

Transportation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
12:00 PM

Meeting held Remotely Via Zoom

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Rob Trottier	New Britain
John Bossi	Plainville
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Karen Isherwood	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Bob Jarvis	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD

<u>Guests</u>	
Lesley Beland	Amplify
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Nick Giardina	BL Companies
Steve Fraser	BL Companies
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Mary Bujeaud	GHTD
Erika Lindeberg	Jacobs

Aaron Mortensen
Thomas Fenton
Donald Costello

Nathan L. Jacobson & Associates
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PRIME AE Group

CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Ryan Faulkner, Maureen Goulet, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Jacob Knowlton, Roger Krahn, Devon Lechtenberg, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, 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 for the beginning of that discussion. The audio recording for this meeting is available at: <https://www.crcog.org>.

- 1. Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. Cara Radzins conducted the roll call.
- 2. Public Forum- 3:47** – No one chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2023 – 4:00** – A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to adopt the minutes from the Transportation Committee meeting on January 23, 2023. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 4. Staff Report**
 - **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Updates – 4:48** – Elizabeth Sanderson provided updates on the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including:
 - CRCOG and City of New Britain’s Joint Application was selected to receive a safety action plan grant from U.S. DOT’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program. The funding will be used to update the Regional Transportation Safety Plan.
 - The Notice of Funding Opportunity for the next round of SS4A funding is anticipated to be announced in April 2023. CRCOG has developed a draft strategy to guide the next steps in preparing an SS4A application for an Implementation Grant.
 - Recent updates related to BIL/IIJA can be found on the CRCOG website at: <https://crcog.org/iija-bil/>
 - **60 Seconds for Safety – 19:32** – Roger Krahn gave some further detail on the SS4A award that CRCOG received with the City of New Britain. He touched on the scoped tasks of the effort and next steps.
 - **Regional Roundabouts Screening Update – 21:52** – Roger Krahn noted that the Regional Roundabouts Screening workshop that was originally anticipated for today will be held during the March Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting.
 - **2023 LOTCIP Solicitation Reminder – 23:39** – Sotoria Montanari reminded the Committee that all 2023 LOTCIP applications are due by February 22, 2023.
 - **CTDOT Microtransit Pilot Project RFP – 24:00** – Cara Radzins shared information about CTDOT’s Microtransit Pilot Project RFP. She noted that there will be a preproposal meeting held by CTDOT on February 22, 2023 if any town is

interested in applying. Intent to apply forms will be due by March 17, 2023, and applications are due by April 28, 2023.

- **CRCOG Comments on CTDOT 2023-2027 Capital Plan – 25:13** – Rob Aloise made some brief comments related to SS4A and LOTCIP before sharing CRCOG’s comments on CTDOT’s 2023-2027 Capital Plan. He detailed the six (6) comments that CRCOG submitted.
- **Executive Director Update – 31:06** –Matt Hart praised staff for their efforts on the successful SS4A application and noted that he looked forward to working with the City of New Britain and all CRCOG towns on the effort. Mr. Hart also thanked the Town of Farmington and the other four (4) communities that submitted an SS4A application, and he encouraged them to resubmit in subsequent rounds. Mr. Hart encouraged Towns to budget the local share for grants in their local capital improvement programs or capital plans. Regarding future funding opportunities, Mr. Hart mentioned that CRCOG staff is looking at how to be more strategic and prepared for future Notices of Funding Opportunity. He explained that CRCOG staff could pre-screen potential projects from towns to match them up with a funding source. Mr. Hart noted that more discussion about this approach would be had next month. Rob Aloise highlighted how this would enable the region to be in a better position to apply when a new grant opportunity is published. Jon Colman responded favorably to the idea.
- **Other – 38:13**
 - **Bus Shelter Enhancement Program** – Cara Radzins mentioned that CTDOT is in the process of initiating a Bus Shelter Enhancement Program and they are asking COGs to help gather baseline shelter data from any towns that have bus service. She noted that CRCOG staff will be sending out a survey to obtain this information.
 - **MTP Update** – Ms. Radzins also shared that a draft of the updated Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) will be posted on CRCOG’s website by February 23, 2023 and that public meetings will be held on March 8 and 9, 2023. The comment period will run through until March 26, 2023. Ms. Radzins stated that details about the meetings, as well as the draft document, will be available at www.crcog.org/mtp. Ms. Radzins noted that action on the updated MTP will be requested in April.

5. TIP Amendments – 41:48 – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments listed below. A motion was made by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve the TIP Amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Hartford – NHS – Rehab Bridge 014698 over SR 598 & TR803
- Bloomfield – Replace CTSS from Cigna Way/Bay Hill Dr. To Granby St.
- Columbia/Coventry – Hop River State Park Trail
- New Britain – Rehab Bridge 04247 over CT 72
- New Britain – Superstructure Repairs to Bridge 04246 over CT72
- Plainville – Replace Bridge 02214 over Pan AM Railroad
- Southington – NHS – Remove Bridge 00518 & Reconstruct CT 10/322, Replace Bridges 00646 & 05753
- Stafford – Culvert Replacement under East Street

- Tolland – Replace Bridge 01120 over Skungamung River
- New Britain – Beeline Trail (Phase 1) – Construct Multi-use Trail along CT72 Corridor
- Hartford – Rehab Founders Bridge over I-91 and CT River
- Statewide – Line Striping / Pavement Markings – Phases 1 through 4 – Delete Projects
- Statewide – Pavement Markings – Phases 1 through 4

6. LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modifications – 48:41

- **East Hartford Brewer Street Phase IV (L042-0002)** – Sotoria Montanari reviewed the scope modification and funding increase request. Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford provided additional information. A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, to approve an additional \$1,500,400 of LOTCIP, increasing the funding approval from \$2,993,600 to \$4,494,000 on the condition that the Town of East Hartford will concede \$1.5M in the 2023 LOTCIP Solicitation. This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Hartford Traffic Signal Upgrade (L063-0003)** – Sotoria Montanari reviewed the scope modification request. Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford provided additional information. A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Kirk Severance from the Town of Granby, to approve the scope modification, which includes the removal of a road diet but retention of the installation of five (5) traffic signals and city-wide signal timing optimization. This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Hebron Martin Road Reconstruction (L066-0003)** – Sotoria Montanari reviewed the funding increase request. Kevin Kelly from the Town of Hebron and consulting engineer Thomas Fenton provided additional information. A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, to approve an additional \$962,400 of LOTCIP funding, increasing the funding approval from \$2,984,400 to \$3,946,800. This motion was passed unanimously.

7. FHWA Performance Targets and FTA Transit Asset Management Targets

– **1:04:16** – Devon Lechtenberg reviewed the FHWA Infrastructure and System Reliability Performance Targets and FTA Transit Asset Management Targets, noting that CRCOG has traditionally adopted CTDOT’s targets as the regional targets because setting separate targets would require significant resources both in data monitoring as well as allocations made for meeting said targets.

- **Endorsement of FHWA Infrastructure and System Reliability Performance Targets Established by CTDOT** –A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Steve Sopolak from the Town of Rocky Hill, to endorse the FHWA Infrastructure and System Reliability Performance Targets. This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Endorsement of FTA State of Good Repair Targets for Transit Asset Management Plans Established by CTDOT and Public Transit Providers** –A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton,

seconded by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, to endorse the FTA Transit Asset Management Targets. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 8. Other Business – 1:13:53** – Bob Jarvis from the Town of Windsor mentioned that he will be retiring at the end of March and that Suzanne Choate will be his replacement as Town Engineer. Jon Colman thanked Mr. Jarvis for his many years of service to the Transportation Committee.
- 9. Adjourn – 1:14:44** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 pm via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon.