

Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday April 22, 2024
12:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Daniel Carter	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Leonard Norton	East Windsor
Tom Modzelewski	Ellington
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Mao Yousheng	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Rob Trottier	New Britain
Steve Sopolak	Rocky Hill
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Ellis	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
David Smith	Vernon
James Brennan	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Suzanne Choate	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD

<p>DRAFT Until Endorsed by Committee</p>

<u>Guests</u>	
Casey Hardin	AECOM
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Kevin Burnham	CTDOT
Ahmed Kadhim	CTDOT
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Doug Holcomb	GHTD
Emily Nacco	GHTD

Joe Balskus
James Kulpa

VHB
VHB

CRCOG Staff

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

The record below includes a brief description of each agenda item as well as the timestamp for the beginning of that discussion. The audio recording for this meeting is available at www.crcog.org.

1. **Roll Call—0:00**—The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by the Acting Chair Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover. The Zoom participant list and in-person sign in sheet will be used for attendance.
2. **Public Forum—0:26**—There were no public comments.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from March 25, 2024—0:51**—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 March 25, 2024, Transportation Committee meeting. This motion was passed unanimously.

4. Staff Reports

- **60 Seconds for Safety: CRCOG Roundabout Study Interactive Map—1:44**—Roger Krahn and Mike Cipriano showed the interactive map that was produced as part of CRCOG’s Roundabout Feasibility Study, including an interactive map showing the top locations identified as part of this study. A complete list as well as the interactive map of these locations is available on the CRCOG website at: <https://crcog.org/roundabout-feasibility-study/>
- **BIL/IIJA Update—5:15**—Elizabeth Sanderson shared highlights from the April Funding Opportunities Newsletter. More detailed information is available at: <https://conta.cc/4cSCfDO>.
- **Draft FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement program (TIP)—11:35**—Cara Radzins shared that the Draft FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is available for public comment. Hybrid public meetings will be held on April 24, 2024 at 11am and 7pm, and the public comment period is open through May 6, 2024. The TIP will be brought for endorsement at the May Transportation and Policy Board meetings. Documents and meeting information is available at <https://www.crcog.org/tip>
- **CTDOT ADA Update—12:23**—Cara Radzins shared that CTDOT held a Municipality ADA Compliance Assessment Update meeting with CRCOG communities on March 27, 2024. The presentation and recording have been posted with the Transportation Committee meeting materials. CTDOT is initiating a Municipality ADA Program to assist with the development of Self Evaluations and Transition Plans. The initial pilot will include NVCOG communities, with the other regions to follow.

- **LOTICIP Quarterly Report—13:55**—Sotora Montanari shared highlights of the LOTICIP Quarterly Report for Quarter 3 of FY2024. No municipalities were asked to provide schedule updates.
 - **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)—17:03**—Mike Cipriano shared that the solicitation for Transportation Alternatives Program projects is open. Applications are due on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 3:00pm. A special Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024, during which municipalities will make short presentations on their projects, and Committee members will rank the proposals for submission to CTDOT.
 - **Other—18:22**—Caitlin Palmer shared that CTDOT is offering funds through the Active Transportation MicroGrant program in the amount of \$500,000 on a first-come, first-served first basis. The funds are distributed through the COGs. Nine (9) CRCOG communities were issued a total of \$41,325 for bicycle education and Safe Routes to School initiatives. A resolution will be before Policy Board.
 - **Executive Director Update—19:45**—Matt Hart shared that Rails to Trails Day will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024. He will be seeking a proclamation from the Policy Board. He also noted that there will be a Vision Zero Task Force meeting on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 9:30 am. Mr. Hart stated that a quorum was still needed for the Policy Board meeting on Wednesday, and he encouraged Committee members to reach out to their Policy Board representatives. He also suggested that Committee members routinely coordinate with Policy Board representatives regarding MPO items on the Policy Board agenda.
- 5. TIP Amendments—21:45**—Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. He noted that two were not for projects in the CRCOG region and were sent by CTDOT in error. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve the TIP Amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
- District 1 – Various – Install High Friction Surface Treatment
 - Statewide - Various – TDM: Greater CT Moderate
 - Statewide - Various – TDM: NY-NJ-CT Moderate
 - Statewide – NVCOG Municipal ADA Program
 - East Hartford – CT 2 – NHS Bridge Improvements
 - Wethersfield – CT 15 – NHS Bridge Improvements
 - Hartford/East Hartford – I-84- Rehab Bulkeley Bridge
 - Ellington – CT 140 – Intersection Realignment and Increase Horizontal Curves
- 6. LOTICIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Requests—25:55**—Sotora Montanari reviewed one (1) LOTICIP Funding Increase Request. Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon added additional comments. A motion was made by Peter Hughes from the Town of Marlborough, seconded by Rob Trottier from the City of New Britain, to approve the request. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Vernon Various Sidewalks Project (L146-0001): Funding increase of \$626,936 from \$1,520,680 To \$2,147,616 (41.2% increase)

- 7. LOTCIP Inflation-Based Funding Adjustments/Funding Hard Caps—31:18**—Sotoria Montanari presented the memo on LOTCIP inflation-based funding adjustments. The Transportation Committee reviewed the memo, dated October 14, 2022, at the March meeting and were in favor of extending the adjustments through April 2025. Because this had not been an action item on the March meeting agenda, action was still needed. A motion was made by Suzanne Choate from the Town of Windsor, seconded by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, to extend the changes. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. LOTCIP Project Solicitation-Project Rankings—32:58**—Sotoria Montanari reviewed the Project Rankings from the 2024 LOTCIP Project Solicitation. Following Transportation Committee action, the rankings will be sent to the Policy Board for endorsement. A motion was made by Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon, seconded by Todd Rolland from the Town of Somers, to approve nineteen (19) project selections in the amount of \$39,663,800 from the 2024 LOTCIP Project Solicitation. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 9. Resolution—CRCOG Support of Greater Hartford Mobility Study—39:30**—Robert Aloise shared that the recommendations of the Greater Hartford Mobility Study were previously discussed at the February and March Transportation Committee meetings. Following Transportation Committee action, a resolution of support will be brought before the Policy Board for endorsement. Casey Hardin from AECOM provided additional comments and responses to comments that had been shared by Committee members. A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the resolution of support for advancement of the four major components of the Greater Hartford Mobility Study to the NEPA/Preliminary Design Phase and the advancement of the early action and mid-term recommendations of the Implementation Plan to the STIP/TIP process. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 10. Other Business—55:14**—No other business was brought before the Committee.

 - Next Meeting: Monday, May 20, 2024 (Virtual)
- 11. Adjourn - 55:37**- The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 pm via motion by Suzanne Choate from the Town of Windsor, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton.