

Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday May 20, 2024

12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Dylan Reilly	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Jason Outlaw	New Britain
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Ellis	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Paul McNamara	GHTD

Guests

Michael Ahern	Berlin
Daniel Carter	Bloomfield
Sarah Cote	Bloomfield
Rob Trottier	Bloomfield
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Bryan Walsh	CTrides

Mao Yousheng
Mark Moriarty
Jason Hughes

Hartford
New Britain
T2 Center

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Sonya Carrizales, Roger Krahn, Sotoria Montanari, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Chris Seeger, Kyle Shiel, 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 <https://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 participants list will be used for attendance.
- 2. Public Forum – 0:25** – No one chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes: April 22, 2024 – 0:52** – A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, to adopt the meeting minutes from the April 22, 2024 Transportation Committee meeting. This motion was passed unanimously with four (4) abstentions made by Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield, Dylan Reilly from the Town of Farmington, Chris Zibbideo from the Town of Newington, and Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford.
- 4. Staff Reports**
 - **60 Seconds for Safety: CRCOG SS4A Update – 2.06** – Roger Krahn shared updates on CRCOG’s efforts utilizing SS4A funding. This includes the CRCOG Vision Zero Task Force, which held a meeting on April 25 and will hold its next meeting on June 18. FHI Studio has been selected as the consultant to assist with this work. CRCOG staff are reviewing the draft scope.
 - **BIL/IIJA Update – 4:03** – Elizabeth Sanderson shared highlights from the May Funding Opportunities Newsletter. More detailed information is available at: <https://conta.cc/3UEdqtM>. Elizabeth also noted that CTDOT intends to apply for CRISI funding for Hartford Line improvements.
 - **Commuter Parking Lot Utilization – 10:18** – Cara Radzins provided the results of the Spring 2024 commuter parking lot utilization counts conducted by CRCOG staff. There was a slight drop in utilization for Spring 2024, after

incremental increases since 2022 coming out of COVID. Staff will be conducting the next counts in October 2024.

- **Transportation Alternatives Program Update – 11:25** – Cara Radzins shared that seven (7) applications have been received. CRCOG staff are reviewing proposals. Applicants will be notified of their shortlist status by May 24. A special Transportation Committee meeting to rank projects will be held virtually on Monday, June 10 at 10am.
- **Potential On-Call Traffic Services – 12:25** – Robert Aloise shared that CRCOG is considering an RFQ to select on-call traffic engineering consultants for Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Services and General Traffic Engineering Analysis and Design Services. After discussion, the Committee agreed to move forward with the RFQ for both services, with the expectation that one firm will be selected for Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Services and two firms will be selected for General Traffic Engineering Analysis and Design Services. There was a question about costs to municipalities, and Rob noted that each community would need to pay for the services but that they could bypass the usual procurement processes by selecting one of the listed firms.
- **Other: Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study – 17:26** – Kyle Shiel announced that an RFQ for consultant assistance for the Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study has been released. The study will include economic analysis, land use considerations, and traffic assessments related to warehousing development. The deadline for the RFQ is Friday, June 14 at 2:00 pm. Any municipal staff who are interested in serving on the study's Project Advisory Committee should contact [Kyle Shiel](#).

5. TIP Amendments – 18:23 – Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to accept the TIP Amendments as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

- Simsbury-CT 135-FCHT-CT 10/202 to Curtiss Park
- District 2-Variou-Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations
- District 4-Variou-Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations
- West Hartford-Variou-EVgo Replacement of Connecticut Site

6. Resolution: Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study Final Report – 21:47 – Pramod Pandey requested endorsement by the Committee of the Final Report for the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, to endorse the Final Report for the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study and send it to Policy Board for adoption. The motion was passed unanimously.

- 7. Resolution: FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – 23:40** – Cara Radzins requested endorsement of the FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to approve the FFY2025-2028 TIP and send it to Policy Board for adoption. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. Resolution: Conformity with the Clean Air Act (Ozone) – 25:30** – Cara Radzins explained that whenever a TIP is passed, the MPO must demonstrate that the projects within it are compliant with the Clean Air Act, and CTDOT has conducted an analysis showing that this is the case for the FFY2025-2028 TIP. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to approve the Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act (Ozone) and send it to Policy Board for adoption. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 9. Resolution: Annual Urban Planning Certification – 26:52** – Cara Radzins explained that each year an MPO must self-certify that its transportation planning program is federally compliant. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to endorse the Annual Urban Planning Certification and send it to Policy Board for adoption.
- 10. Resolution: Authorizing Transportation Committee to Act as Policy Board – 28:15** – Cara Radzins noted that each year the Transportation Committee acts as the Policy Board during the summer. For 2024, this will only be the case in July because Policy Board will be meeting in June. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to endorse the Resolution Authorizing the Transportation Committee to Act as the Policy Board and send it to Policy Board for adoption. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 11. Presentation: Safety Circuit Rider Program, Jason Hughes, Safety Technical Associate, T2 Center – 29:38** – Jason Hughes gave a presentation on the Safety Circuit Rider Program. The presentation can be viewed [here](#).
- 12. Other Business – 37:10** – Cara Radzins reminded the Committee that there will be a special virtual meeting for Transportation Alternatives Program project ranking on Monday, June 10 at 10am. Transportation Committee Members are encouraged to attend. The regular Transportation Committee meeting on June 24 will be hybrid.
- 13. Adjourn – 37:52** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 pm via a motion by David Smith from the Town of Vernon, seconded by Rob Trottier from the Town of Bloomfield.