

Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday, May 22, 2023
12:00 PM
Meeting held remotely via Zoom

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

Name

Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Neil Pade
Todd Penney
Doug Wilson
Len Norton
Ken Radziwon
Kirk Severance
Frank Dellaripa
Owen Deutsch
Jeff LaMalva
John Carrington
Peter Hughes
Rob Trottier
John Bossi
Steve Sopelak
Adam Kessler
Annette Turnquist
Jeffrey Doolittle
Devin Cowperthwaite
Bill Hawkins
Greg Sommer
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South Windsor
Stafford
Suffield
West Hartford
Wethersfield
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Guests

Grayson Wright
Emily Nacco
Jonathan Thiesse
Mike Fisher
Chuck Harlow
Kathy Lutz
James Kulpa
Lesley Beland
CT-N

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CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Roger Krahn, Aaliyah Miller, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, 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 www.crcog.org.

- 1. Roll Call – 0:28** – The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. The Zoom participant list will be used in place of roll call.
- 2. Public Forum – 1:03** – No one chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2023 – 1:22** – A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Greg Sommer from the Town of West Hartford, to approve the meeting minutes from April 24, 2023. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Kevin Kelly from the Town of Hebron and Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford.
- 4. Staff Report**
 - **60 Seconds for Safety: Update to Regional Transportation Safety Plan – 2:21** – Roger Krahn shared that there will be some minor edits made to the Regional Transportation Safety Plan in order to support Safe Streets for All (SS4A) funding applications. Mr. Krahn mentioned the revised plan will be discussed in more detail and brought for action at the June Transportation Committee meeting.
 - **IIJA/BIL Update – 4:30** – Elizabeth Sanderson gave a brief update on IIJA/BIL Project Screening and funding opportunities. More information can be found on the CRCOG website at <https://crcog/iija-bil/> or by contacting Elizabeth at esanderson@crcog.org.
 - **Commuter Parking Lot Utilization – 10:15** – Cara Radzins shared the biannual commuter parking lot utilization counts from April 2023. She noted that that utilization is still at about half of pre-COVID levels but had a small increase over the counts from October 2023.
 - **Metropolitan Area Planning (MAP) Forum Spring Meeting – 11:12** – Cara Radzins shared that CRCOG will be hosting the 2023 MAP Forum Spring Meeting, which will be held virtually on June 2, 2023. Registration is available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIlcO6pqzguE9XRTbbcPzKMUBhy5VYsgLCK>.
 - **Executive Director Update – 12:24** – Matt Hart encouraged member towns to take advantage of the services Elizabeth Sanderson highlighted in the IIJA/BIL Update. He mentioned that if any towns have projects that may be eligible for funding, please contact CRCOG for assistance. Mr. Hart invited members of the Committee to attend the CRCOG Annual meeting on June 15 at the Riverfront Boathouse in Hartford. He mentioned that Michelle McCabe, Executive Director from CT Main Street, will be the keynote speaker.
 - **Other – 15:22** – Rob Aloise noted that there is an executive order related to the need for CTDOT to develop a VMT (Vehicles Miles Travel) reduction target. CRCOG has been made aware that a target has been released, and more information will be shared at the June Transportation Committee meeting.

- 5. Legislative Update: Kathy Lutz, Rome Smith & Lutz – 16:31** – Kathy Lutz gave a brief legislative update. She noted that the transportation-related bills remain in the committee process, so details have not been finalized. Ms. Lutz mentioned she can give additional updates once the bills are finished.

- 6. TIP Amendments – 22:07** – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP amendments. A motion was made by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, seconded by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, to endorse the TIP amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
 - Canton-Install EV Charging Stations at Various Town Facilities
 - West Hartford-Incremental Cost Increase of Purchasing on Electric Vehicle Over Gas
 - I-384 Manchester-Bridge deck Preservation of Various Bridges
 - I-95 & 395 Statewide-Service Plaza Mainline Sign and Support Replacement
 - Glastonbury – Replace Culvert Carrying Unnamed Brook Under CT 83
 - New Britain – Beeline Trail, RAISE Phase NB2
 - New Britain – Beeline Trail, RAISE Phase NB3
 - Plainville – Beeline Trail, RAISE Phase P4
 - Plainville – FCHT, RAISE Phase P1
 - Plainville – FCHT, RAISE Phase P2

- 7. FY2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program – 27:40** – Cara Radzins reviewed CRCOG’s Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025, which outlines activities associated with its transportation planning program. A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to approve CRCOG’s FY2024 and FY2025 UPWP. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 8. FY2024 and FY2025 CTDOT Planning Agreement – 29:38** – Cara Radzins noted that CRCOG must enter into an agreement with CTDOT related to the use and transfer of federal transportation planning funds in order to conduct the work identified in the approved UPWP. A motion was made by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to authorize execution of an agreement with CTDOT for CRCOG’s FY2024 and FY2025 Transportation Planning Program. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 9. Annual Urban Planning Certification Resolution – 30:34** – Rob Aloise reviewed CRCOG’s required Annual Urban Planning Certification, which states that the agency’s transportation planning process has been conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of applicable federal regulations. A motion was made by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, seconded by Ken Radziwon from the Town of Ellington, to approve the Annual Urban Planning Certification. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 10. Resolution Authorizing Transportation Committee to Act as Policy Board – 33:02** – Jon Colman presented the annual resolution to allow the CRCOG Transportation Committee to act on behalf of the CRCOG Policy Board during the

summer when Policy Board does not meet but Transportation Committee does. A motion was made by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, seconded by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, to authorize resolution for the CRCOG Transportation Committee to approve action items on behalf of the CRCOG Policy Board. This motion was passed unanimously.

11. Other Business – 34:46 – There was no other business discussed.

12. Adjourn – 34:58 – The meeting was adjourned at 12:33pm via a motion by Ken Radziwon from the Town of Ellington, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford.