

## Capitol Region Council of Governments

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### Policy Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

This meeting was Virtual

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

#### Members and Alternates

Brandon Robertson  
Chris Edge  
Jon Colman  
Jim Rupert  
Mark Walter  
Lisa Thomas  
John Elsesser  
Jason Bowsza  
Ellen Zoppo-Sassu  
Jonathan Luiz  
Raúl De Jesús  
Andrew Tierney  
Stephen Stephanou  
Ryan Aylesworth  
Erin Stewart  
Mike Paulhus  
Lisa Marotta  
Wendy Makstutis  
Mark Sciota  
Steve Jones  
Erika Wicewski  
Peter Souza  
Fred Presley  
Shari Cantor  
Rick Ledwith

#### Staff

Aaliyah Miller  
Caitlin Palmer  
Cheryl Assis  
Chris Henchey  
Maureen Goulet  
Matt Hart  
Roger Krahn  
Tracey Malenfant  
Robyn Nichols  
Cara Radzins

#### Town/Organization

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Bloomfield  
Bolton  
Columbia  
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Coventry  
East Windsor  
Enfield  
Glastonbury  
Hartford  
Hebron  
Manchester  
Mansfield  
New Britain  
Plainville  
Rocky Hill  
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Southington  
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Willington  
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Wethersfield  
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Kim Bona  
Kyle Shiel  
Jill Swenson  
Maureen Goulet  
Pauline Yoder  
Tracy Malenfant

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**Guests**

Rebecca Augur  
Bruce Wittchen  
David Murphy  
Mary Buchanan  
Nicole Govert  
Greyson Wright  
Kevin Tedesco  
Mackenzie Smillie  
Jonathan Ferrigno  
Evelyn Mantilla  
Jessica Muirhead  
Lisa Kidder  
Brock Weber  
Kathie Lutz  
Supriyo SB Chatterjee

CT OPM  
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CIRCA  
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CIRCA  
CTDOT  
CTDOT  
Eversource  
Eversource  
Grossman Solutions  
MyCTSAvings  
MyCTSAvings  
New Britain  
Rome, Smith and Lutz  
West Hartford

**1. Call to Order:**

Chair Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm

**2. Public Comment:**

David Murphy from CIRCA stated that CIRCA will be reaching out to its member towns to meet about Hazard Mitigation Update and Resilient CT.

Supriyo SB Chatterjee from West Hartford submitted written and oral comment stating that the Hartford Brainard Airport should be included in the MPP and the CEDS report. Mr. Chatterjee's public comment can be found [HERE](#)

**3. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2023**

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2022, Policy Board Meeting. Steve Jones seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**4. STAFF REPORTS:**

Mr. Hart provided an overview of the Staff Reports. Mr. Hart's full report can be found [HERE](#)

**5. Legislative Update**

According to Ms. Lutz, the assembly is currently undergoing a period of change and it appears that the Governor's Budget will be approved before the end of the session. The upcoming days will provide insight into how the budget is being finalized. Additionally, both the house and senate have announced their session schedules.

Also, according to Steve Stephanou the state will send notices to CMERS Members regarding a tentative agreement that will lower the floor of the COLA, leading to considerable savings for municipalities. John Elsesser stated that there are several proposals that will increase revenue streams for municipalities and that it is important to indicate our support for these measures.

#### **6. Presentation: MyCTSAVINGS, by Jessica Muirhead and Lisa Kidder**

The Office of the Comptroller is running a new program called MyCTSAVINGS, which is a retirement savings plan for Connecticut residents that aims to support small businesses and their employees. The program started in April 2022 and has certain rules for both employers and employees.

The full presentation may be found: [HERE](#)

For more information regarding the program, Lisa Kidder may be reached at [lisa.kidder@ct.gov](mailto:lisa.kidder@ct.gov).

### **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ITEMS**

#### **7. Action: TIP Amendments:**

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the TIP Amendments, which have been endorsed by the Transportation committee. Peter Souza seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **8. Action: Endorsement of the listed projects for submission to CTDOT for consideration under the statewide Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) solicitation**

Jon Colman reported that the Transportation Committee has endorsed the four proposed projects for submission to the state and made a motion to approve the same. Lisa Thomas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **9. Action: Adoption the 2023-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Jon Colman presented the final version of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the years 2023-2050. The plan underwent public review and was approved by the Transportation Committee. Mr. Colman made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Lisa Thomas. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **10. Action: Conformity with the Clean Air Act for Ozone**

Jon Colman reported that the approved Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program conform to Clean Air Act for ozone. Mr. Colman made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Steve Stephanou. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **11. Correspondence/ Handouts**

Matt Hart briefly reviewed the attached correspondence and asked the members to review latest edition of *The CRCOG Connection*.

#### **12. Other Business**

No other business was noted.

### **13. Adjournment**

Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Andrew Tierney seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Stewart called the meeting adjourned at 12:52 PM.

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