

CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

12:00 NOON

This was a virtual meeting.

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Attendance

Hiram Peck
Jon Colman
Robert Skinner
Mark Walter
Lisa Thomas
Connor Martin
Lori Spielman
Joe Capodiferro
Jonathan Luiz
Mike Walsh
Raúl De Jesús Jr.
Andrew Tierney
Ryan Aylesworth
David Porter
Brock Weber
Jon Trister
Lisa Marotta
Marc Nelson
Mark Sciota
William Morrison
Colin Moll
Rick Ledwith
Fred Presley
Ken Lesser

Town/Organization

Avon
Bloomfield
Canton
Columbia
Coventry
East Hartford
Ellington
Farmington
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Hebron
Mansfield
Marlborough
New Britain
Newington
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Southington
Stafford
Suffield
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Wethersfield

Staff

Aaliyah Miller	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Caitlin Palmer	CRCOG
Cheryl Assis	CRCOG

Chris Seeger	CRCOG
Elizabeth Sanderson	CRCOG
Jill Swenson	CRCOG
Laura Rosenbluth	CRCOG
Lily Schneider	CRCOG
Matt Hart	CRCOG
Maureen Goulet	CRCOG
Heidi Samokar	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG
Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Roger Krahn	CRCOG
Tracey Malenfant	CRCOG

Guests

Emily Basham	CT Green Bank
Mackey Dykes	CT Green bank
Katie Shelton	CIRCA
John Truscinski	CIRCA
Mary Buchanan	CIRCA
John Harkins	CT - Consult
Erin McBride	Congressman Murphy
Greyson Wright	CTDOT
Mark Massaro	Eversource
Ellen Graham	Senator Blumenthal Office

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 February 28, 2024**

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2024 as presented. Lori Spielman 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**

The CRCOG Legislative Ad-hoc committee has focused on prioritizing certain bills, including HB 5056, SB 375, HB 5048, HB 5278, HB 5390, HB 5391, SB 198, as well as the Motor Vehicle and Housing Bills. John Harkins pointed out that HB 5056 underwent meaningful language changes. The Comptroller provided an update on the state budget, reporting a surplus, but there has been an increased demand for spending on non-profits and education. Harkins mentioned that most committees have already met, and the session is set to be closed during the week of April 8th. Furthermore, it was noted that the Insurance Committee missed their deadline, and Senator Kelly has been replaced with Senator Harding as the new leader of the Republican caucus.

6. **Presentations**

Nicole Govert and Mary Buchanan presented an update on: [Update on Resilient Connecticut 2.0 Project](#) – [CRCOG ROARS Info Sheet](#)

ACTION ITEMS

7. **Authorizing Resolution: Execution of Agreements for Administration of the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program:** Jon Colman recommend approval to negotiate and contract with the two firms, BETA and CHA, for a 48-month duration for LOTCIP program management and design reviews. The Transportation Committee provided a recommendation at the March 25, 2024 meeting. Jon Colman made a motion to approve, and Eric Anderson seconded. Motion passed.
8. **Resolution in support of CRCOG/Green Bank Application for Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation Funding:** Matt Hart, Kyle Shiel, and Mackey Dykes of the Connecticut Greenbank presented the items and recommended the Policy Board endorse the coalition application for CPRG Implementation funding. The presentation can be found at 42 minutes. Jon Colman made a motion to approve, Eric Anderson seconded. Motion passed.
9. **Resolution authorizing agreement with All Clear Emergency Management Group:** Cheryl Assis recommended the Board’s approval to accept funds from All Clear Emergency Management Group in the amount of \$8,240 to administer for the Capitol Region Medical Reserve Corps. Jon Colman made a motion to approve, and Marc Nelson seconded. Motion passed.

10. TIP Amendments

Jon Colman made a motion and of the proposed TIP amendments to approve the following projects:

1. East Windsor/Enfield – I-91 – Pavement Preservation: Mainline and Ramps
2. Newington – Various – Wrong-Way Rumble Strips

Eric Anderson seconded; motion passed.

11. Correspondence/ Handouts

Matt Hart reviewed the following:

- [Proposed 2024 CRCOG Plan of Conservation and Development](#)
- [Testimony](#)
- [Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance](#)
- [Letters of Support](#)

12. Other Business

Mike Walsh, noted that Granby has joined the Northeastern Regional Municipal Government Cooperative.

13. Adjournment

Brock Weber motioned to adjourn. First Selectman Spielman adjourned the meeting at 1:03pm.