

CRCOG Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday, December 16, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

12:00 PM

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Larry Baril	Avon
Eric Anderson	Andover
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Tom Modzelewski	Ellington
Dylan Reilly	Farmington
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Mark Moriarty	New Britain
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
John Bossi	Plainville
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Jim Grappone	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Suzanne Choate	Windsor
Paul Mcnamara	GHTD
<u>Guests</u>	
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Darin Lemire	Bloomfield

Robert Trottier
Daniel Carter
Ken Radziwon
CT-N
Grayson Wright
Bryan Walsh
Jennifer Brady
Emily Nacco
Yousheng Mao
Jason Outlaw
David Nourse
James Kulpa
Jason Hughes

Bloomfield
Bloomfield
BL Companies
Broadcasting Network
CTDOT
DND Construction Services
FHWA
GHTD
Hartford
New Britain
Southington
VHB
UConn

CRCOG Staff

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

The record below includes a brief description of each agenda item and the timestamp for the beginning of its discussion. A meeting recording is available at www.crcog.org.

1. **Roll Call**—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 participants list and an in-person sign-in sheet will be used to record attendance.
2. **Public Forum—0:39**—No members of the public chose to speak.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes from –November 18, 2024—0:55**—A motion was made by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, seconded by Robert Trottier from the Town of Bloomfield, to adopt the minutes from the Transportation Committee meeting on November 18, 2024. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention made by Dylan Reily from the Town of Farmington.

4. Staff Report

- **60 Seconds for Safety: Update on Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan—1:40**—Roger Krahn shared highlights related to the update of the Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan. CRCOG was present at the Pratt Street Winter Village on December 13th and 14th for initial public outreach. He mentioned that an online survey is available (<https://bit.ly/CRCOGSurvey>). A crash analysis will be performed for each municipality and will be shared in the months ahead.
- **BIL/IIJA Update—4:08**—Elizabeth Sanderson provided an update on current grant programs. More information is available at <https://crcog.org/bil-iija/>
- **RFQ for LOTCIP Engineering Services (On-Call Lists 1 and 2)—12:48**—Sotoria Montanari shared that an RFQ has been issued for LOTCIP On-Call Lists

1 and 2. Questions are due by January 8, 2025, and applications are due by January 29, 2025 at 2:00 pm. New consultant lists will be available by May 1, 2025.

- **Upcoming Corridor Study Items—13:53**—Rob Aloise shared that municipalities who are interested in conducting a corridor study can apply directly to USDOT for discretionary federal funds through various grant program solicitations (RAISE, SS4A, etc.). Municipalities can also apply through CRCOG for STP-Hartford formula federal funds during CTDOT solicitation periods. The last corridor study solicitation occurred in 2021, and another is anticipated in 2025.
- **Commuter Parking Lot Utilization—16:02**—Mike Cipriano shared the results of CRCOG staff's fall counts of area commuter parking lots. Utilization remains stable, though lower than pre-Covid years.
- **Other—17:35**—There were no other items discussed.
- **Executive Director Update—17:43**—Matt Hart shared that CRCOG will be holding a Vision Zero Workshop on January 30, 2025. He also gave a summary of CRCOG's Legislative Agenda, which he will be bringing to the Policy Board for endorsement at its meeting on December 18, 2024.

5. TIP Amendments—20:51—Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Suzanne Choate from the Town of Windsor, to accept the TIP Amendments as presented. This motion passed unanimously.

- Various-CTFastrak-BEB Deployment
- District 1-I-91/CT 20-Replace Highway Sheet Aluminum Signs
- Somers-RT 190/RT 83-Intersection Improvements
- New Britain/Newington-CT 175/CT9-Ramp Intersection Improvements
- Hartford-Pulaski Circle-GHMP-Replace Existing Roadway w/Modern Roundabout
- Hartford-I-84-GHMP-Ramp Closures and Traffic Signals Upgrades
- Hartford-Variou-GHMP-Pedestrian Improvements at Ramp Termini
- East Hartford-Variou-GHMP-Pedestrian Improvements at Ramp Termini
- Various—US-5/US-15—Berlin Turnpike Corridor Planning Study

6. LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modifications

- **Southington Marion Avenue Bridge (Over Unnamed Stream) Project (L131-0005)—27:45**—Sotoria Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP funding increase request. A motion was made by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to approve the funding increase of \$656,005 from \$1,534,000 to \$2,190,005. Jim Grappone from the Town of Southington provided additional comments. This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Windsor Prospect Hill Project (L164-0009)—32:45**—Sotoria Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP funding increase request. A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, to approve the funding increase of \$639,600 from \$1,032,000 to \$1,671,600. Representatives from the Town made no additional comments. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield commented that he had shared concerns with CRCOG staff that the issues resulting in these cost increases should have been caught during the solicitation phase. He noted that staff will be looking into ways to mitigate this issue in the future.
- 7. 2025 Annual CTDOT Safety Performance Targets—37:58**—Roger Krahn shared that CTDOT has established five safety performance targets for 2025. He stated that FHWA requires MPOs to either support the State’s targets or to set their own targets. The deadline for CRCOG to endorse safety targets is February 27, 2025. Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover raised a question about the relationship between performance targets and funding, and some discussion followed. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Suzanne Choate from the Town of Windsor, to endorse the CTDOT 2025 targets with approval from the Policy Board at its meeting on January 22, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously.
 - 8. 2025 Transportation Committee Meeting Schedule—48:33**—Cara Radzins reviewed the proposed 2025 Transportation Committee meeting schedule. There was a discussion about hybrid vs. virtual format, and the consensus was to leave the quarterly hybrid schedule. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, to approve the 2025 Transportation Committee meeting schedule as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.
 - 9. Other Business—53:03**—Jon Colman thanked the Committee for their service and their participation and the CRCOG Staff for their assistance. He wished everyone a happy holiday season. Cara Radzins reminded the Committee that the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025. She noted that the Cost Review Sub-Committee will also have a meeting that day at 11am.
 - 10. Adjourn—53:43**—The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m. via motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford.