

Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday, December 18, 2023
12:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson*	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Doug Wilson*	East Hartford
Leonard Norton	East Windsor
Tom Modzelewski	Ellington
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Dylan Reilly	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Mark Moriarty	New Britain
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
John Bossi	Plainville
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
David Smith	Vernon
Duane Martin	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Paul McNamara	GHTD
<u>Guests</u>	
Grayson Wright*	CTDOT
Chuck Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill
Emily Nacco	GHTD
Mao Yousheng	Hartford
Erika Lindeberg	Jacobs
Rob Trotter	New Britain

Shelley Plude
Steven Biella, Jr.
Greg Sommer

SLR Consulting
Unknown
West Hartford

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise*, Ryan Faulkner, Matt Hart, Roger Krahn*, Anaka Maher, Sotoria Montanari*, Caitlin Palmer*, Cara Radzins*, Elizabeth Sanderson, Chris Seeger*, Kyle Shiel, Karen Stewartson

**In-Person Attendee*

This record includes a brief description of each agenda item as well as the timestamp for the beginning of that discussion. The audio recording is available at www.crcog.org.

- 1. Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by the Acting Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. The Zoom participant list and in-person attendance sheet will be used in place of roll call.
- 2. Public Forum – 0:29** – No one chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2023 – 0:45** – A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by David Smith from the Town of Vernon, to adopt the minutes from the Transportation Committee meeting on November 13, 2023. The motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Steve Sopolak from the Town of Rocky Hill and Dylan Reilly from the Town of Farmington.
- 4. Staff Reports**
 - **60 Seconds for Safety: Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras – 1:52** – Roger Krahn gave a summary of recent Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device (ATESD) Legislation (Public Act No. 23-116). Mr. Krahn noted that any plans for installing ATESDs must be approved by the Office of State Traffic Administration (OSTA). Municipalities would also be responsible for establishing enforcement ordinances, selecting locations for ATESDs, and establishing protocols for maintenance and enforcement. CTDOT will provide additional guidance for municipalities by 1/1/2024.
 - **BIL/IIJA Update – 6:17** – Elizabeth Sanderson shared an update on BIL/IIJA funding opportunities, with a focus on RAISE, FEMA programs, and Climate Pollution Reduction Grants. Ms. Sanderson noted that more detailed information is available in the most recent Grant Funding Newsletter, which is posted on the CRCOG website at <https://crcog.org/bil-iija/>.
 - **East Coast Greenway Study: Simsbury Recommendations Report – 18:08** – Caitlin Palmer shared that the draft report for the Simsbury section of CRCOG’s East Coast Greenway Study is available for review and comment at <https://crcog.org/town-of-simsbury-capitol-region-ecg/>. The comment period will run through January 15, 2024. Ms. Palmer will be seeking endorsement of the study recommendations at the January Transportation Committee meeting.

- **CRCOG Comments on CTDOT Capital Plan – 22:04** – Robert Aloise reviewed the comments that CRCOG submitted regarding the CTDOT Capital Plan. He noted that CRCOG staff will be meeting with CTDOT to discuss the comments, and that if any Towns have additional comments, please contact him. It was suggested that CRCOG suggest the development of a maintenance funding program at CTDOT. Mr. Aloise said he would bring that up at the meeting.
 - **2024 LOTCIP Project Solicitation: Proposals Due February 21, 2024, at 2pm – 29:11** – Sotoria Montanari reminded the Committee that the 2024 LOTCIP Project Solicitation is open, and applications are due on February 21, 2024. She also mentioned that municipalities that are interested in receiving a Pavement Analysis must submit requests by January 3, 2024.
 - **New Federal Performance Measure: Greenhouse Gas Emissions – 30:02** – Chris Seeger shared that there is a new Federal Performance Measure for Greenhouse Gas Emissions. He noted that this requires States and MPOs to set declining 2- and 4-year targets against a CY2022 baseline. CTDOT is required to set targets by February 1, 2024, and CRCOG is required to set targets within 180 days after that (July 30, 2024). CRCOG will be required to coordinate with RiverCOG, NVCOG, and PVPC to set joint targets for overlapping UZAs.
 - **Executive Director Update – 31:21** – Matt Hart welcomed any new members of the Transportation Committee. He also wished the towns a full and speedy recovery from the recent storm. Ms. Hart congratulated several CRCOG towns that received Planning and Demonstration Grants under SS4A. He also shared that CRCOG will be holding an orientation and luncheon for new Policy Board members ahead of the Policy Board meeting on January 24, 2024. He encouraged Committee members to share the importance of CRCOG with their newly elected officials. Mr. Hart mentioned that he will be participating in NPR's Where We Live broadcast to discuss the Greater Hartford Mobility Study on December 19. Finally, he wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.
 - **Other: Municipal Input for Priority Climate Action Plan – 35:27** – Kyle Shiel shared that CRCOG is seeking municipal input on projects to include in its Priority Climate Action Plan. Including projects in the plan makes them eligible for funding under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. The survey is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/CxigDUEuSN>. Mr. Shiel also shared that CRCOG and RiverCOG are offering virtual sessions to answer questions from municipal staff on CPRG.
 - **Other: Utility Debris in ROW – 37:03** – Robert Aloise shared that CRCOG staff has heard about utility companies leaving debris in the ROW. Several Committee members shared similar concerns. After a discussion, Matt Hart suggested that CRCOG host a meeting with the impacted towns and the utility company(ies) to discuss this issue. The meeting could be held before or after a Transportation Committee meeting. The Committee agreed to this path forward.
- 5. TIP Amendments – 45:27** – Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendment. A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to accept the amendment. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Simsbury – CT 135 – FCHT CT 10/202 to Curtiss Park

- 6. Economic Analysis Consultant On-Call Selections – 47:11** – Anaka Maher shared that CRCOG had reviewed responses to its RFQ for consultants for an Infrastructure Related Economic Analysis On-Call List. Ms. Maher noted that being on this list would pre-qualify consultants to perform infrastructure related economic analysis services for municipalities, and she requested Committee approval of the list, which includes Cambridge Econometrics, HDR, and WSP. A motion was made by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to accept the listed consultants. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 7. LOTCIP Funding Increase Requests – 48:56** – Sotoria Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP funding increase request for the West Hartford Fern Street Bridge Replacement project. She noted that the amount requested is \$500,000 over the Committee approved LOTCIP program funding cap, so the Town is requesting an exception to the cap. Ms. Montanari shared that staff recommends approval, due to the unanticipated MDC requirement of a 42-inch water main relocation and replacement. Duane Martin from the Town of West Hartford and Shelley Plude from SLR Consulting provided additional information. A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon, to approve the request. The motion was passed unanimously.
- West Hartford Fern Street Bridge Replacement (L155-0003): increase of \$3,000,000 from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000, with a Town cost share of \$1,434,500, making the total project cost \$7,434,500. As mitigating measures, this project will be ineligible for additional LOTCIP funding, and the Town will opt out of the 2024 LOTCIP Project Solicitation.

Following the motion, Committee members had a discussion regarding the unfairness of MDC's actions that resulted in the need for this cost increase. It was suggested that CRCOG should send a letter to MDC, but there was concern that any such message would fall on deaf ears.

- 8. Other Business – 1:07:24** – Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield thanked Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton for chairing the meeting, and he wished the Committee happy holidays.
- 9. Adjourn – 1:07:523** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:09 pm via a motion by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin.