

## **CRCOG Transportation Committee Meeting**

**Monday November 18, 2024**

**Virtual Meeting**

**12:00 PM**

**Name**

Eric Anderson  
Larry Baril  
Chris Edge  
Jon Colman  
Patrice Carson  
Neil Pade  
Todd Penney  
Doug Wilson  
Len Norton  
Donald Nunes  
Russ Arnold  
Daniel Pennington  
Frank Dellaripa  
Owen Deutsch  
John Carrington  
Peter Hughes  
Mark Moriarty  
Chris Zibbideo  
John Bossi  
Steve Sopelak  
Adam Kessler  
Todd Rolland  
Jim Grappone  
Jeffrey Doolittle  
Devin Cowperthwaite  
Bill Hawkins  
Dave Smith  
Greg Sommer  
Derrick Gregor  
Suzanne Choate  
Emily Nacco

**Organization**

Andover  
Avon  
Berlin  
Bloomfield  
Bolton  
Canton  
Coventry  
East Hartford  
East Windsor  
Enfield  
Farmington  
Glastonbury  
Hartford  
Hartford  
Mansfield  
Marlborough  
New Britain  
Newington  
Plainville  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Somers  
Southington  
South Windsor  
Stafford  
Suffield  
Vernon  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Windsor  
GHTD

**Guests**

Michael Ahern  
Darin Lemire  
Ken Radziwon  
Grayson Wright

Berlin  
Bloomfield  
BL Companies  
CTDOT

CT-N  
Jennifer Brady  
Yousheng Mao  
Joe Balskus

Broadcasting Network  
FHWA  
Hartford  
VHB

**CRCOG Staff**

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Sotoria Montanari, Dagmar Noll, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Chris Seeger, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson

*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](http://www.crcog.org).*

- 1. Roll Call—0:00**—The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. CT-N was present to broadcast the meeting. The Zoom participant list will be used for roll call.
- 2. Public Forum—0:40**—No members of the public chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes: October 21, 2024—1:06**—A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to adopt the minutes from the Transportation Committee Meeting on October 21, 2024. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention made by David Smith from the Town of Vernon.

**4. Staff Report**

- **60 Seconds for Safety—1:50**—Roger Krahn provided updates on the update of CRCOG's Safety Action Plan. The Policy Board approved the Vision Zero Goal Resolution previously approved by the Transportation Committee, and Vision Zero resources are available on the CRCOG website at: <https://crcog.org/safety-action-plan>. FHI Studio is conducting crash data analysis for each Town, and crash data and a high injury network will be shared with Towns in 2025. CRCOG is planning a Vision Zero Workshop for late January. Public outreach events will be held on December 13 and 14, 2024 at the Hartford Winter Village.
- **CTDOT Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) Policy—4:20**—Roger Krahn told the Committee that CTDOT's Intersection Control Evaluation Policy will apply to all State intersections (any locations with a state route on at least one leg) and LOTCIP projects. CTDOT is working on a procedure document, which will be shared with the Committee when available.
- **Crash Responder Safety Week: November 18-22, 2024—7:05**—Cara Radzins mentioned to the Committee that the Governor has declared November 18-22 as Crash Responder Safety Week, in line with the national observation. The theme is "Responders Ahead! Reduce your Speed when you Proceed", emphasizing drivers' role in keeping incident responders safe. Crash Responder Safety Week materials are available at: <https://transportationops.org/TIM/CRSW>

- **BIL/IIJA Update—8:08**—Elizabeth Sanderson provided an update on current award programs. More information is available at: <https://crcog.org/bil-iija/>
  - **Environmental Justice Representation on Transportation Committee—13:53**—Cara Radzins shared with the Committee that in response to feedback from CRCOG’s most recent federal certification review, CRCOG staff are seeking recommendations for organizations or individuals that could serve as a representative for environmental justice on the Transportation Committee. Transportation Committee members are encouraged to make suggestions via e-mail or phone at [cradzins@crcog.org](mailto:cradzins@crcog.org) or 860-724-4251. Staff will review these recommendations and return to the Committee for discussion at a future meeting. Ms. Radzins also noted that staff was interested in adding representatives from WRTD and CTDOT to the Committee. There was no objection.
  - **CTDOT IDD Study: Stakeholder Survey—18:07**—Dagmar Noll shared with the Committee that CTDOT is conducting an online survey to gather public input as part of its Study of Transportation Needs and Nonmedical Transportation Services for People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD Study). The survey is available until 5:00 pm on Friday November 22, 2024 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CTDOTIDDSurvey>
  - **Transportation Rural Improvement Grant Program (TRIP) Solicitation—19:31**—Anaka Maher shared with the Committee that CTDOT has released the guidelines for the second round of funding for the State’s Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP). Program guidelines can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/TRIP>. CTDOT will be offering an informational webinar for interested municipalities in mid-November, and CRCOG staff will provide more details when it becomes available. Jon Colman from Bloomfield stated more money should be put into the program and requiring a 20% match from the smallest communities can be a heavy lift.
  - **LOTICIP Award Procedures—23:22**—Sotoria Montanari relayed a message that CTDOT would like to remind municipalities that pre-construction meetings should not be scheduled without a formal Authorization to Award letter. Even though the Town may have received and executed a PAL and an Authorization to Advertise letter, this does not mean the Town can award the project. Once all documentation is in place from the lowest bidder and CTDOT has reviewed the bid results, a formal Authorization to Award will be issued to the Town.
  - **Other: Upcoming Regional Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device (ATESD) RFP—24:40**—Anaka Maher mentioned to the Committee that CRCOG staff is working on putting together an ATESD Vendor RFP. Please reach out to her at [amaher@crcog.org](mailto:amaher@crcog.org) or 860-724-4219 to be included on the selection panel or with any questions or comments.
  - **Executive Director Update—25:30**—The Executive Director was not in attendance to give a report.
- 5. TIP Amendments—25:38**—Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to accept the TIP Amendments as presented. This motion passed unanimously.

- Bloomfield-CT 305-Replace Culvert at Mill Brook Crossing
- New Britain-Washington Street-Superstructure Repairs
- Plainville-SR 536-Replace Bridge over Pan Am Railroad
- West Hartford-US44/CT218-intersection Modifications and Traffic Signal Replacement
- East Hartford/Hartford-CT2-GHMP-Extend CT 2 to I-91 Via New Bridge over CT River
- New Britain-Trail-Beeline Trail (Phase 1)-Construct Multi-Use Trail Along CT72 Corridor
- District 1-Variou-Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various at Various Locations
- Various-Variou-Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program Grant

**6. Other Business—31:39**—Jon Colman wished meeting attendees and safe and happy Thanksgiving. The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held in a hybrid format on December 16.

**7. Adjourn—32:05**—The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m. via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Todd Rolland from the Town of Somers.