

CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

12:00 NOON

This was a virtual meeting.

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Attendance

Eric Anderson
Hiram Peck
Chris Edge
Danielle Wong
Jim Rupert
Mark Walter
Jim Drumm
Eden Wimpfheimer
Connor Martin
Jason Bowsza
Lori Spielman
Matt Reed
Joe Capodiferrro
Johnathon Luiz
Michael Walsh
Jeff Auker
Raúl De Jesús Jr
Andrew Tierney
Steve Stephanou
Ryan Aylesworth
Toni Moran
David Porter
Erin Stewart
Jonathon Altshul
Mike Paulhus
Lisa Marotta
Wendy Mackstutis
Alex Ricciardone
William Morrison
Bill Hawkins

Town/ Organizations

Andover
Avon
Berlin
Bloomfield
Bolton
Columbia
Coventry
East Granby
East Hartford
East Windsor
Ellington
Ellington
Farmington
Glastonbury
Granby
Hartford
Hartford
Hebron
Manchester
Mansfield
Mansfield
Marlborough
New Britain
Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Southington
Stafford
Suffield

John Kleinhans
Shari Cantor
Rick Ledwith
Fred Presley
Ken Lesser
Peter Tanaka
Nuchette Black-Burke
Peter Souza

Vernon
West Hartford
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Wethersfield
Willington
Windsor
Windsor

Staff

Aaliyah Miller
Anaka Maher
Caitlin Palmer
Cara Radzins
Cheryl Assis
Elizabeth Sanderson
Erik Snowden
Heidi Samokar
Kim Bona
Kyle Shiel
Lily Schneider
Makahlia Harris
Matt Hart
Pauline Yoder
Rob Aloise
Robin Nicols
Tracey Malenfant

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Guests

Alex Kimmel
Grayson Wright
Jennifer Brady
John McAvoy
Dave St. Martin
Jessica Aniskoff
Steven Crotty
Donna Hamzy Carroccia

CLA
CTDOT
FHWA
FHWA
Frontier Communications
Frontier Communications
Frontier Communications
Kozak & Salina

1. Call to Order

Mayor Erin Stewart called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

2. Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2024

Jason Bowsza made a motion to approve the minutes of January 22, 2025, as presented. Lori Spielman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

4. Monthly Reports

Executive Director Matt Hart provided an overview of his report. Mr. Hart's full report can be found [HERE](#)

- a) Meeting and Events
- b) Funding Opportunities
- c) Project & Departmental Updates
- d) Committee Updates

5. Legislative Update

Matt Hart discussed the opportunity and preparation of a federal agenda with the Legislative Committee. He and Jason Bowsza will attend the NARC Conference next week in Washington, D.C. Additionally, CRCOG plans to submit testimony in the coming months.

6. Presentation

- John McAvoy, the FHWA Connecticut Division Administrator, discussed opportunities for enhancing transportation and infrastructure in the Greater Hartford area. FHWA partnership with CRCOG focuses on three key areas: safety, streamlining project delivery, and innovation. Emphasizing safety measures, the partnership aims to leverage in-house consultant expertise and utilize FHWA technical assistance to address challenges early and efficiently. Additionally, it seeks to embrace smart technology and forward-thinking solutions that enhance mobility while addressing congestion and environmental impacts.
- David St. Martin from Frontier Communications and his team discussed key initiatives affecting our region, focusing on internet speed and community benefits provided by Frontier. He highlighted the affordability of their services and provided an update on Frontier's fiber development in Connecticut.

Action Items

7. Authorizing Resolution for the Execution of an Agreement with Raftelis for the CRCOG Region Stormwater Authority Feasibility Study

Heidi Somokar presented the resolution. CRCOG plans to negotiate and execute a contract with Raftelis for the project. This project will provide a detailed analysis of

stormwater programs for up to five municipalities at no cost, explore regional funding approaches for stormwater infrastructure, and propose mechanisms for a multijurisdictional stormwater authority. Additionally, it will include public outreach to highlight the importance of addressing stormwater issues. Eric Anderson made a motion to approve the legislative agenda as presented. Lori Spielman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. Tip Amendments

Cara Radzins presented the proposed TIP amendments to approve the following projects:

1. Columbia/Coventry—Trail—Hop River State Park Trail
2. East Hartford—CT 2—NHS-Bridge Improvements BR 00374 o/Hockanum River
3. East Windsor/Enfield—I-91—Pavement Restoration; Mainline & Ramps
4. Glastonbury—Rehab BRs 00384/00386 & RT 2 EB Lane Configuration
5. Hartford—Riverwalk—Ped/Bike Trail Extension, From the Boathouse to Weston Street
6. Hartford—I-91 SB—NHS-Rehab BR 01469B o/ CSRR, SR 298 & TR803 (Design-Build)
7. Mansfield—Various—Downtown Pedestrian Loop Closure
8. Plainville—Trail—FCHT, RAISE Phase P1- Town Line Road to Norton Park (B/O of 109-173)
9. Southington—Trail—Construct Northern Segment of FCHT – B/O From 131-203
10. West Hartford—N/A—Incremental Cost Increase of Purchasing an EV Over Gas
11. Wethersfield—CT 15—NHS-Bridge Improvements BR 00448 O/ CT 314
12. Windsor—Broad Street-Town Center Improvements
13. District 1—Various—UHPC Beam End Repairs on Various NHS/Non-NHS CRCOG Bridges
14. District 1—Various—UHPC Beam End Repairs on Various Interstate CRCOG Bridges
15. New Britain/Plainville—CT 72—Rehab 4 Bridges (Design-Build) – B/O of 171-492
16. Hartford Urbanized Area—Various—Detection Upgrades at Various Traffic Signals
17. District 4—Various—Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations (Delete Project)
18. District 4--Various-Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations (New Project)

Jason Bowsza made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Wendy Mackstutis second the motion. Motion passed.

9. 2025 CTDOT Safety Performance Targets

Cara Radzins recommended approval of the resolution supporting the 2025 CTDOT Safety Performance Targets. The Transportation Committee recommended approval at their meeting on December 16, 2024. Danielle Wong made a motion to approve as presented. Lori Spielman second the motion. Motion passed.

10. Resolution to Accept a PROTECT Grant for the Resilience Improvement Plan and Vulnerability Assessment for Non-Coastal Connecticut

Cara Radzins presented that in order to receive the grant funds for the PROTECT Grant, the CRCOG Executive Director must be approved to sign and receive the grant. The Transportation Committee provided a recommendation at their meeting on January 21, 2025. Lori Spielman made a motion to approve as presented. Jim Drumm seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11. Correspondence / Handouts

- [M. Hart re: RAISE FY2025 Planning Grant Application – Monteith Drive Extension over the Farmington River](#)
- [CRCOG FY2023-24 Annual Report](#)

12. Municipal Information Sharing

None.

13. Other Business

None.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:54pm.