

Transportation Committee Meeting
Acting on Behalf of the Policy Board
Monday, June 26, 2023
12:00 PM | Hybrid Meeting

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Robert Bessel	Canton
Lisa Thomas	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Lori Spielman	Ellington
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Rob Trottier	New Britain
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
Shari Cantor	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Suzanne Choate	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD

<u>Guests</u>	
Desirae Valentin	AECOM
Casey Hardin	AECOM
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
CT-N	Broadcast Station
Kevin Burnham	CTDOT
Ahmed Kadhim	CTDOT
Nilesh Patel	CTDOT
Grayson Wright	CTDOT

Jennifer Carrier
Andrew Guo
Chuck Harlow
Emily Nacco
Jackie Mandyck
Erika Lindeberg
Paul Dickson
Lesley Band

FHWA-CT Division
FHWA-CT Division (Intern)
Fuss & O'Neill
GHTD
iQuilt
Jacobs
Newington
Way to Go CT

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Ryan Faulkner, Maureen Goulet, Matt Hart, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Sotoria Montanari, Robyn Nichols, Caitlin Palmer, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Laura Rosenbluth, Elizabeth Sanderson, Kyle Shiel, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson, Pauline Yoder

This record includes a brief description of each agenda item and the timestamp for the beginning of its discussion. The recording of the meeting is available at www.crcog.org.

- 1. Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. The Zoom participant list and in-person attendance sheet will be used in place of roll call.
- 2. Public Forum – 0:17** – No one chose to speak. Ms. Cara Radzins noted that CT-N was present and would be broadcasting the meeting.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from May 22, 2023 – 0:41** – A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford, to approve the meeting minutes from May 22, 2023. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention made by Robert Bessel from the Town of Canton.
- 4. TIP Amendments – 1:44** – Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP amendments. A motion was made by Robert Bessel from the Town of Canton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin to endorse the TIP amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
 - GHTD - Union Station Rehab/Improvements
 - GHTD – Roberts Streets Facility
 - GHTD – Replace Paratransit Vehicles

Chair Jon Colman noted that the Transportation Committee is acting on behalf of the Policy Board and that all actions are being made as both the Transportation Committee and the Policy Board.

- 5. Approval of Updated Regional Transportation Safety Plan – 3:45** – Roger Krahn recommended approval of the updated Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP), noting that the update includes the latest results of the CRCOG's Regional Roundabout Screening Study. The RTSP is considered an Action Plan, and projects identified in the plan are eligible for federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding. A motion was made by Steve Sopolak from the Town of Rocky Hill, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the updated Regional Transportation Safety Plan. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 6. Authorizing Resolution: Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program – 5:35** – Kyle Shiel explained that the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program is a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) program providing grants to states and local governments to develop and implement plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution. A motion was made by Robert Bessell from the Town of Canton seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to authorize CRCOG to conduct appropriate and necessary activities related to the administration of a cooperative agreement with EPA for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 7. Approval of Department of Housing and Urban Development Consultant – 7:36** – Maureen Goulet shared that CRCOG received \$2 million in Congressionally Directed Spending Community Funds to identify low to moderate income (LMI) households impacted by the crumbling concrete issue to assist those households to repair their foundations. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Robert Bessell from the Town of Canton, to approve the selected consultant to work with CRCOG and the existing Connecticut Foundation Solutions Indemnity, Inc. (CFSIC) program to expand the CFSIC program specifically on behalf of LMI households. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. Presentation: Greater Hartford Mobility Study – 9:13** – Neil Patel from CTDOT and Casey Hardin from AECOM presented an update on the Greater Hartford Mobility Study. The presentation explained the study’s vision and goals, universe of alternatives, and screening process. Mr. Patel and Mr. Hardin also presented an overview of the program of projects that has been developed. A study report is anticipated to be released in Fall 2024, including public information meetings and a public comment period. Following the presentation, there was a Q&A period for committee members.
- 9. Staff Report**
- **Welcome New Staff – 42:13** – Robert Aloise introduced Anaka Maher, CRCOG’s new Senior Transportation Planner. Ms. Maher will be working with the planning staff on various efforts, including LOTCIP and safety.
 - **60 Seconds for Safety: Vision Zero Update – 43:37** – Roger Krahn shared that the Governor has signed 5917 into law. This law requires that CTDOT develop guidance for municipalities related to speed and red light camera plans. Municipalities must hold a public hearing on the plan, which then must be approved by the municipality's legislative body. Municipalities must submit a subsequent plan to CTDOT for approval every three years if they want to continue using automated speed or red light enforcement. Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield asked if there are any funding opportunities to help municipalities cover the cost. Mr. Krahn stated that such improvements would be eligible under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program.
 - **BIL/IIJA Update – 46:44** – Elizabeth Sanderson gave a brief update on current and upcoming IIJA/BIL funding opportunities. More information can be found on the CRCOG website at <https://crocog.org/bil-ijja/>. Ms. Sanderson also reminded the Committee that she is available to assist with project screening. Potential projects can be sent to her at esanderson@crocog.org.

- **CTDOT Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) Reduction Target – 53:45** – Robert Aloise shared that CTDOT has developed a vehicle miles traveled (VMT) reduction target in accordance with Executive Order 21-3, which was passed in December 2021. CTDOT’s target is a 5% VMT reduction by 2030. There was some discussion related to bus service in smaller communities and the assumptions that were used in CTDOT’s target setting.
- **Draft LOTCIP 2024 Solicitation Schedule – 1:02:55** – Sotora Montanari reviewed the Draft LOTCIP 2024 Solicitation Schedule. In September the Cost Review Sub-Committee and the Transportation Committee will review the financials, funding allocations, and draft project selection policy. The policy will then be approved in October, with the solicitation released in December.
- **Federal Aid Adjusted Urban Area Boundaries – 1:05:00** – Pramod Pandey shared that based on the 2020 Census, the Urbanized Area boundaries in Connecticut have changed. This change provides an opportunity to update the Federal Aid Urban Area boundaries. Mr. Pandey shared CTDOT’s draft of the updated Federal Aid Urban Area boundaries. Mr. Pandey asked the Committee to review any proposed changes in their municipality and provide feedback to him by July 14, 2023 at ppandey@crcog.org. After the new Federal Aid Urban Area boundaries are finalized, there will be an opportunity to review the functional classification of roadways.
- **Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: Upcoming Public Comment Period – 1:11:34** – Kyle Shiel shared that the draft of the updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is nearing completion. Following a public comment period, adoption by the Policy Board is anticipated for September. The document will be posted on CRCOG’s website.
- **Executive Director Update – 1:12:38** – Matt Hart welcomed Anaka Maher to the CRCOG team. He thanked Neil Patel and Casey Hardin for an excellent presentation and noted that he is looking forward to the short, mid, and long-term results of this study. Mr. Hart shared that CRCOG has supplied a letter of support for a Composting and Food Reduction Grant for the Town of Coventry. Mr. Hart also mentioned the 5917 bill, noting the role that CTDOT will be playing to assist municipalities regarding the implementation of red light and speed cameras. He also noted that CRCOG may have a role in this in the future. Mr. Hart thanked the Transportation Committee for acting as the Policy Board and wished everyone a safe summer.

10. Other Business – 1:15:12 – There was no other business discussed. Chair Jon Colman thanked the Transportation Committee for acting on behalf of the Policy Board and wished everyone well for the summer.

11. Adjourn – 1:15:41 – The meeting was adjourned at 1:18pm via motion by Steve Sopolak from the Town of Rocky Hill, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton.