

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**Monday November 13, 2023**  
**12:00 PM**  
***Virtual Meeting***

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

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Leonard Norton	East Windsor
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
Derek Dilaj	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
Rob Trotter	New Britain
John Bossi	Plainville
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Susan Choate	Windsor
Emily Nacco	GHTD

## **Guests**

Mike Fisher	BL Companies
Ken Radziwon	BL Companies
Sarah Cote	Bloomfield
Marc Byrnes	CTDOT
Jane Dunbar	CTDOT
Olivia Rizzuto	CTDOT
Andrew Shields	CTDOT
Chuck Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill
Mao Yousheng	Hartford
Erika Lindeberg	Jacobs
Larry Murphy	Jacobs
Paul Dickson	Newington
Megan Massa	Tolland

## **CRCOG Staff**

Rob Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Matt Hart, Roger Krahn, Devon Lechtenberg, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson

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

1. **Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. The Zoom participant list will serve as roll call.
  2. **Public Forum – 0:24** – No one chose to speak.
  3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2023 – 0:50** – A motion was made by David Smith from the Town of Tolland, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, to adopt the minutes from the Transportation Committee meeting on October 23, 2023. This motion was passed unanimously with three (3) abstentions made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, Donald Nunes from the Town of Enfield, and Kirk Severance from the Town of Granby.
- #### 4. Staff Reports
- **60 Seconds for Safety – 2:00**
    - **Crash Responders Safety Week** – Terri Thompson shared that Crash Responder Safety Week is November 13-17. The theme “Protect Those who Protect You” will be emphasizing the traveling public’s role in keeping responders safe while responders make roadways safe for all road users.
    - **World Day of Remembrance** – Terri Thompson mentioned that a World Remembrance Day event will be held on November 19, from 1-3 pm at Bushnell Park. This event will honor those who were killed by cars. CRCOG, CTDOT, and others are sponsoring the event.

- **BIL/IIJA Update – 4:33** – Elizabeth Sanderson presented an update on BIL/IIJA funding opportunities and related upcoming events, noting more detailed information is available on the CRCOG website and in the November Funding Opportunities Newsletter. Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield asked about opportunities for rural Towns, and Ms. Sanderson shared that FHWA maintains a list at <https://www.transportation.gov/rural/funding-opportunities>.
  - **Commuter Parking Lot Utilization –15:42** – Cara Radzins gave a brief update on the Fall 2023 commuter parking lot counts. She mentioned there was a small increase, partially due to the addition of a new lot in Farmington. Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover commented on the relationship between limited commuter bus service and limited commuter parking lot usage. Ms. Radzins noted that CRCOG would be happy to help facilitate conversations with CTDOT if additional service is sought by a Town.
  - **2024 LOTCIP Project Solicitation Update – 19:51** – Sotoria Montanari shared that the 2024 LOTCIP Project Solicitation has been released. She reminded the Committee that CRCOG will be selecting \$42 million in projects. Requests for a free, voluntary pavement assessment are due by January 10, 2024, and all applications are due by February 21, 2024 at 2:00 pm.
  - **LOTICIP Consultant Assistance (On-Call List 3) Request for Qualifications – 21:34** – Sotoria Montanari shared that the LOTICIP Consultant Assistance (On-Call List 3) RFQ will be distributed on November 29, 2023, with applications due on January 31, 2024 at 2:00 pm.
  - **Greater Hartford Mobility Study Public Meetings – 22:12** – Rob Aloise gave a brief update on the Greater Hartford Mobility Study Public Meetings. He mentioned that the first public meeting was held on November 9 in Hartford and the second meeting will be held on November 16 in East Hartford from 6-8pm in person. He mentioned that the study is proposing a host of improvements across the region and the meeting on Thursday will focus on four major projects which includes freeways, trail, and connectivity in Hartford and East Hartford. Mr. Aloise mentioned that a final report will be coming out at the end of the month.
  - **Other: Complete Streets Design Criteria Follow-Up with CTDOT – 26:04** – Anaka Maher noted that CRCOG had relayed the Committee’s concerns to CTDOT regarding the Complete Streets Design Criteria. Ms. Maher reviewed CTDOT’s responses to these questions, noting that the questions and answers were also posted to the CRCOG website.
  - **Other: Carbon Reduction Program/TA Set-Aside Funding – 28:51** – Rob Aloise shared that solicitations for funding under the Carbon Reduction Program and the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set Aside Program are anticipated within the next six months. CRCOG staff will keep the Committee informed of updates.
  - **Executive Director Update – 31:26** – Matt Hart shared that 17 communities across the state received \$11.7 million in Community Connectivity grants. Out of the 17, six (6) were CRCOG municipalities: Berlin, Canton, East Granby, Manchester, New Britain, and South Windsor. Mr. Hart congratulated them on the awards. Mr. Hart also mentioned that CRCOG will be scheduling an orientation for new Policy Board members to provide an overview of CRCOG.
- 5. TIP Amendments – 35:53** – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. Committee members expressed concern about moving the projects to “FYI”

without a commitment from CTDOT that the projects would be placed in a future year. Cara Radzins explained that this was a procedural issue because the current TIP only runs through FY2024 so there are no future years for projects to be moved to until the next TIP for FY2025-2028 is approved next year. Additional concern was voiced about potentially jeopardizing projects by not acting on the amendments. A motion was made by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, seconded by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, to accept the TIP Amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously. CRCOG Staff will ask CTDOT to provide additional scheduling information with future TIP amendments that delay projects into the FY2025-2028 TIP.

- East Hartford – Trail – Hockanum Park Trail Phase 3
- Plainville – Trail – RAISE Phase P1

**6. Resolution: 2024 Annual CTDOT Safety Performance Targets – 45:21**

– Roger Krahn presented CTDOT’s five (5) safety performance targets for calendar year 2024, which were discussed in more detail during the October Transportation Committee meeting. A motion was made by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford, seconded by Suzanne Choate from the Town of Windsor, to support CTDOT’s Safety Performance Targets as CRCOG’s regional targets for 2024. This motion was passed unanimously.

**7. Resolution: Endorsement of Enfield Traffic Impact Study – 47:18 –**

Caitlin Palmer noted that CRCOG staff is seeking endorsement of the Enfield Traffic Impact Study, which has already been endorsed by the Town. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, to endorse the Enfield Traffic Impact Study and its recommendations. This motion was passed unanimously.

**8. 2024 Transportation Committee Meeting Schedule – 48:38 –**

Cara Radzins presented the draft 2024 Transportation Committee meeting schedule, noting the quarterly hybrid meetings and that Transportation Committee would only act as Policy Board in July because of Policy Board’s new schedule. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, to accept the 2024 Transportation Committee meeting schedule. This motion was passed unanimously.

**9. Presentation: State Local Bridge Program-Andrew Shields, CTDOT –**

**50:36** – Andrew Shields, a Project Engineer at CTDOT, gave a presentation on the State Local Bridge Program. This program offers dollar for dollar matching grants to rebuild failing bridges in Connecticut (State General Statute – Ch 240, Sect 13a-175q). Mr. Shields noted that the application window will open in the Spring. The complete presentation can be found [here](#).

**10. Other Business – 1:34:58 –** Rob Aloise stated that he will check into the TIP concerns voiced earlier in the meeting and get information back to the Committee.

**11. Adjourn – 1:35:38 –** The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 pm via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Todd Rolland from the Town of Somers.