

Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday September 18, 2023
12:00 PM | Hybrid Meeting

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

Name

Eric Anderson
Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Neil Pade
Todd Penney
Doug Wilson
Leonard Norton
Tom Modzelewski
Donald Nunes
Russ Arnold
Daniel Pennington
Kirk Severance
Frank Dellaripa
Owen Deutsch
Jeff LaMalva
John Carrington
Peter Hughes
Chris Zibbideo
Rob Trottier
John Bossi
Steve Sopelak
Adam Kessler
Annette Turnquist
Jeffrey Doolittle
Devin Cowperthwaite
Bill Hawkins
David Corcoran
David Smith
Greg Sommer
Derrick Gregor
Susan Choate
Paul McNamara

Organization

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Marlborough
Newington
New Britain
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Southington
South Windsor
Stafford
Suffield
Tolland
Vernon
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor
GHTD

Guests

Michael Ahern
Grayson Wright
Emily Nacco
Mao Yousheng
Paul Dickson
Lesley Beland

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CTDOT
GHTD
Hartford
Newington
Way to Go CT

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Matt Hart, , Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Chris Seeger, 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 – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 12:00 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 – 0:28** – No one chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from July 24, 2023 – 0:41** – A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve the Transportation Committee meeting minutes from July 24, 2023. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Donald Nunes from the Town of Enfield and Neil Pade from the Town of Canton.
- 4. Staff Reports**
 - **60 Seconds for Safety – 1:38** – Roger Krahn updated the Committee on the status of CRCOG’s Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) award, including contracting with FHWA and the City of New Britain. He also mentioned that in October he will be seeking endorsement of a CRCOG Vision Zero Task Force.
 - **BIL/IIJA Update – 5:40** – Elizabeth Sanderson presented an update on BIL/IIJA funding opportunities. During her update, she reviewed the content of the August and September funding opportunities newsletters, including USDOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods, USDOT Municipal Project Discretionary Grants-MEGA/Infra/Rural, USDOT Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program, EPA 2023 Clean School Bus (CSB) Grant Program, and USDOT Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT).
 - **Enfield Traffic Impact Study –12:31** – Caitlin Palmer gave an update on the Enfield Traffic Impact Study, which began in 2021 and will be completed by the end of the year. Ms. Palmer mentioned that a public meeting is being held on October 3 from 6pm-7pm at the Enfield Town Hall. The draft of the study’s report is available at <https://crcog.org/enfield-traffic-impact-study>. The public comment will run from September 23 to October 26. Ms. Palmer anticipates seeking endorsement of the study and its recommendations in November.
 - **ActiveCT Vision Zero Webinar – 18:16** – Caitlin Palmer invited everyone to join the ActiveCT Vision Zero Webinar on September 19, 2023, from 9am to 10 am. A registration link was shared with attendees, and information about the webinar is available [here](#).
 - **Streets Controlling Design Criteria –19:10** – Robert Aloise reviewed Executive Order 44. There were several discussions and questions raised about the Complete Streets Controlling Design Criteria, including how it will be applied to the TRIP and LOCTIP funding programs. Jon Colman from the Town of

Bloomfield recommended that this issue should be discussed further at a Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting and that written guidance will be needed from CTDOT.

- **CTfastrak/Hartford Line Corridor Advisory Committee – 30:14** – Robert Aloise shared that CRCOG has partnered with SCRCOG to reconvene the CTfastrak/Hartford Line Corridor Advisory Committee. The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2023 at 9:00 am in a hybrid format. Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield suggested moving the meeting to after the election. Mr. Aloise said he would speak to the co-chairs about this suggestion.
- **Executive Director Update – 34:26** – Matt Hart noted that it is National Roundabout Week and shared some statistics on the benefits of roundabouts. Mr. Hart shared that he and Caitlin Palmer will be presenting at the State Bicycle Advisory Board virtual meeting being held on September 22 at 9am. He also mentioned that the Executive Committee has endorsed CRCOG’s new Strategic Playbook and that the document will be shared with Policy Board at the meeting on September 27. A presentation to Transportation Committee will follow.
- **Other: CLEAR Stormwater Quality Manual Webinar – 38:41** – Robert Aloise shared that CLEAR (UConn’s Center for Land Use Education and Research) would be holding a webinar on the new Stormwater Quality Manual on September 26, 2023, from 1pm to 2pm. A registration link was shared with attendees, and information about the webinar is available [here](#).

5. TIP Amendments – 40:25 – Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to accept the TIP Amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.

- New Britain-CT 72-Rehab Bridge
- Windsor-CT 159-Rehab Bridge
- District 1-I-291-Replace Signs and Supports
- New Britain/Plainville-Rehab 4 Bridges
- Statewide-I-91-Concrete Sealer Program for NBI Bridges

6. LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Requests – 42:54

- **Hebron: Main Street/Wall Street Intersection Improvements (L066-0002)** – Ms. Sotora Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP funding increase request for \$602,094.60, which would increase the project’s funding from \$1,036,800 to \$1,638,894.60 (58% increase). A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to approve the LOTCIP funding increase. This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Suffield: Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Reconstruction (L139-0003)**– Sotora Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP scope modification which would decrease project funding from \$1,278,400 to \$730,000; maintain a culvert instead of replacing it with a pedestrian bridge; and extend the trail improvements from 4,700 feet to 6,550 feet. Bill Hawkins from the Town of Suffield confirmed that the distributed memo fully described the request. A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the LOTCIP scope modification. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 7. Draft 2024 LOTCIP Project Selection Policy – 52:43** – Sotoria Montanari presented the draft 2024 LOTCIP Project Selection Policy, as revised by the Cost Review Sub-Committee Committee during the preceding meeting. A motion was made by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to approve the 2024 LOTCIP Project Selection Policy as revised. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. Endorsement of TOD Roles, Visioning, Viability, and Tools Analysis – 55:51** – Cara Radzins provided a brief summary of the recently completed Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Roles, Visioning, Viability, and Tools Analysis. Ms. Radzins shared a resolution to endorse the recommendations from this study. A motion was made by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to approve the resolution. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 9. Authorizing Resolution for FHWA Safe Streets and Roads for all Grant – 58:18** – Roger Krahn shared the Authorizing Resolution for Execution of Agreements for the USDOT 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant. This resolution would allow Matt Hart to sign necessary contract documents for this effort. A motion was made by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the resolution. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 10. Other Business – 59:59** – There was no other business discussed.
- 11. Adjourn – 1:00:18** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm via motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon.