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Municipal Services Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
12 Noon

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Members and Alternates

Grace Tiezzi, Acting Chair
Mark Walter
John Elsesser
Ellen Zoppo-Sassu
Kasia Purciello
Andy Cirioli
Tom Fitzgerald
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Guests

David Lukens

OPM

1. Call to Order/Introductions

Chairperson Ms. Grace Tiezzi called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

- **January 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Tiezzi requested a motion to adopt the minutes of the January 17, 2023, meeting. Mr. John Elsesser made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mr. Andy Cirioli seconded the motion and it carried, with Ms. Kasia Purciello abstaining.

4. Reports from the Chair and Staff

- **Committee Chair**
- **Executive Director**
- **Chief Operating Officer**
- **Other**

5. Business Items

- **Presentation: Broadband Mapping Briefing, David Lukens, OPM**

Mr. David Lukens presented to the committee on Broadband Mapping. To view the presentation, please click here.

- **BIL/IIJA Update**

Ms. Elizabeth Sanderson provided a detailed update on BIL/IIJA with the following information:

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Round 2 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is expected April 2023. CRCOG has developed a [draft strategy](#) to guide the next steps in preparing an application for an Implementation Grant. The strategy is outlined on p.3 of the [pdf](#).
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Area of Persistent Poverty (AoPP) Program. New funding opportunity for ***East Hartford, Enfield, Hartford, Manchester, Mansfield, New Britain***. \$20 million for eligible activities in AoPP and Historically Disadvantaged Communities (HDC).
- CRCOG has prepared [Memorandum](#) summarizing U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) that may be most applicable to CRCOG. The provided list is not exhaustive, and content is subject to change as more information is provided about each program.

Future BIL/IIJA Programs to keep in mind as budget season approaches:

- Safe Streets and Roads for All – Round 2 anticipated April 2023
- Bridge Investment Program – Round 2 anticipated Summer 2023
- Visit [CRCOG's BIL Webpage \(https://crocog.org/iija-bil/\)](https://crocog.org/iija-bil/) for information about these and other programs. Recent updates to CRCOG's BIL Webpage include:
- U.S. DOT Application Checklist for FY2023 funding opportunities – a [pdf of the Application Checklist](#), and link to [U.S. DOT's webpage](#), is provided in the General Information section of the BIL Webpage.

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) FY2023 Discretionary Grant Program, including a [Memorandum](#) to Transportation Committee (Revised 12/20/2023). Applications are due February 28, 2023. If you would like to request a Letter of Support for an application you are preparing, or would like other assistance, please contact staff as soon as possible.
- **Human Services Coordinating Council (HSCC)**

Mr. Hart explained that CRCOG is seeking assistance from MSC with reviving or restructuring the HSCC. This item will be revisited at the March 2023 MSC meeting for further discussion.

6. Municipal Information Sharing

7. Future Agenda Items:

- **Organizational structure and focus of HSCC**
- **CRCOG support to land use and development community**
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update**
- **RPIP update**
- **Other?**

8. Adjournment

With no further business, Ms. Tiezzi entertained a motion to adjourn at 12:53 pm and the motion carried unanimously.