

CRCOG Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday October 20, 2025 | 12:00pm
Virtual Meeting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Mark Walter	Columbia
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Steve Braun	Glastonbury
Kirk Severance	Granby
Yousheng Mao	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Jason Outlaw	New Britain
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
John Bossi	Plainville
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Tory Sidoti	South Windsor
David Nourse	Southington
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Suzanne Choate	Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Windsor Locks
Paul McNamara	GHTD

Guests

Michael Ahern	Berlin
Dan Carter	Bloomfield
Rob Trottier	Bloomfield
CT-N	Broadcasting Network
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Brady	FHWA
Chris Timmel	FTA
Charles Harlow	Fuss & O’Neill
Mary Bujead	GHTD
Matthew Vail	GM2 Associates
Mark Moriarty	New Britain
James Kulpa	VHB
Corrie Washington	WRTD
Stephanie Finch	WSP
Charlie Romanow	WSP

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Dagmar Noll, Matt Hart, Sotoria Montanari, Caitlin Palmer, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Kyle Shiel, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson

The record below includes a brief description of each agenda item and the timestamp for the beginning of that discussion. The audio recording is available at <https://crocogct.gov>.

1. Roll Call–0:22–The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. Mr. Colman noted that CT-N is broadcasting the meeting. The Zoom participant list will be used for roll call.

2. Public Forum–0:33–There were no public comments.

3. Hartford TMA Certification Review: Committee Member and Public Comment on CRCOG’s Transportation Planning Program–0:52–Jennifer Brady from FHWA and Chris Timmel from FTA gave a brief presentation on the Federal Certification Review process that CRCOG must undergo every four years. They asked for feedback from meeting attendees regarding CRCOG’s transportation planning program. Numerous Transportation Committee members expressed their appreciation for CRCOG’s responsiveness, support, and partnership related to various transportation projects. They highlighted CRCOG’s efficiency in project reviews, seamless staff transitions, and fair treatment of all 38 municipalities, regardless of size or type.

4. Adoption of Meeting Minutes: September 15, 2025–25:17—A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to accept the meeting minutes from September 15, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously.

5. Staff Report

- **60 Seconds for Safety–26:03**—Roger Krahn provided an update on the development of CRCOG’s Transportation Safety Action Plan, noting that 12 group meetings have been held related to project identification and a virtual public information meeting is scheduled for November 19. More information is available at <https://crocogct.gov/safety-action-plan/>
- **IJA Update–27:15**—Elizabeth Sanderson provided updates on available grant opportunities, encouraging attendees to review the funding newsletter. More information is available at: <https://crocogct.gov/bil-ija/>
- **CTDEEP Recreational Trails Grant Opportunity–31:55**—Mike Cipriano shared information on DEEP’s Recreational Trails Grant opportunity, noting that applications are due December 18 and must include a 20% match. More information is available at <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/outdoor-recreation/trails/crt--funding>
- **CTDOT National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure–33:18**—Anaka Maher shared that FHWA has approved CTDOT’s NEVI Plan. CTDOT now has access to \$52.5 million to deploy the strategies outlined in its plan, which allows for the awarding of grants for charging infrastructure along I-91 and I-84.
- **LOTICIP Quarterly Report–34:48**—Sotora Montanari shared the LOTICIP Quarterly Report, highlighting five (5) final design submissions worth over \$16 million and 19 anticipated design submissions in the next quarter.
- **Other: USDOT DBE Program Rule Change–39:50**—Robert Aloise shared the new USDOT DBE program interim final rule, which took effect on October 3, 2025 and removed race and gender presumptions of economic disadvantage. Jon Colman raised a concern about the apparent inconsistency between this federal rule and CTDOT’s interpretation of applying federal policy to state-funded projects, suggesting staff may want to inquire further for clarity.
- **Executive Director Update–52:30**—No report was given.

6. TIP Amendments–52:39—Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill, seconded by Suzanne Choate from the Town of Windsor, to accept the TIP amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project: Willard Elementary School
- Bridge Improvements: Bridges 01448 & 01440 over CT99

7. 2026 LOTCIP Solicitation Selection Policy–58:10–Sotoria Montanari mentioned shared that the Selection Policy was discussed and approved at the Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting. There was discussion about adjusting the application due date from January to mid-February, and the Committee agreed to a deadline of February 18, 2026 to accommodate the municipal election schedule. A motion was made by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve the 20026 LOTCIP Solicitation Selection Policy. This motion was passed unanimously.

8. 2026 Annual CTDOT Safety Performance Targets–1:03:47–Roger Krahn presented CTDOT’s annual safety performance targets and shared that CRCOG staff recommends that CRCOG again endorse these as the regional targets. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to endorse the 2026 Safety Performance Targets and recommend that the Policy Board adopt the targets at their meeting on November 19, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously.

9. Presentation: Warehousing Study Interim Findings–1:08:44–Stephanie Finch from WSP gave a brief presentation on the interim findings of CRCOG’s Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study. Her presentation included the impacts of e-commerce and logistics centers in the Capitol Region, with particular emphasis on land use, traffic, and site design. She shared findings on warehouse inventory comparisons with other regions, traffic patterns generated by warehouses, and a dashboard tool showing delivery patterns from key facilities. She mentioned that the study team is developing best practices for managing warehouse development throughout the project lifecycle. The study’s Final Report is expected in Spring 2026, with draft best practices and traffic impact analysis to be completed before then. More information is available at <https://crocogct.gov/warehousing-study/>.

10. Other Business–1:24:17–There was no other business discussed.

11. Adjourn–1:24:27–The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 pm via motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon.