

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, April 24, 2023**  
**12:00 PM**  
*Meeting held remotely via Zoom*

**DRAFT**  
Until Endorsed  
by Committee

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Leonard Norton	East Windsor
Ken Radziwon	Ellington
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Dylan Reilly	Farmington
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Rob Trottier	New Britain
John Bossi	Plainville
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Kevin Vincens	South Windsor
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Suzanne Choate	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD

<b><u>Guests</u></b>	
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA
Emily Nacco	GHTD
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
Erika Lindeberg	Jacobs
David Nourse	Southington
Megan Massa	Tolland
Veronica Grossman	Grossman Solutions

Evelyn Mantilla  
Mike Fisher

Grossman Solutions  
BL Companies

**CRCOG Staff**

Rob Aloise, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Roger Krahn, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Cara Radzins, Laura Rosenbluth, Elizabeth Sanderson, Kyle Shiel, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson

*This record includes a summary of each agenda item and a timestamp of the beginning of the discussion. The audio recording of this meeting is available at [www.crcog.org](http://www.crcog.org).*

1. **Roll Call** – The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by the Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. Cara Radzins reminded the Committee that the Zoom participant list will be used for attendance and for the meeting minutes.
2. **Public Forum – 1:29** – No one chose to speak.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2023 – 1:55** – A motion was made by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to adopt the Transportation Committee meeting minutes from March 20, 2023. This motion was passed unanimously with six (6) abstentions made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, Dylan Reilly from the Town of Farmington, David Smith from the Town of Vernon, Neil Pade from the Town of Canton, and Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford.
4. **Staff Report**
  - **60 Seconds for Safety: UDOT Roundabouts Video – 3:15** – Roger Krahn shared a brief video from the Utah Department of Transportation on roundabouts. The video can be viewed [HERE](#).
  - **Regional Roundabout Screening-Progress Update – 7:44** – Roger Krahn gave a brief update on Regional Roundabout Screening. He stated that the location lists were modified to distinguish recommended locations on state owned roadways versus municipally owned roads. He also mentioned that since the last meeting comments were received from five (5) municipalities. Mr. Krahn stated that municipalities should reach out to him by May 1<sup>st</sup> with comments so that they can be put in CRCOG’s Regional Transportation Safety Plan in order to be eligible for SS4A funding. The lists can be viewed [HERE](#).
  - **BIL/IIJA Update-**
    - **CRCOG Project Screenings for Grant Opportunities – 11:54** – Elizabeth Sanderson reviewed the CRCOG Project Screenings for Grant Opportunities memo, which can be found [HERE](#). More information can be found on the CRCOG website at <https://crcog/ijja-bil/> or by contacting Elizabeth at [esanderson@crcog.org](mailto:esanderson@crcog.org).
    - **SS4A Round 2: Grant Application Submission Strategy – 16:08** – Elizabeth Sanderson gave an overview of CRCOG Staff’s proposed strategy for the next round of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Applications. The memo for can be found [HERE](#). Intent to Apply forms are due to CRCOG by May 5, 2023, and a Workshop will be held on May 9, 2023.

- **LOTICIP Quarterly Report – 23:10** – Sotoria Montanari provided highlights of the LOTICIP Quarterly Report for Quarter 3 FY2023. There were no municipal updates for this quarter.
  - **2024 LOTICIP Solicitation – 27:04** – Sotoria Montanari gave a brief overview on the upcoming 2024 LOTICIP Solicitation. She mentioned that in the summer staff are planning to analyze the financials for LOTICIP and present their findings to the Committee. Another solicitation is anticipated to be released in the Fall. Rob Aloise mentioned that if projects were not selected in this round Towns could submit them in this next solicitation or seek federal funding from IIJA programs. CRCOG will also be offering debriefs to Towns about how to improve the scores of projects that were unsuccessful in this solicitation.
  - **Support Letter: Charter Oak Bridge Project Award Application – 31:54** – Rob Aloise shared the support letter CRCOG prepared for CTDOT’s application to receive an America’s Transportation Award for Operations Excellence. CTDOT completed a \$245 million project that addressed regional safety and operations issues at I-91’s interchange with Route 15 and the Charter Oak Bridge in Hartford.
  - **Executive Director Update – 33:54** – Matt Hart thanked Rob Aloise, Elizabeth Sanderson, and the CRCOG Team for their hard work on the IIJA project screening initiatives, and he noted that he hopes municipalities will take advantage of upcoming grant opportunities. Mr. Hart also mentioned that he understands the challenges that local match poses for municipalities when applying for federal funds. He stated if local match is creating a challenge, please reach out to CRCOG so we can partner with CTBILT to create creative solutions. He also acknowledged and thanked the CRCOG Staff for their efforts in completing the MTP.
  - **Other – Support Letter: GHTD Application for CTDOT Microtransit Pilot Program – 37:07** – Rob Aloise shared CRCOG’s support letter for GHTD’s funding application under the CTDOT Microtransit Pilot Program. He stated that GHTD is partnering with M7 and RideCo to offer demand response transit services for two service zones: Plainville to Southington and Enfield to East Windsor.
5. **TIP Amendments – 38:32** – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP amendments. A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Hartford Tunnel Study
  - District 2 - Replace, Rehab or Remove Retaining Walls in POD 2A
  - District 4 - Replace, Rehab or Remove Retaining Walls in POD 4C
  - East Hartford - Hockanum River Park Trail, Phase 3
  - Statewide - Install & Removed Overhead Sign Supports at Various Locations
  - I-84 Vernon-Union - Replace highway Signs & Supports
  - I-84 EB Southington/Plainville - Pavement Rehab & Upgrade Guiderails
  - I-691 WB Southington - Replace Noise Barrier
6. **LOTICIP Funding Increase Request – 41:39** – Sotoria Montanari reviewed the LOTICIP funding increase request for Southington’s Plantsville Center Safety Improvements Project (131-0002), noting that the increase would allow the Town to accept the lowest bid. Annette Turnquist from the Town of Southington thanked

the Committee for their consideration, as this project has been a priority in the town for years. A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Adam Kessler from the Town of Simsbury, to approve the funding increase of \$1,209,168 from \$3,081,600 to \$4,290,768 (39.2%). This motion was passed unanimously. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 7. Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) – 44:25** – Chris Henchey presented the Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) Priority Form, which includes the project rankings shared at the March Transportation Committee meeting. He sought recommendation of the listed projects to be sent to CTDOT to compete under the statewide solicitation. A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon, to recommend these rankings to the Policy Board for their endorsement. This motion was passed unanimously.
  
- 8. 2023 LOTCIP Solicitation: Draft Project Selections – 47:05** – Sotoria Montanari reviewed the Draft Project Selections for the 2023 LOTCIP Solicitation. She thanked all the municipalities that submitted applications and mentioned that \$57.7 million in projects were received with \$36 million awarded. Ms. Montanari noted that an additional solicitation is anticipated for later this year. A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to recommend these project selections to the Policy Board for their endorsement. This motion was passed unanimously. The LOTCIP Solicitation Staff Ratings and Draft Selection Memo can be found [HERE](#).
  
- 9. Resolution: Adoption of the 2023-2050 Metropolitan – 50:35** – Cara Radzins requested adoption of the 2023-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), noting that CRCOG had received and responded to comments on the draft document from the public, CTDOT, and Federal partners. A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford, to endorse the 2023-2050 MTP. This motion was passed unanimously.
  
- 10. Resolution: Conformity with the Clean Air Act for Ozone – 53:24** – Cara Radzins shared that MPOs must confirm that projects within a new MTP conform with the Clean Air Act. She shared that CTDOT had conducted a statewide air quality analysis and found CRCOG’s MP to be in compliance with emissions standards. A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin. This motion was passed unanimously.
  
- 11. Other Business – 55:10** – There was no other business discussed.
  
- 12. Adjourn – 55:35** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm via motion by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton.