

Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday March 25, 2024
12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Name

Eric Anderson
Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Patrice Carson
Neil Pade
Todd Penney
Doug Wilson
Leonard Norton
Tom Modzelewski
Donald Nunes
Russ Arnold
Kirk Severance
Frank Dellaripa
Owen Deutsch
Jeff LaMalva
John Carrington
Peter Hughes
Chris Zibbideo
Rob Trottier
Steve Sopelak
Adam Kessler
Todd Rolland
Annette Ellis
Jeffrey Doolittle
Devin Cowperthwaite
Bill Hawkins
David Corcoran
David Smith
Greg Sommer
Derrick Gregor

Organization

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Marlborough
Newington
New Britain
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Somers
Southington
South Windsor
Stafford
Suffield
Tolland
Vernon
West Hartford
Wethersfield

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Guests

Michael Ahern	Berlin
Daniel Carter	Bloomfield
Jennifer Brady	CTDOT
Kelly Cain	CTDOT
Darren Meyers	CTDOT
Grayson Wright	CTDOT

Emily Nacco
Chuck Harlow
Mao Yousheng
James Kulpa

GHTD
Fuss & O'Neil
Hartford
VHB

CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise, Sonya Carrizales, Mike Cipriano, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Pramod Pandey, 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.

1. **Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. The Zoom participant list will be used for attendance.
2. **Public Forum – 0:20** – There were no public comments.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from February 26, 2024 – 0:41** – A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to adopt the meeting minutes from the Transportation Committee meeting on February 26, 2024. This motion was passed unanimously.

4. Staff Reports

- **60 Seconds for Safety: Regional Safety Action Plan Update – 1:23** – Roger Krahn shared highlights on the Regional Safety Action Plan update, including that the Vision Zero Task Force held its first meeting; consultant interviews are scheduled; and New Britain is also conducting consultant selection.
- **BIL/IIJA Update – 3:01** – Elizabeth Sanderson thanked the CRCOG staff and others who assisted with the Berlin Turnpike RAISE Grant application. Ms. Sanderson reviewed highlights from the March Funding Opportunities Newsletter. More detailed information is available at <https://conta.cc/3uY9V1H>. She also shared information about the 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All program, noting that CRCOG's Regional Transportation Safety Plan and Metropolitan Transportation Plan collectively serve as a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan.
- **LOTICIP Inflation-Based Funding Adjustments Discussion – 14:34** – Sotoria Montanari shared that the LOTICIP Inflation-Based Funding Adjustments that had been approved in 2022 are set to expire in April. After discussion, the Transportation Committee members decided that the funding adjustments should be extending for an additional year, with a new end date of April 2025.
- **LOTICIP Project Solicitation: Summary of Proposals Received – 20:17** – Sotoria Montanari shared a list of projects that were received in response to the LOTICIP solicitation. Nineteen projects were received from 15 different municipalities, totaling \$39.7 million. Ms. Montanari asked that Committee members review the list and ensure there are no errors related to their project(s). Approval of the projects is anticipated at the Transportation Committee and Policy Board meetings in April.
- **Draft FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – 22:38** – Cara Radzins informed the Committee that a Draft FFY-2028

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be released for public comment on April 3, 2024. She stated that two public meetings (hybrid) will be held on April 24, 2024, at 11am and 7pm. All documents and meeting information will be available at: <https://ww.crcog.org/tip>. CRCOG staff will be seeking action on the TIP from the Transportation Committee and Policy Board in May to meet the June deadlines from CTDOT and FHWA.

- **Route 20 Corridor Study Draft Final Report – 23:44** – Pramod Pandey shared that the Route 20 Corridor Study Draft Final Report is available for public comment. Comments will be accepted through April 22, 2024, and staff will seek endorsement of this study’s recommendations in the coming months. The report and details for submitting comments can be found at <https://crcog.org/rt20>.
 - **FHWA Local Aid Support Online Training Courses – 26:03** – Cara Radzins shared that FHWA has free online training resources available. Topics include applying for grants and transportation safety. The trainings are available at https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/online_training.aspx.
 - **Municipal Input on CTDOT Resilience Improvement Plan – 27:10** – Anaka Maher informed the Committee that CTDOT is collecting input for their Statewide Resilience Improvement Plan. If any municipality has any state transportation facilities vulnerable to environmental hazards that should be included in the plan, they should contact her at amaher@crcog.org before March 28. Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield suggested Anaka send an e-mail to the Committee, and she agreed to do so.
 - **Executive Director Update – 29:42** – Matt Hart thanked members for their increasing interest in the federal funding opportunities that have brought \$50 million into the region under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. He thanked Elizabeth Sanderson and staff along with the Towns of Berlin, Newington, and Wethersfield and CTDOT for their hard work on the recently submitted RAISE Grant. He also thanked Roger Krahn and other staff for establishing the Vision Zero Task Force. CRCOG has officially moved, and an open house will be held in April. He is looking forward to hosting meetings for the Transportation Committee in the new space. Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield thanked Matt Hart and his staff for their ongoing excellent assistance, stating that it demonstrates the benefits CRCOG provides to member municipalities.
- 5. TIP Amendments – 33:09** – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments, noting that there was a discussion during the Sub-Committee meeting related to the first amendment. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Todd Rolland from the Town of Somers, to approve the TIP Amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
- East Windsor/Enfield – I-91 – Pavement Preservation: Mainline and Ramps
 - Newington – Various – Wrong-Way Rumble Strips
- 6. Authorizing Resolution: LOTCIP On-Call List 3 Consultants – 36:54** – Sotoria Montanari requested authorization to contract with on-call consultants to assist CRCOG with program management and peer design reviews related to the Local Capital Improvement Program (LOTCIP). A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, to

approve authorization to negotiate and contract with the two firms, BETA and CHA, for a 48-month duration. This motion was passed unanimously.

- 7. Transportation Alternatives Program: Hartford TMA Funding Allocations – 39:15** – Mike Cipriano shared that draft funding allocations for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) for FFY 2026-2030 were discussed and endorsed at the Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting. He stated that the funding allocations for the Hartford Transportation Management Area (TMA) is around \$12.7 million, and CRCOG projects 75% of this funding and non-CRCOG projects the remaining 25%. The first 50% of funds would be reserved for CRCOG projects; the next 25% for non-CRCOG projects; and the final 25% for the remaining CRCOG projects. A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the Hartford TMA Funding Allocations as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. Transportation Alternatives Program: CRCOG Solicitation Guidance – 40:50** – Mike Cipriano presented CRCOG’s draft 2024 TAP Solicitation Guidance. This document was shared, discussed, and endorsed by the Sub-Committee during its meeting. A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Todd Rolland from the Town of Somers, to approve the TAP Solicitation Guidance as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 9. Presentation: Greater Hartford Mobility Study Staff Analysis and CTDOT Responses – 42:18** – Rob Aloise and Anaka Maher gave an analysis of the Greater Hartford Mobility Study as it related to CRCOG’s regional goals. The complete presentation can be found [here](#). There were discussions related to the possibility of analyzing and funding additional transit components within the study. Matt Hart suggested inviting the CTDOT project team to the next Transportation Committee meeting to address questions and concerns. It is anticipated that a resolution of support will be brought before the Committee in April.
- 10. Other Business – 1:23:18** – Cara Radzins reminded the Committee that the next meeting will be held in a hybrid format on April 22 with the in-person option at the new office. Jon Colman encouraged Committee members to attend in-person.
- 11. Adjourn – 1:25:49** – The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm via motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill.