

CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

12:00 NOON

This was a hybrid meeting.

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

Attendance

Brandon Roberston
Jon Colman
Alvin Schwapp
Jim Rupert
Mark Walter
Lisa Thomas
Jim Drumm
Matt Reed
Jonathan Luiz
Raúl De Jesús Jr.
Andrew Tierney
Steve Stephanou
Ryan Aylesworth
David Porter
Erin Stewart
Brock Weber
Mike Paulhus
Lisa Marotta
Wendy Mackstutis
Rick Ledwith
Ken Lesser

Town/Organization

Avon
Bloomfield
Bloomfield
Bolton
Columbia
Coventry
Coventry
Ellington
Glastonbury
Hartford
Hebron
Manchester
Mansfield
Marlborough
New Britain
New Britain
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
W. Hartford
Wethersfield

Staff

Aaliyah Miller	CRCOG
Caitlin Palmer	CRCOG
Cara Radzins	CRCOG
Cheryl Assis	CRCOG
Elizabeth Sanderson	CRCOG
Heidi Samokar	CRCOG
Laura Frankowski	CRCOG

Matt Hart
Michael Cipriano
Pauline Yoder
Roger Krahn
Tracey Malenfant

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Guests

Grayson Wright
John Harkins
Jeff Auker
Jonathan Altshul

CTDOT
Rome Smith Kowalski
City of Hartford
Town of Newington

1. **Call to Order**

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:05 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 September 18, 2024 as presented. Eric Anderson 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 informed the board that the state legislature is currently in an election cycle, with 3 potentially contested Senate seats. The House composition stands at 97 Republicans and 54 Democrats. Key issues include electric rates and Harkins will closely monitor chairmanship changes. Chairmanship appointments are expected in early December. The update ended with Harkins emphasis on preparing budget requests at this time.

6. **Presentations**

Capitol Region Roundabout Screening Study was presented Roger Krahn and Mike Cipriano. The presentation discusses how the CRCOG identified intersections in the

CRCOG region that could result in a significant reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes if converted into a modern single-lane roundabout. The presentation begins at the twenty two-minute mark.

ACTION ITEMS

7. **Resolution to Adopt the Capitol Region Natural Hazard Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Plan Update 2024-2029:** Heidi Samokar presented this is the region's 4 plan. Currently FEMA and 23 municipalities have accepted the plan. Jon Colman made a motion to approve, Wendy Mackstutis seconded. Motion passed.
8. **TIP Amendments:**
Jon Colman made a motion of the proposed TIP amendments to approve the following projects: The following projects are included:
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 1. Various—CTFastrak—CTFastrak Low-No Disc—BEB Deployment
 2. Various—Various—Transit District Facility Upgrades for Battery Electric Buses
 3. Simsbury—CT 315—FCHT – CT 10/202 to Curtiss Park
 4. Southington—I-691 WB—Replace Noise Barrier
 5. District 1—I-91—Replace Cameras and Communication Equipment
 6. Canton—Various—Install EV Charging Stations at Various Town Facilities
 7. Avon—CT 167/Scovill E Road—Replace Sidewalk from Day Road to Pine Grove School
 8. Ellington—CT 140—Intersection Realignment & Increase Horizontal Curves
 9. Glastonbury—CT 9—Rehab BR 00417 (Putnam) o/ CT River
 10. Hartford—I-84—Rehab BRs 03160A (Aetna Viaduct) o/ Amtrak, Busway & City Streets
 11. District 2—Various—Replace Highway Illumination at Various Locations
 12. Statewide—I-91—Concrete Sealer Program for NBI BridgesEric Anderson seconded; motion passed.
9. **Resolution: Capitol Region Roundabout Screening Study**
Jon Colman recommended endorsement of the Capitol Region Roundabout Screening Study. This study identified intersections in the CRCOG region that could result in a significant reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes if converted into a modern single-lane roundabout. The study report was prepared by the consultant team of VHB with support from Tighe & Bond. Eric Anderson seconded the motion. Motion passed.
10. **Resolution: Regional Warehousing Land Use & Traffic Study**
Jon Colman recommended endorsement the Policy Board endorse the resolution to allow CRCOG's Executive Director to execute an agreement with the selected consulting firm identified through the qualification-based selection process. Steve Stephano seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11. **Correspondence/ Handouts**

None.

12. **Other Business**

None.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:44pm.