

CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

12:00 NOON

This was a hybrid meeting.

For more information, email info@crcog.org or call 860-724-4283.

Attendance

Eric Anderson
Brandon Roberston
Hiram Peck
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Al Schwapp
Jim Rupert
Robert Skinner
Jason Bowsza
Lori Spielman
Matt Reed
Joseph Capodiferro
Jonathan Luiz
Mike Walsh
Raúl De Jesús Jr.
Steve Stephanou
Ryan Aylesworth
David Porter
Brock Weber
Jon Trister
Jaime Trevethan
Mike Paulhus
Lisa Marotta
Wendy Mackstutis
Mark Nelson
William Morrison
Bill Hawkins
Audrey Delnicki
Peter Tanaka

Town/Organization

Andover
Avon
Avon
Berlin
Bloomfield
Bloomfield
Bolton
Canton
East Windsor
Ellington
Ellington
Farmington
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Manchester
Mansfield
Marlborough
New Britain
Newington
Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Simsbury
Stafford
Suffield
South Windsor
Willington

Shari Cantor
Rick Ledwith
Ken Lesser
Fred Presley
Peter Souza
Scott Storms

West Hartford
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Staff

Aaliyah Miller
Caitlin Palmer
Cara Radzins
Cheryl Assis
Elizabeth Sanderson
Kim Bona
Laura Frankowski
Matt Hart
Michael Cipriano
Pauline Yoder
Rob Aloise
Tracey Malenfant

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Guests

Kevin Tedesco
Ben Lovejoy
Cristian Corza-Godinez
Justin LaFountain
Chris Smith
John Harkins

CTDOT
DOH
Hartford
Wethersfield
Rome Smith Kowalski
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1. **Call to Order**

Lori Spielman called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM.

2. **Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

3. **Approval of Minutes from March 27, 2024**

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the minutes of April 24, 2024 as presented.
Peter Souza seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Chair and Executive Director - Mr. Hart provided an overview of his report. Mr. Hart's full report can be found [HERE](#)

- a) Administration and Finance
- 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**

John Harkins and Chris Smith informed the board that the legislative session will be closing in 2 weeks, and that a state budget has not yet been put in place. It was also noted that this is an election year, with all representatives and senators up for re-election. A full update on these topics was provided starting at the 1 hour and 10-minute mark of the meeting.

6. **Presentations**

Alex Johnson, President and Chief Executive Officer, of Capital Workforce Partners presented. His presentation begins at the two-minute mark. Mr. Johnson's presentation can be found [HERE](#).

ACTION ITEMS

7. **Approval of the Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget:** Matt Hart and Pauline Yoder presented the FY24-25 CROG budget. The presentation begins at 30:00 minutes and the presentation can be found [HERE](#). Steve Stephanou made a motion to approve, Marc Nelson seconded. Motion passed.
8. **Resolution Authorizing Transportation Committee to Act as Policy Board.** Jon Colman made a motion to approve the annual Resolution to act as the Policy Board during the month of July. Peter Souza seconded, and the motion passed.
9. **Resolution to Accept Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Grant of \$570,000 from DEEP.** Robyn Nichols presented the recommended Policy Board pass the Resolution to accept the DEEP Grant to better serve the CROG communities. Jon Colman made a motion to approve, Lisa Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed.
10. **Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability And Accessibility Accelerator (EVC-RAA) Grant.** Elizabeth Sanderson presented that in September 2023, the FHWA announced funding for the EVC-RAA grant program. CROG, in collaboration with EVGo, applied for \$684,800 to replace an inoperable charging station and bring it into compliance with federal regulations. Jason Bowsza made a motion to approve,

Jon Colman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11. **Resolution to Accept a Climate Resilience Fund Grant of \$250,000 for the CRCOG Region Stormwater Authority Feasibility Study.** Caitlin Palmer stated that the resolution presented allows the CRCOG Executive Director to accept a \$250,000 climate resilience fund grant for a CRCOG regional stormwater authority feasibility study. The grant would cover project administration and funding to retain a consultant, as well as a portion of the participation of Regional Planning & Development staff. Lisa Thomas made a motion to approve, Peter Souza seconded the motion. Motion passed.

12. **TIP Amendments**

Jon Colman made a motion of the proposed TIP amendments to approve the following projects: Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The following projects are included:

1. Simsbury—CT 135—FCHT-CT 10/202 to Curtiss Park
2. District 2—Various—Replace traffic control signals at various locations.
3. District 4—Various—Replace traffic control signals at various locations.
4. West Hartford—Various—EVgo replacement of Connecticut site.

Marc Nelson seconded; motion passed.

13. **Resolution for Endorsement of the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study, Windsor Locks** Jon Colman recommended endorsement of the Final Report for the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study by the Transportation Committee at its meeting on May 20, 2024 and adoption by the Policy Board at its meeting on May 22, 2024. Once adopted, the report documents will be considered final, and the recommendations therein can be incorporated into future updates of CRCOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and other planning documents. Eric Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

14. **Resolution Endorsement of the FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** Jon Colman recommended endorsement of the 4-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) detailing federal transportation funding. The draft TIP for FFY 2025-2028 was available for public comment, including two hybrid meetings. A CRCOG equity assessment found no bias in the distribution of funds and projects in the TIP. Steve Stephano seconded the motion. Motion passed.

15. **Resolution Conformity with the Clean Air Act (Ozone)** Jon Colman stated CRCOG's TIP is compliant with conformity rules when combined with other regional plans in the Greater Connecticut Ozone Nonattainment Area. Steve Stephano seconded the motion. Motion passed.

16. **Resolution Annual Urban Planning Certification** Jon Colman confirmed CRCOG must annually self-certify its transportation planning process complies with federal regulations. CRCOG's transportation planning includes multi-modal planning, operations, funding coordination, and performance measures. Details are in CRCOG's Unified Planning Work Program at <https://crcog.org/upwp/>. Lisa Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

17. **Correspondence/ Handouts**

Matt Hart reviewed [Letters of Support](#) for our members.

18. **Other Business**

None.

19. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:22pm.