

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**\*Acting on Behalf of the Policy Board\***  
**Monday, July 24, 2023**  
**12:00 PM**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**DRAFT**  
**Until Endorsed**  
**by Committee**

**Name**

Eric Anderson  
Larry Baril  
Chris Edge  
Jonathan Thiesse  
Patrice Carson  
Todd Penny  
Doug Wilson  
Leonard Norton  
Tom Modzelewski  
Russ Arnold  
Kirk Severance  
Frank Dellaripa  
Yousheng Mao  
John Carrington  
Peter Hughes  
Chris Zibbideo  
Jason Scott  
Thomas Roy  
Todd Rolland  
Kevin Vincens  
Annette Turnquist  
Devin Cowperthwaite  
David Corcoran  
David Smith  
Greg Sommer  
Derrick Gregor  
Paul McNamara

**Organization**

Andover  
Avon  
Berlin  
Bloomfield  
Bolton  
Coventry  
East Hartford  
East Windsor  
Ellington  
Farmington  
Granby  
Hartford  
Hartford  
Mansfield  
Marlborough  
Newington  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Somers  
South Windsor  
Southington  
Stafford  
Tolland  
Vernon  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
GHTD

**Guests**

Mike Fisher  
Grayson Wright  
Jennifer Carrier  
Andrew Guo  
Chuck Harlow  
Emily Nacco  
Erika Lindeberg  
Paul Dickson  
Adam Kessler  
James Kulpa  
Lesley Beland

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FHWA-CT Division  
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Fuss & O'Neill  
GHTD  
Jacobs  
Newington  
Simsbury  
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### **CRCOG Staff**

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Maureen Goulet, Matt Hart, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Chris Seeger, Kyle Shiel, Terri Thompson, Pauline Yoder

*This record includes a brief description of each agenda item as well as the timestamp for the beginning of that discussion. The audio recording is available at [www.crcorg.org](http://www.crcorg.org).*

1. **Roll Call – 0:04** – The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM by Acting Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. Ms. Carson noted that the Transportation Committee is acting as the Policy Board. The Zoom participant list will be used in place of roll call.
2. **Public Forum – 0:49** – No one chose to speak.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2023 – 1:12** – 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 June 26, 2023 This motion was passed unanimously with three (3) abstentions made by Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon, Todd Penney from the Town of Coventry, and Jonathan Thiesse from the Town of Bloomfield.
4. **Staff Report**
  - **Welcome New Staff – 2:03** – Cara Radzins welcomed Chris Seeger who recently joined CRCOG as a Transportation Planner.
  - **60 Seconds for Safety – 3:01** – Anaka Maher shared some nationwide and statewide statistics on roadway safety for the first quarter of 2023 (January – March 2023) and reviewed materials from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s (NHTSA) Speed Prevention Campaign.
  - **IIJA/BIL Update – 6:43** – Elizabeth Sanderson presented an update on BIL/IIJA funding opportunities. Her presentation included Safe Streets and Roads for All grant submissions, upcoming grant funding deadlines, upcoming CRCOG workshops, CRCOG project screening assistance, and additional programs that are being monitored. The full presentation is available [here](#).
  - **LOTICIP Quarterly Report – 31:33** – Sotoria Montanari reviewed highlights of the LOTICIP Quarterly Report for Quarter 4 of FY2023 (April – June 2023). CTDOT issued more than \$11 million in Authorization to Award Letters this quarter, and an additional almost \$7 million in projects received Authorization to Advertise Letters. No municipalities needed to supply schedule updates.
  - **Funding Reallocation to Carbon Reduction Program – 36:08** – Rob Aloise shared that CRCOG staff recommends that \$6.2 million for the Berlin Turnpike Signal project with Connected Vehicle technology be reassigned to the new Carbon Reduction Program. The Carbon Reduction Program is one of many new federal formula programs under IIJA, and it has strict project eligibility requirements. Mr. Aloise noted that to ensure funding does not lapse, it is necessary to initially seed these new programs with projects that are already in development. CRCOG has worked with CTDOT to identify this as the first project to utilize this funding in the state. Following a question from Patrice Carson, Mr. Aloise noted that the STBG funds currently allocated to the Berlin Turnpike Signal project will be reallocated to another project within the Capitol Region. There were no objections by Committee members to the recommended funding reallocation.

- **Executive Director Update – 39:58** – Matt Hart thanked the Transportation Committee for serving as the Policy Board. Mr. Hart welcomed Chris Seeger to the CRCOG team. He also acknowledged and thanked Sotoria Montanari for her excellent work as LOTCIP Program Manager, noting a record year for funding in FY23. Mr. Hart also reiterated the importance of BIL/IIJA funding opportunities and the availability of CRCOG staff to assistance with pursuing these funds.
  - **Other**
    - **Vision Zero Update – 42:49** – Rob Aloise noted that as part of the SS4A Action Grant to update the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, CRCOG will be developing a Vision Zero Task Force. Staff aims to present a draft Task Force framework to the Transportation Committee in September and Policy Board in October. Staff will likely soon be looking for members to serve on the Task Force.
- 5. TIP Amendments – 44:37** – Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP amendments. A motion was made by Larry Baril of Avon, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to accept the TIP amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention by Jason Scott from the Town of Rocky Hill.
- District 1 – CT 9/CT 72 – Rehab/Replace Bridges
  - New Britain – Beeline Trail (Phase 1) – Construct Multi-Use Trail Along CT 72 Corridor
  - New Britain – CT 72 – Replace Noise Barrier/Guiderail Between CT 555 & CT 372
  - Rocky Hill/Wethersfield – CT 99 – CTSS Replacement
  - District 1 – I-91/CT 190 – Replace Highway Signs and Supports
  - District 1 – I-91/CT 20 – Replace Highway Sheet Aluminum Signs
  - New Britain/Plainville – CT 72 – Rehab/Replace 5 Bridges
  - Glastonbury – CT 17 – Remove Bridges 00388 & 00389; Revise CT 17 SB @ New London
  - Turnpike; Deck Replacement for Bridge 00870
  - Hartford – DRS: Motor Fuel Tax Enforcement
  - Statewide – CT 9/CT 72 – Replace Bridge Joints on Various Bridge
  - Statewide – Ferry Boat Operating Costs
  - Various – CTfastrak ADAS Safety & Accessibility Deployment
  - Avon – CT 167/Scoville Road – Replace Sidewalk from Day Road to Pine Grove School
- 6. Correction of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Consultant – 50:40** – Maureen Goulet presented a corrected version of the resolution approved at the June meeting for the HUD Consultant. The consultant’s name was shown incorrectly in the previously approved version. A motion was made by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to accept the revised resolution. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Jason Scott from the Town of Rocky Hill and Jonathan Thiesse from the Town of Bloomfield.
- 7. Acceptance of the 2023-2024 Regional Services Grant – 51:44** – Pauline Yoder recommended the approval of the 2023-2024 Regional Services Grant (RSG), noting that the \$1.3 million was shown in CRCOG’s FY2024 budget as a contingency item. A motion

was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve CRCOG's acceptance of the RSG funding. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention by Jason Scott from the Town of Rocky Hill.

- 8. 2024 LOTCIP Solicitation Financial Analysis – 52:48** – Sotora Montanari and Rob Aloise presented draft recommendations for the upcoming 2024 LOTCIP solicitation, including a proposed schedule and funding allocations. There was discussion amongst Committee members regarding the potential of a roundabouts allocation. The general consensus was that it would be preferable to have increased points for safety instead of a separate funding allocation for roundabouts. There was also a discussion about the continued inclusion of bridge projects in LOTCIP. If anyone has additional comments before the next meeting, they can reach out to Rob at [raloise@crcog.org](mailto:raloise@crcog.org) or (860) 724-4214. CRCOG staff will prepare revised allocations, and the full draft solicitation guidelines will be discussed at the Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting in September.
- 9. Other Business – 1:10:44** – No other business was discussed. The next meeting will be held September 18, 2023.
- 10. Adjourn – 1:11:00** –The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm via motion by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Frank Dellaripa from the City of New Britain.