

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, March 20, 2023**  
**12:00 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting – Zoom / CRCOG Board Room, 241 Main Street, Hartford**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Ken Radziwon	Ellington
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Kevin Kelly	Hebron
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Rob Trottier	New Britain
John Bossi	Plainville
Steve Sopolak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Karen Isherwood	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Bob Jarvis	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD

<p><b>DRAFT</b> Until Endorsed by Committee</p>
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<b><u>Guests</u></b>	
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Mary Bujeaud	GHTD
Lesley Beland	Amplify
Mike Fisher	BL Companies
Erika Lindeberg	Jacobs
Donald Costello	PRIME AE Group
Joe Balskus	VHB
James Kulpa	VHB

### **CRCOG Staff**

Rob Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Ryan Faulkner, Chris Henchey, Maureen Goulet, Roger Krahn, Matt Hart, Devon Lechtenberg, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Laura Rosenbluth, Elizabeth Sanderson, Kyle Shiel, Karen Stewartson

*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 [www.crcog.org](http://www.crcog.org).*

- 1. Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. Cara Radzins mentioned to the Committee that there is a new feature in Zoom that will download the participant list for meetings. CRCOG staff will be using that for taking attendance at this at future meetings.

Mr. Colman thanked Robert Jarvis from the Town of Windsor for his many years of service on the Transportation Committee. Rob Aloise presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Jarvis, and Mr. Colman wished him well in his retirement.

- 2. Public Forum – 0:57** – No one chose to speak.

- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2023 – 1:08** – A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Rob Trotter from the City of New Britain to adopt the Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes from February 14, 2023. This motion was passed unanimously.

### **4. Staff Report**

- 60 Seconds for Safety: Upcoming Safety Workshops – 2:56** – Roger Krahn told the Committee about the five safety workshops that UConn’s T2 Center will be providing. Information is available [here](#).
- Regional Roundabout Screening, Progress Update – 3:36** – Roger Krahn mentioned to the Committee that a presentation on the progress of CRCOG’s Regional Roundabout Screening was given at the Cost Review Sub-Committee. He stated if anyone missed the presentation, they may view the Sub-Committee meeting documents and submit comments by April 3, 2023.
- CTDOT Traffic Request Procedures – 4:04** – Roger Krahn shared that CTDOT is requesting that municipal requests regarding traffic issues be submitted to [DOT.TrafficEngineering@ct.gov](mailto:DOT.TrafficEngineering@ct.gov). Requests from municipalities should be submitted by the Local Traffic Authority. Eric Anderson from the Town Andover noted that he had submitted requests to that address with no response. Mr. Krahn said he would follow-up with him after the meeting to assist.
- Bipartisan infrastructure Law (BIL) Updates – 6:03** – Elizabeth Sanderson updated the Committee on new details and funding opportunities from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). She mentioned that Staff will use feedback received during the Round 1 SS4A Implementation Grant debrief session with USDOT to refine the application submission strategy for Round 2. More information can be found at <https://crcog/ijja-bil/>. Ms. Sanderson also mentioned that CRCOG issued letters of support for RAISE funding for the City of Hartford, Main Street North Streetscape Improvements and a Silas Deane Highway (CT Route 99) Corridor Study by the Towns of Wethersfield and Rocky Hill.

- **Community Connectivity Grant Program Solicitation – 8:51** – Rob Aloise gave a brief overview of the Solicitation for the Community Connectivity Grant Program. The deadline for applications is July 21, 2023.
  - **Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) Draft Rankings – 11:12** – Chris Henchey reviewed CRCOG staff's draft project rankings for the Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP). He noted that CRCOG staff will be seeking approval of the rankings at the Transportation Committee and Policy Board meetings in April.
  - **CTDOT Bus Shelter Enhancement Program Update – 13:52** – Cara Radzins gave a brief update on the CTDOT Bus Shelter Enhancement Program. Ms. Radzins mentioned that CTDOT is fine tuning the survey before it is distributed to ensure that all COGs are gathering the same data. More information will be provided to the Committee once the survey has been finalized.
  - **MAP Forum Multi-State Freight Working Group Meeting – 14:44** – Cara Radzins shared that the Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Multi-State Freight Working Group will be meeting on March 23, 2023. Ms. Radzins noted that registration information was included in the meeting materials.
  - **2023 LOTCIP Project Solicitation, Summary of Applications – 15:23** – Sotoria Montanari shared a list of projects received in response to the 2023 LOTCIP solicitation. She thanked each Town that submitted applications. Ms. Montanari mentioned that the applications are being reviewed for eligibility, and she asked that Towns that submitted review the provided list for accuracy and contact her as soon as possible if any errors are observed. Draft rankings will be shared at the Transportation Committee meeting in April.
  - **Executive Director Update – 17:21** – Matt Hart gave special thanks to Bob Jarvis from the Town of Windsor for his years of service to the Transportation Committee and his community and wished him well on his retirement. Mr. Hart then provided additional information on the upcoming SS4A notice of funding opportunity and noted that CRCOG will work with towns to make their applications ready for submission. Mr. Hart also congratulated Caitlin Palmer on her promotion to the position of CRCOG's Director of Regional Planning and Development, which she will assume on April 1, 2023.
  - **Other – MTP Comment Update – 20:40** – Cara Radzins reminded the Committee that comments on the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan are due by Sunday, March 26, 2023. The document and information on how to submit comments can be found at <https://crocog.org/mtp>.
  - **East Coast Greenway Study Update – 22:30** – Caitlin Palmer mentioned that the first advisory meeting for the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway (ECG) Study was launched last month. Public workshops have been scheduled with towns for later this month and next month. More information can be viewed at: <https://crocog.org/capitol-region-ecg-study/>.
5. **TIP Amendments – 24:37** – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments listed below. A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Kevin Kelly from the Town of Hebron. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Statewide Travel Demand modeling: Greater CT Moderate
  - Statewide NEVI Program Phase 1 Administration
  - Statewide Resilience improvement Plan & Vulnerability Assessment

- District 1 – Replace, Rehab or Remove Retaining Walls in POD 1A
- Statewide – Pump Station Risk Assessment
- 1-84/I384 – Replace Cameras and Communications Equipment
- District 4 – Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations

**6. LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Request – 29:04**

- **Suffield, Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Project (L139-0003)**– Sotora Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP funding increase request for Suffield’s Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Project. A motion was made by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, seconded by Steve Sopolak from the Town of Rocky Hill, to approve an additional \$357,200 from \$921,200 to \$1,278,400 (38.7%). This motion was passed unanimously.

**7. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside, Confirmation of Priority Projects – 32:18**

– Cara Radzins gave an update of the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside program and the status of the priority projects list from the Hartford TMA. CTDOT has reviewed and provided updated cost estimates for the projects, and COGs need to either adjust or confirm their priority rankings. CRCOG staff’s assessment is that the resulting adjustments did not substantively change the benefit of the projects listed and therefore recommends that CRCOG confirm the priority list as previously submitted. A motion was made by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, seconded by Karen Isherwood from the Town of Suffield, to support the staff recommendation. This motion was passed unanimously.

**8. Resolution: Canton Route 44 Corridor Study – 35:30**

– Pramod Pandey shared that consultant selection is nearly complete for the Route 44 Corridor Study in Canton. Mr. Pandey presented a resolution to give CRCOG’s Executive Director the authority to negotiate, execute, and amend contracts for the study. A motion was made by Steve Sopolak from the Town of Rocky Hill, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to endorse the resolution. This motion was passed unanimously.

**9. Other Business – 37:27**

– Larry Baril from the Town of Avon asked when comments are due related to the Roundabouts Study. Roger Krahn confirmed that the Committee has until two weeks following the meeting, which is April 3, 2023.

**10. Adjourn – 38:11**

– The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm via motion by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain.