

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, February 26, 2024**  
**12:00 PM**  
***Virtual Meeting***

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Until Endorsed  
by Committee

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Organization</u></b>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
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
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
Rob Trottier	New Britain
John Bossi	Plainville
Jason Scott	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Suzanne Choate	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD
<b><u>Guests</u></b>	
Lori Sena	Amplify CT
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Daniel Carter	Bloomfield

Jonathan Thiesse  
Kevin Tedesco  
Travis Gendron  
Dimitris Koutoumbas  
Chuck Harlow  
Mao Yousheng  
James Kulpa

Bloomfield  
CTDOT  
CT Transportation Institute (CTI)  
CT Urbanists  
Fuss & O'Neil  
Hartford  
VHB

**CRCOG Staff**

Robert Aloise, Sonya Carrizales, Mike Cipriano, Lindsay Drotman, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Chris Seeger, 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 be used in place of roll call.
- 2. Public Forum – 0:18** – Dimitris Koutoumbas, a Wethersfield resident representing CT Urbanists, shared that this organization has been building benches for use at transit stops. He noted that the group has approached Hartford’s Department of Public Works regarding the possibility of replacing these structures with real benches as part of the Bus Stop Enhancement Program. Cara Radzins offered to have a follow-up discussion with Dimitris.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2024 – 2:18** – A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to adopt the minutes from the Transportation Committee meeting on January 22, 2024. The motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by David Smith from the Town of Vernon and Donald Nunes from the Town of Enfield.

**4. Staff Reports**

- **60 Seconds for Safety**
  - **Vision Zero Program Distinction for Schools – 3:07** – Roger Krahn shared that in conformance with CT Public Act 23-116 a Vision Zero Program Distinction for Schools is available upon request. The program is being directed under the CTDOT Safe Routes to School Program. Additional information and an online application can be found on [CTDOT’s website](#).
  - **Connecticut Road Safety Summit – 4:06** – Roger Krahn shared that the 2024 Connecticut Road Safety Summit is being held on May 30, 2024, at Central Connecticut State University. This is a free event, and registration is available on [CTI’s website](#).
- **Farmington Area Connectivity Study Draft Report – 4:55** – Roger Krahn shared that a draft final report for the Farmington Area Connectivity Study is now available for public comment. Comments will be accepted through March 18, 2024, and staff will be seeking endorsement of this study’s recommendations in the coming months.

- **BIL/IIJA Update – 6:21** – Elizabeth Sanderson presented an update on BIL/IIJA funding opportunities and related upcoming events. More detailed information is available on the CRCOG website at <https://crcog.org/bil-ijja/>
- **New CRCOG Office Location – 14:51** – Cara Radzins shared that the CRCOG office will be moving to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Metro Center on 350 Church in Hartford in mid-March. Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton raised a question about parking. Ms. Radzins noted that CRCOG will validate parking for Committee members visiting the office as long as they use the parking garage, as CRCOG cannot validate parking for the surface parking lot on Church Street.
- **CTDOT Bus Stop Enhancement Program – 16:25** – Cara Radzins shared CTDOT is requesting that municipalities complete a survey regarding their existing bus shelter maintenance procedures. This information will inform the Bust Stop Enhancement Program. Ms. Radzins noted that future outreach will occur regarding site selection for improvements under the program. There were numerous questions and discussions regarding maintenance responsibilities of shelters. Some communities were unclear on whether they were supposed to be maintaining there shelters, and others felt that all shelter maintenance should be the responsibility of CTDOT. It was requested that CRCOG staff request a shelter inventory for the region so that individual municipalities do not each need to do so. Ms. Radzins said she would make the request of CTDOT.
- **Upcoming CTDOT Presentation on ADA Compliance – 27:07** – Cara Radzins shared that CTDOT will be holding follow-up meetings to discuss the outcome of the 2023 Municipal ADA Compliance Survey and next steps related to ADA transition planning. A meeting for the Capitol Region is scheduled for March 27, 2024 at 2 pm (virtual). More information will follow.
- **Greater Hartford Mobility Study Staff Review – 28:43** – Robert Aloise provided a summary of the staff review that has been conducted on the final report of the Greater Hartford Mobility Study. He mentioned that the four (4) documents he highlighted are posted on the CRCOG website. Mr. Aloise requested that if any municipalities have questions that they would like to pose to CTDOT about this effort to please send them to him or Anaka Maher by March 1, 2024. He also stated that CRCOG staff plans to bring a resolution of support before the Transportation Committee at a future meeting.
- **LOTICIP Project Solicitation Update – 40:55** – Sotoria Montanari shared that 19 project applications were received from 15 municipalities in response to the LOTICIP Project Solicitation. She stated that the solicitation was issued for \$42 million, and approximately \$40 million of projects were received. Ms. Montanari noted that a listing of the projects will be provided at next month’s meeting.
- **FFY 2023 FTA Section 5310 Application Cycle – 42:18** – Chris Seeger shared that applications for Section 5310 funding are due on April 2, 2024. Full application information is available at <https://www.ct.gov/dot/5310>.
- **Other – 43:03** – Cara Radzins shared that one of the municipalities sent her a recent bus shelter inventory from CTDOT. She shared this document in the chat. Ms. Radzins noted that the document was an incomplete list and that she would still follow-up with CTDOT and share additional information at a future meeting.
  - **Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program Solicitation – 43:57** – Cara Radzins shared that CRCOG staff has received and is reviewing

solicitation materials for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program. She stated that \$12.7 million in funding is available for the Hartford TMA and that CRCOG will need to coordinate with NVCOG, RiverCOG, and NHCOCG. Ms. Radzins noted that a Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting will be held in March to discuss the details of the solicitation. It is anticipated that applications will be due to CRCOG in mid-May.

- **Executive Director Update – 46:45** –No update was provided.
5. **TIP Amendments – 46:53** – Robert Aloise reviewed the one (1) TIP Amendment. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to approve the TIP Amendment as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
    - Southington – I-691 WB – Replace Noise Barrier
  6. **Updated 2024 Transportation Committee Meeting Schedule – 48:18** – Cara Radzins shared that because of the CRCOG office move in mid-March, staff is proposing to hold the Transportation Committee meeting scheduled for March 25, 2024 in a virtual format and the meeting on April 22, 2024 in a hybrid format. Staff is seeking approval to swap the format of these two meetings. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to approve these changes. The motion was passed unanimously.
  7. **Other Business – 50:24** – There was no other business discussed.
  8. **Adjourn – 50:28** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 pm via motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover.