

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

This meeting was Virtual

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Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson
Brandon Robertson
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Jim Rupert
Robert Skinner
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Lisa Thomas
Mike Walsh
Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Erica Robertson
Raúl De Jesús
Andrew Tierney
Stephan Stephanou
Ryan Aylesworth
Amy Traversa
Erin Stewart
Mike Paulhus
Andy Cirioli
Raymond Carpentino
Maria Capriola
Wendy Makstutis
Mark Sciota
Colin Moll
Steve Jones
Brian Foley
Erika Wicewski
Mike Rell
Shari Cantor

Town/Organization

Andover
Avon
Berlin
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canton
Columbia
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Coventry
East Hartford
Enfield
Granby
Hartford
Hebron
Manchester
Mansfield
Marlborough
New Britain
Plainville
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Simsbury
Southington
Suffield
Tolland
Tolland
Willington
Wethersfield
West Hartford

Staff

Rob Aloise
Cheryl Assis
Maureen Goulet

CRCOG
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Matt Hart
Roger Krahn
Tracey Malenfant
Devon Lechtenberg
Robyn Nichols
Cara Radzins
Laura Rosenbluth
Elizabeth Sanderson
Kyle Shiel
Jill Swenson
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Nikoleta McTigue
Kevin Tedesco
Mark Massaro
Mackenzie Smillie
Brock Weber
Rebecca Augur
Kathie Lutz
Sam Carmody

BlumShapiro
CTDOT
Eversource
Eversource
New Britain
OPM
Rome, Smith and Lutz

1. Call to Order:

Chair Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2023

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2022, Policy Board Meeting. Erik Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS:

- a. **Chair and Executive Director** - Mr. Hart provided an overview of his report. Mr. Hart's full report can be found [HERE](#)
- b. BIL/IIJA Update
- c. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council
- d. Planning - Community Development
- e. Planning - Transportation
- f. Public Safety Homeland Security

5. Presentation: Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, Rob Aloise, CRCOG

Rob Aloise, CRCOG's Director of Planning, presented the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. It is the Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Metro-Hartford Capital Region.

The plan is open for public comment throughout March. The plan will be acted on by the Policy Board in April 2023. The plan incorporates a Performance Based Data Driven Process that complies with USDOT regulations. More information and public comment options can be found at <https://crcog.org/mtp/>. The full presentation can be viewed [HERE](#)

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Resolution to Accept Community Funding Grant of \$2 MM for Crumbling Foundation. Pauline Yoder, CRCOG COO, detailed that accepting this grant will cover administrative and program management costs and all assistance offered to accepted applicants in low and moderately low income. This includes costs for CRCOG staff time expended on the grant. Mark Walter made a motion to approve the Resolution to Accept the Community Project Funding for Crumbling Foundations. Jon Colman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Funds to Update the Capitol Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2024-2029. Maureen Goulet detailed that CRCOG received congressional directed funds to update the current plan. This resolution is to approve acceptance of funds. Jon Colman made a motion to approve, Erik Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Resolution Authorizing CIRCA to Perform Planning Activities for the Capitol Region Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for 2024-2029 Maureen Goulet explained that the resolution allows CRCOG to enter into agreement with CIRCA to perform the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Jon Colman made a motion to approve, Erik Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with the National Association of County and City Health Officials. Cheryl Assis gave a brief explanation that this the yearly application for CRCOG to receive funding that will serve to keep the CR-MRC operational and an asset to all CRCOG member communities. Jon Colman made a motion to approve, Erik Anderson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ITEMS

10. Action: TIP Amendments:

Rob Aloise noted that there are several bridge improvements, signal project upgrades, trail projects, and lastly pavement parking within the state. Jon Colman made a motion to approve, Chris Edge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Action: Endorsement of FHWA Infrastructure and System Reliability Performance

Jon Colman detailed how the Transportation Committee has reviewed and approved performance targets regulated by CTDOT, and that Policy Board acts as the MPO. Jon Colman made a motion to endorse the targets. Chris Edge seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Action: Endorsement of FTA State of Good Repair Targets for Transit Asset Management Plans Established by CTDOT and Public Transit Providers.

Jon Colman explained that the resolution is in accordance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements. Additionally, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has recently updated state of good repair targets for its Transit Asset Management (TAM) for the next calendar year. Jon Colman made a motion to endorse the targets. Chris Edge seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

14. Correspondence/ Handouts

Matt Hart informed the Policy Board that CRCOG endorsed the town of Bolton's application for DEEP Trails Grant, a letter of support for the City of Hartford to receive a RAISE Grant for Main Street, and testimony for An Act Concerning Extended Producer Responsibility for Tires (R.B. 6486)

15. Other Business

Ms. Kathie Lutz provided a brief legislative update for the General Assembly. Currently committees are completing their public hearing in a hybrid model. The primary focus presently is the state budget at the Appropriations Committees.

Steve Stephanou added that he gave testimony to the public safety committee about the SB 841. Mark Walter noted that the municipal spending cap is still in effect from the Governors State Budget.

Kevin Tedesco, from CTDOT, noted that the Department has just issued a Community Connectivity Grant and is seeking solicitations from municipalities and CRCOG.

16. Adjournment

Mayor Stewart called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:52.

Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Edge seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.