

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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Policy Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

This meeting was Virtual
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Members and Alternates

Eric Anderson
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Jim Rupert
Bob Bessel
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Jason Bowsza
Sam Saunders
Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Richard Johnson
Larry Niland
Erica Robertson
Raúl De Jesús Jr.
Ryan Aylesworth
Erin Stewart
David Nagel
Mike Paulhus
Lisa Marotta
Wendy Makstutis
Mark Sciota
Steve Jones
Brian Foley
Rick Ledwith
Fred Presley
Erika Wicewski
Peter Souza

Town/Organization

Andover
Berlin
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canton
Columbia
Coventry
East Windsor
Ellington
Enfield
Glastonbury
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Mansfield
New Britain
Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Southington
Tolland
Tolland
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Willington
Windsor

Staff

Cheryl Assis
Kim Bona
Mike Cipriano
Matt Hart
Roger Krahn
Tracey Malenfant
Robyn Nichols

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Caitlin Palmer
Pramod Pandey
Cara Radzins
Laura Rosenbluth
Elizabeth Sanderson
Kyle Shiel
Karen Stewartson
Jill Swenson
Pauline Yoder

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Guests

Greyson Wright
Jonathan Ferrigno
Mackenzie Smillie
Brock Weber
Jim Frey
Annie White
Kathie Lutz
Bruce Wittchen
Debra Darby

CTDOT
Eversource
Eversource
New Britain
RSS
RSS
Rome, Smith and Lutz
OPM
Tetra Tech

1. Call to Order:

Chair Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm

2. Public Comment:

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2022

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2022, Policy Board Meeting. Eric Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS:

- a. Executive Director, Administration & Finance - Mr. Hart provided an overview of his report. Mr. Hart's full report can be found [HERE](#)
- b. BIL/IIJA Update
- c. Municipal Services
- d. Regional Planning & Development
- e. Transportation Planning
- f. Public Safety

5. Legislative Update Ms. Lutz provided a brief Legislative update to the Committee. CGA website was down. Bills concerning FOI and PFAS are moving forward. Half of the

committees have reached their deadline – A waste management meeting was postponed due to lack of complete notification. Lutz will be emailing further bill information once the CGA website is updated.

6. Waste Management Project Presentation by Jim Frey, RRS:

Jim Frey, President of Resource Recycling Services (RSS) presented an overview of the report prepared by RRS and TetraTech, with input from CRCOG's project committee and staff. Among other points, Mr. Frey reviewed waste disposal capacity within the region, and opportunities to promote diversion and recycling on a regional basis. The recording and the presentation can be found on the CRCOG website or by clicking: [HERE](#)

ACTION ITEMS:

7. Resolution to Support CRCOG's Role as Lead Organization for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program

Elizabeth Sanderson reviewed staff's memo and recommendation that the Policy Board approve the resolution demonstrating support for CRCOG's role as lead organization for the planning grant cooperative agreement. The grant will provide funding for staffing and hiring a consultant. Jon Colman made a motion to support CRCOG's role as Lead Organization for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Act, Eric Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract Between CRCOG and Quality Perspectives for Training and Strategic Planning Services for the Capitol Region Medical Reserve Corps

Cheryl Assis reviewed the staff memo and noted that the resolution will serve to provide training and planning services to the Capitol Region Medical Reserve Corps volunteers and aid in their operations. The CR-MRC is an available asset to all CRCOG member communities. Jon Colman made a motion to support, and Eric Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9 Action: TIP Amendments:

Jon Colman moved for approval of the 7 TIP Amendments. Bob Bessel seconded. Mr. Colman explained that the amendments have been reviewed and recommended by the transportation committee. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Action: Resolution: Canton Route 44 Corridor Study

Jon Colman briefly outlined the scope of the proposed study focused on a sizable portion of Route 44 in the town of Canton and moved for approval. Bob Bessel seconded. Mr. Colman added that the Transportation Committee has endorsed the study. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Action: Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside – Confirmation of Priority Projects

Jon Colman reviewed the proposed priority projects and moved for approval. Bob Bessel seconded. Mr. Colman recommended confirmation of the project priority list as previously submitted, which the Transportation Committee endorsed at its March 20, 2023 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Correspondence/ Handouts

Matt Hart reviewed the attached correspondence consisting of letters of support for various grant funded projects and testimony in support of various bills. He explained that any testimony prepared by staff is designed to be consistent with CRCOG's adopted Legislative Agenda.

15. Other Business

Matt Hart reported that there was no other business for the Board's consideration.

16. Adjournment

Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Stewart called the meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.