

CRCOG Transportation Committee Meeting Monday, May 19, 2025 | Virtual Meeting | 12:00 PM

Name

Larry Baril
Eric Anderson
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Patrice Carson
Neil Pade
Todd Penney
Doug Wilson
Len Norton
Donald Nunes
Russ Arnold
Kirk Severance
Daniel Pennington
Frank Dellaripa
Owen Deutsch
Jeff LaMalva
Derek Dilaj
Jason Outlaw
John Bossi
Steve Sopelak
Adam Kessler
Todd Rolland
John Henault
Jim Grappone
Devin Cowperthwaite
Bill Hawkins
Derrick Gregor
Troy Sposato
Suzanne Choate
Paul McNamara

Organization

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Hartford
Hartford
Manchester
Mansfield
New Britain
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Somers
South Windsor
Southington
Stafford
Suffield
Wethersfield
Willington
Windsor
GHTD

Guests

Michael Ahern
Robert Trottier
Grayson Wright
Charles Harlow
Emily Nacco
Mark Moriarty
Jason Hughes
Daniel Amstutz
James Kulpa

Berlin
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CTDOT
Fuss & O'Neill
GHTD
New Britain
T2 Center
VHB
VHB

CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise, Mike Cipriano, TJ DeMichele, Matt Hart, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Dagmar Noll, Caitlin Palmer, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, 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 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 Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. The Zoom attendee list will be used for roll call.

2. Public Forum – 0:27 – There were no public comments.

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes from April 21, 2025 – 0:49 – A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to adopt the minutes from the meeting on April 21, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously.

4. Staff Report

- **60 Seconds for Safety: Bicycle Safety Month – 1:35** – Roger Krahn shared a safety tip for National Bicycle Safety Month. He emphasized the importance of wearing helmets.
- **IIJA Update – 2:14** – Elizabeth Sanderson provided updates on Funding Opportunities, including the SS4A Grant Program and CTDOT Community Connectivity Grant Program. She encouraged towns to request letters of support. More information can be viewed [here](#).
- **CRCOG On-Call List Updates – 5:08** – Sotora Montanari mentioned that CRCOG recently completed a new solicitation for the LOTCIP On-Call lists 1 and 2. Five firms were selected for On-Call List 1 (design phase) and four were chosen for On-Call List 2 (construction phase). Anaka Maher shared that three vendors were selected Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device (ATESD) Prequalified Vendor List. Anaka also noted that there are three firms each on two general on-call lists, one for Traffic and Safety Engineering Services and the other for Infrastructure Related Economic Analysis.
- **Commuter Park & Ride Lot Utilization – 9:52** – Dagmar Noll shared that staff updated the list of commuter park and ride lots in the region before undertaking the utilization counts for spring 2025. She noted that utilization rates remain stable, and another count will be done in the fall.
- **Draft Public Participation Plan – 11:11** – Dagmar Noll shared that the Draft Public Participation Plan is available for public review and comment. She mentioned that there will be two virtual public meetings on May 21, 2025 at 12pm and 6pm. The draft Plan and meeting information is available [here](#). Comments will be accepted through June 8, 2025. Staff will seek endorsement and adoption from the Transportation Committee and Policy Board at their June meetings.
- **Federal Transportation Updates – 12:39** – Rob Aloise provided updates on Federal Transportation initiatives, including an agreement between Connecticut and USDOT to expedite project reviews. He also shared information regarding successful competitive grant awards by CTDOT.
- **Other – 17:08** – There were no additional staff reports.
- **Executive Director Update – 17:21** – Matt Hart announced upcoming events, including a policy talk on Transportation Insecurity that will be held on May 22, 2025. More information can be viewed [here](#). He also mentioned the CRCOG Annual meeting, which will be held on June 5, 2025 at the New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain featuring Policy Board Chair, Mayor Erin Stewart. Registration is available [here](#). Mr. Hart also shared positive developments regarding state legislation.

5. TIP Amendments – 20:13 – Rob Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to accept the TIP Amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Statewide – I-95/I-395 – Service Plaza Mainline Sign and Sign Support Replacement
- Various – Various – Detection Upgrades at Various Urban Area Traffic Signals
- Various – Various – Detection Upgrades at Various Rural Area Traffic Signals

- Bloomfield – Construction of Greenway from Tobey Road to Bloomfield High School
- East Hartford/Vernon – I-84 – Replace Highway Signs and Renumber Exits
- East Hartford – I-84 WB – Replace Noise Barriers
- East Hartford – I-84 EB – Replace Noise Barriers
- Hartford – I-91 – Bridge Improvements over I-91/I-84/US 44
- Mansfield – Various – Downtown Pedestrian Loop Closure
- Newington – CT 175 – GHMP: Sidewalk Installation
- Rocky Hill – I-91 – GHMP: Exit Ramp Improvements to CT 99
- South Windsor/Windsor – I-291 – Bridge Improvements (Bissell) over CT River
- District 1 – Various – Roadway Illumination Improvements
- Statewide – Traffic Safety Analytics (CT Roadway Safety Management System)
- New Britain – High Street – Rehab Bridge over CT 72

6. LOTCIP Funding Increase/ Scope Modification Requests – 26:44 – Sotiria Montanari presented a LOTCIP Scope Modification Request. Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton offered additional comments. A motion was made by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to accept the modification. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. Rob Aloise noted that the savings would remain in the LOTCIP funds balance.

- Bolton Heritage Farm Trail Project (L012-0001): Reduce Scope by 2,390 linear feet of paved sidewalk along Brandy Street. Cost decrease from \$1,531,954 to \$1,161,000.

7. Regional Transportation Safety Plan Update – 32:55 – Roger Krahn shared that CRCOG staff are proposing a revision to the Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) to include post-crash care as an emphasis area in order to allow CRCOG to submit an SS4A application to expand EMS blood transfusions in the Capitol Region. A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve this update to the RTSP. This motion was passed unanimously.

8. Resolution: Route 44 Corridor Study Final Report Endorsement – 37:41 – Pramod Pandey requested endorsement of the Final Report for the Route 44 Corridor Study, noting that the Canton Board of Selectmen has endorsed it. A motion was made by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to endorse the Final Report for the Route 44 Corridor Study. This motion was passed unanimously.

9. Presentation: Speed Feedback Sign Program – 41:15 – Jason Hughes from UConn’s T2 Center presented information on the speed feedback sign program. He stated that the program offers two 12” speed feedback signs and Speed Management Training for free to all municipalities. Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover raised concerns about sign vandalism. Jason mentioned that support is available for repairs. Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford inquired about how speed data is recorded, and Jason explained that it captures the initial speed as the vehicle is first detected by the radar. The complete presentation can be found [here](#).

10. Other Business – 50:23 – Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford expressed concern about receiving a conditional Commitment to Fund Letter. Sotiria noted that they could have a discussion with CTDOT about that project. There was also discussion about maintenance agreements for ramps on state right-of-way. It was noted that this topic would be discussed at an upcoming meeting between CRCOG and CTDOT. The next Transportation Committee meeting will be hybrid on June 23, 2025. Jon Colman encouraged everyone to attend the annual meeting.

11. Adjourn – 56:35 – The meeting was adjourned at 12:57 pm via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Suzanne Choate from the Town of Windsor.