

**CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 12:00 NOON

This was a virtual meeting.

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**Attendance**

Eric Anderson  
Brandon Roberston  
Chris Edge  
Jim Rupert  
Bob Bessel  
Mark Walter  
Lisa Thomas  
Jim Drumm  
Connor Martin  
Matthew Reed  
Lori Spielman  
Jonathan Luiz  
Randal Davis  
Raúl De Jesús  
Andy Tierney  
Steve Stephanou  
David Porter  
Ryan Aylesworth  
Brock Weber  
Mike Paulhus  
Wendy Mackstutis  
Mark Sciota  
Bill Hawkins  
Brian Foley  
Shari Cantor  
Rick Ledwith  
Ken Lesser  
Fred Presley  
Erica Wiecenski  
Peter Souza

**Town/Organization**

Andover  
Avon  
Berlin  
Bolton  
Canton  
Columbia  
Coventry  
Coventry  
East Hartford  
Ellington  
Ellington  
Glastonbury  
Hartford  
Hartford  
Hebron  
Manchester  
Marlborough  
Mansfield  
New Britain  
Plainville  
Simsbury  
Southington  
Suffield  
Tolland  
West Hartford  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Wethersfield  
Willington  
Windsor

## **Staff**

Tracey Malenfant	CRCOG
Kyle Shiel	CRCOG
Elizabeth Sanderson	CRCOG
Roger Krahn	CRCOG
Lily Schneider	CRCOG
Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG
Matt Hart	CRCOG
Laura Rosenbluth	CRCOG
Caitlin Pamler	CRCOG

## **Guests**

Maura Cook	United Way
Jen Pacacha	CTDOT
Jonathan Ferrigno	Eversource
Kathie Lutz	Rome, Smith, Lutz, Kowalski

### 1. **Call to Order**

Lori Spielman called meeting to order at 12:03 PM

### 2. **Public Comment**

No Public comment was offered.

### 3. **Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2023**

Erica Wicewski made a motion to approve the minutes of October 25, 2023 as presented. Steve Stephanou seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### 4. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

- a. **Chair and Executive Director** - Mr. Hart provided an overview of his report. [Mr. Hart's full report](#) can be found [HERE](#)
- b. BIL/IIJA Update
- c. Municipal Services and Purchasing Council
- d. Planning - Transportation
- e. Public Safety Homeland Security
- f. Planning - Community Development

### 5. **Legislative Update**

Kathie Lutz discussed the details of the upcoming February Session. The short session is primarily for budget related issues and adjustments. Ms. Lutz mentioned that election issues, housing issues, and budget adjustments will be brought up in sessions. Lastly, Daniel O'Keefe will succeed Alexandra Daum as DECD Commissioner.

### 6. **Presentations**

[United Way presentation on ALICE, Maura Cook Senior Vice President of Marketing & Development](#) The presentation begins at 23:00 minutes.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

7. **Approval Resolution authorizing three EZIQC regional contractor awards – General Construction**

Starting at the 1 minute and 20 seconds into the meeting, Kim Bona recommended that the Board approve the Resolution authorizing contract awards for general construction in the Northwest Region to Millenium Builders, and to BMP Construction for the Southeast and Southwest Regions with the understanding that CRCOG will immediately rebid for the Northeast Region and secure an awarded contractor for this region by January. This will be brought back to the Policy Board for consideration at its December meeting. Chris Edge made a motion for a motion for approval; Lisa Thomas seconded, and the motion passed unaimously.

8. **Approval of Resolution authorizing four EZIQC regional contractor awards – Road and Bridge Construction**

Kim Bona recommended approval of the resolution authorizing contract awards for Road and Bridge Construction for one year, with optional two-year extensions, as follows: Region 1: Hemlock Construction; Region 2: Hemlock Construction; Region 3: BMP Construction; and Region 4: Yield Construction. Chris Edge motioned for approval. Bob Bessel seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. **Approval of Resolution to enter into contract with Dewberry Engineers Inc., for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRGP)**

Kyle Shiel explained this is a subset of the CPRG resolution from June 2023. Mr. Shiel recommended approval of the resolution authorizing CRCOG to enter into contract with Dewberry Engineers Inc., for work associated with the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRGP). Lisa Thomas motioned to approve the motion. Erica Wicewski seconded. Motion passed.

## **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ITEMS**

10. **Action: TIP Amendments (October):**

Rob Aloise presented the October TIP Amendments and the process of approving projects. The amendments were already passed by the Transportation Committee unanimously. Chris Edge made a motion to approve the TIP amendments and Eric Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. **Action: TIP Amendments:**

Rob Aloise presented the November TIP Amendments. The amendments were already passed by the Transportation Committee unanimously. Eric Anderson made a motion to approve the TIP amendments and Lisa Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. **Action: 2024 Annual CTDOT Safety Performance Targets:**

Roger Krahn made a presentation seeking approval of the 2024 Safety Performance Targets submitted by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. The 2024 targets are the same as 2023 yet very ambitious. The Transportation Committee has already approved the targets. Bob Bessel made a motion to approve. Eric Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

13. **Action: Endorsement of Enfield Traffic Impact Study**

Caitlin Palmer detailed the study that provides a vision for future development of the Enfield Square Mall site so that it can be used as a resource for the Town of Enfield and future property owners. Peter Souza motioned for approval. Bob Bessel seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

14. **Correspondence/ Handouts**

No correspondence or handouts.

15. **Other Business**

No other business was reported.

16. **Adjournment**

Eric Anderson made a motion to adjourn. Peter Souza seconded. Lori Spielman adjourned the meeting at 1:10pm.