

Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday January 22, 2024
12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

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by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Leonard Norton	East Windsor
Tom Modzelewski	Ellington
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
Mark Moriarty	New Britain
John Bossi	Plainville
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Paul McNamara	GHTD
<u>Guests</u>	
Lori Sena	Amplify CT
Daniel Carter	Bloomfield
Sara Cote	Bloomfield
CT-N	Broadcast Network
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Emily Nacco	GHTD
Mao Yousheng	Hartford

Erika Lindeberg
Rob Trottier
Jason Hughes
James Kulpa

Jacobs
New Britain
UConn T2 Center
VHB

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Lindsay Drotman, Matt Hart, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Chris Seeger, Karen Stewartson

The record below includes a brief description of each agenda item and a timestamp for the beginning of that discussion. The audio recording is available at <https://crcog.org>.

0:00 – Ms. Cara Radzins mentioned to the Committee that CT-N is present at the meeting, and the meeting will be broadcast.

1. Roll Call – 0:12 – The meeting was called to order at 12:02 pm by the Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. The Zoom participant list will be used in place of roll call. Mr. Colman shared that CRCOG’s Executive Director Emeritus, Lyle Wray, passed away on January 5, 2024 after fighting a serious illness. Mr. Colman mentioned that a celebration of his life was held on January 20, 2024. He noted that Lyle was recognized for his work for CRCOG but by the Greater Capitol Region and the State of Connecticut. The Transportation Committee wishes his family well.

2. Public Forum – 1:49 – No one chose to speak.

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from December 18, 2023 – 2:08 – A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, to adopt the minutes from the Transportation Committee Meeting on December 18, 2023. The motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention made by Todd Penney from the Town of Coventry.

4. Staff Reports

- **60 Seconds for Safety: Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Guide – 3:01** – Roger Krahn shared that CTDOT has released its Guidance for Municipalities Developing an Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Plan. He stated that the guide and additional information is on CTDOT’s website.
- **Updated Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) – 4:04** – Roger Krahn shared that FHWA released a new Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) in December 2023. He noted that FHWA allows each DOT two years to formally adopt the MUTCD as is or with supplemental materials.
- **UConn T2 Center Safety Circuit Rider Program – 4:53** – Roger Krahn shared a brochure for the UConn T2 Center’s Equipment Loan Program, noting that Jason Hughes will be the new staff contact for those in the CRCOG region who need assistance with the equipment program. Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover mentioned his positive experience with the program and encouraged everyone to consider using it. There was a question about whether Jason’s coverage area included the whole CRCOG region. *After the meeting, CRCOG staff confirmed that all CRCOG municipalities do fall within Jason’s coverage area.*

- **BIL/IIJA Update – 7:08** – Elizabeth Sanderson shared an update on BIL/IIJA funding opportunities and related upcoming events. More detailed information is available on the CRCOG website at <https://crocog.org/bil-ijja/>. She noted that CRCOG will be pursuing a RAISE planning grant for the Berlin Turnpike.
 - **LOTICIP Quarterly Report – 13:31** – Sotoria Montanari provided highlights of the LOTICIP Quarterly Report for Quarter 2 of FY2024. Representatives from Simsbury and Mansfield provided scheduling updates on their projects.
 - **Funding Opportunities Guide Update – 17:59** – Anaka Maher shared that staff has completed an update of CRCOG’s Municipal Transportation Funding Opportunities Guide, highlighting that LOTICIP and DEEP Recreational Trails solicitations are currently open. Ms. Maher also stated that TA Set-Aside and State Local Bridge Program solicitations are anticipated to be available soon. The guide is posted on [CRCOG’s website](#).
 - **Greater Hartford Mobility Study Update – 19:07** – Rob Aloise shared that CTDOT released the final report for the Greater Hartford Mobility Study on December 18, 2023. He also reviewed answers from the study team in response to questions that Transportation Committee members had raised. Mr. Aloise noted that staff is reviewing the report and anticipates seeking Transportation Committee action to support the study’s recommendations in February.
 - **FFY 2023 Obligated or Grant Projects List – 23:47** – Cara Radzins gave a summary of the FFY2023 Obligated or Grant Projects List. She mentioned that more than \$294 million in federal funding was obligated to transportation projects within the CRCOG region (including statewide and District projects) and approximately \$11 million (4%) of that funding was for bike/ped projects. The largest projects were I-91 South Bridge Rehabilitation (Dutch Point Viaduct), I-84 Bridge Deck Preservation in District 4, and replacing highways signs and supports on I-84 in Vernon and Union. Ms. Radzins stated that the list is posted on the CRCOG website and is publicly available.
 - **Other – 26:07** – Rob Aloise echoed Jon Colman’s sentiments regarding the passing of Lyle Wray. He noted that CRCOG staff is grieving his loss.
 - **Executive Director Update – 26:54** – Matt Hart stated that he appreciated everyone’s support related to the passing of Lyle Wray, noting that Lyle was taken too soon. Mr. Hart stated that we all learned a great deal from Lyle and that we will honor his legacy through our future work.
- 5. TIP Amendments – 27:26** – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments, noting that three of the projects were being moved from FFY2024 to FYI. He stated that items 1 and 2 were being moved to FFY 2025 and item 3 to FFY 2026. Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough raised a question about whether the new lights were the same ones that appeared blue on Route 2. Mr. Aloise stated he was not sure and would look into it. A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the TIP Amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
1. Mansfield – Various – Downtown Pedestrian Loop Closure
 2. Stafford – CT 19 – Culvert Replacement under East Street
 3. Columbia/Coventry - Trail – Hop River State Park Trail
 4. District 2 – Various – Replace Highway Illumination at Various Locations

- 6. Resolution: East Coast Greenway Study: Simsbury Recommendations Report – 31:38** – Caitin Palmer shared that the public comment periods for the Simsbury Recommendations Report for the East Coast Greenway Study had closed. She summarized the comments received. Adam Kessler from the Town of Simsbury shared that the Town is pleased with the work completed and hopes to use the Report to seek grant funding. A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to endorse the East Coast Greenway Study: Simsbury Recommendations Report. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 7. Resolution: Task-Based Travel Demand Modeling and Data-Management Consultant – 36:44** – Chris Seeger shared that CRCOG has completed its selection process to find a consultant to update and maintain the regional travel model and perform other related tasks. Through the process, Cambridge Systematics, the firm that previously served in this role for CRCOG, was selected for the next two years. Mr. Seeger requested approval of the Authorizing Resolution to move forward with negotiations and contracting. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to authorize execution of an agreement with Cambridge Systematics for Task-Based Travel Demand Modeling and Data Management. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. Other Business – 38:10** – Aaliyah Miller shared that the upcoming CRCOG newsletter will be dedicated to Lyle.
- 9. Adjourn – 39:07** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:41 pm via motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin.