potential to consume this funding source. Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington concurred. Jeffrey Doolittle from the Town of South Windsor agreed and noted it would be difficult to defund new freeway projects once they were approved. The Committee came to consensus on this proposal and Mr. Aloise noted the next would be for CTDOT to prepare TIP Amendments for Committee action.

- 6. TIP Amendments – 41:16** – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Daniel Pennington from the Town of Glastonbury, to accept the TIP Amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.

 - Hartford – Replace Bridge 01626 over SR 598
 - Statewide/I-84 – Concrete Sealer on Various NBI Bridges
 - Canton – US 44 Corridor Study
- 7. 2023 Transportation Committee Meeting Schedule – 43:41** – Cara Radzins reviewed the proposed Transportation Committee meeting schedule for 2023. She noted that changes may be needed if the Policy Board makes changes to their proposed meeting schedule. A motion was made by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to accept the meeting schedule. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. Presentation: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update – Rob Aloise, CRCOG – 45:42** – Rob Aloise gave a brief presentation on the status and goals of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (Connect 2050). He noted that the full presentation and recordings from two public meetings can be found on the CRCOG website at <https://www.crcog.org/mtp>. At 58:23, Jon Colman noted that he had to step out for another meeting. Patrice Carson assumed the role of Acting Chair. Daniel Pennington from the Town of Glastonbury noted that the depth of potential future projects for the region is impressive and very relevant for current transportation issues. Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain noted that traffic enforcement is not mentioned in this update. Mr. Aloise responded that enforcement is down across the state and Roger Krahn mentioned visual and automated solutions are being studied. Mr. Trottier noted that a piece on proactive enforcement should be considered for inclusion in the MTP update.
- 9. Other Business – 1:08:12** – There was no more business to be conducted. Patrice Carson wished members and staff a safe and happy holiday season.
- 10. Adjourn – 1:08:40** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm via a motion by Kirk Severance from the Town of Granby, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin.