



CRCOG Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025 | 12:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Name

Eric Anderson
Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Patrice Carson
Neil Pade
Todd Penney
Doug Wilson
Tom Modzelewski
Donald Nunes
Russ Arnold
Kirk Severance
Daniel Pennington
Frank Dellaripa
Owen Deutsch
Jeff LaMalva
John Carrington
Peter Hughes
Jason Outlaw
Chris Zibbideo
John Bossi
Steve Sopelak
Adam Kessler
Todd Rolland
Jim Grappone
Bill Hawkins
David Corcoran
David Smith
Greg Sommer
Derrick Gregor
Suzanne Choate
Paul Mcnamara

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Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Simsbury
Somers
Southington
Suffield
Tolland
Vernon
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor
GHTD

Guests

Michael Ahern
Grayson Wright
Bryan Walsh
Charles Harlow
Emily Nacco
Berlin
CTDOT
DND Construction Services
Fuss & O'Neill
GHTD

Yousheng Mao
Karen Svetz
James Kulpa

Hartford
Jacobs
VHB

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, TJ DeMichele, Matt Hart, Anaka Maher, Sotoria Montanari, Dagmar Noll, Caitlin Palmer, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Karen Stewartson

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

1. **Roll Call–0:22**–The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. The Zoom participant list will be used for attendance.
2. **Public Forum–0:27**–There were no public comments.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minute: January 21, 2025–0:59**–A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, to adopt the Transportation Committee meeting minutes from January 21, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention made by Donald Nunes from the Town of Enfield.

4. Staff Report

- **60 Seconds for Safety–0:59**–Roger Krahn shared that CRCOG is gathering input through an interactive map and survey to identify safety issues across the Capitol Region. For more information, please visit <https://crcog.org/safety-action-plan/>. Mr. Krahn also reviewed some safety-related Connecticut General Assembly Bills, sharing that a public hearing is scheduled for February 26. He noted that if anyone has any questions, please contact him or Terri Thompson.
- **BIL/IIJA Update–5:11**–Elizabeth Sanderson provided an update on current award programs. More information can be viewed at <https://crcog.org/bil-iija/>.
- **Federal Funding Update–10:29**–Robert Aloise shared that Sean Duffy has been sworn in as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation. Mr. Aloise mentioned the Executive Orders regarding energy, climate change, and diversity, and he stated there is a pause in new discretionary funding. He also noted that there is uncertainty regarding awarded, but not contracted, discretionary funding.
- **Call Before You Dig Online Tool–14:07**–Robert Aloise gave a brief overview of the Call Before Did Online Tool. This tool allows you to submit proposed project information to assess affected underground utilities. This tool is available for use at <https://www.cbyd.com>
- **CT Main Street Center/CRCOG Event: 10 Years of TOD and the Road Ahead–17:34**–Caitlin Palmer shared that CT Main Street Center is partnering with CRCOG to host *10 Years of TOD and the Road Ahead*, which will be held on March 20 from 8am to 1pm at Parkville Market in Hartford. More information and registration is available at <https://crcog.org/event/tod-summit/>.
- **Public Outreach Effectiveness Survey–18:37**–Cara Radzins shared that staff is working to understand the effectiveness of CRCOG’s public outreach

efforts. A survey related to this will be open through March 30. Ms. Radzins encouraged Committee members to take and share the survey, which is available at <https://forms.office.com/r/eHKyxs8p2s>.

- **Section 5310 Grant Program Application Announcement–20:40**– Dagmar Noll shared that Section 5310 applications are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is April 1ct.gov/. She stated if anyone has any questions please contact her. More information is available [here](#) on CTDOT’s website.
 - **CTDOT Active Transportation Plan: Targeted Municipal Survey–27:27**– Mike Cipriano shared that CTDOT is developing a statewide Active Transportation Plan to guide future improvements on state routes. He mentioned that a survey is out and CTDOT would like to hear from municipalities about their priorities at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPWFDWB>
 - **Community Connectivity Grant Program–29:51**–Anaka Maher shared that applications are now being accepted for the Community Connectivity Grant Program. These funds can be used for construction only, and \$12 million is available for projects ranging from \$100,000 to \$800,000. Applications are due by May 21. More information is available [here](#) on CTDOT’s website.
 - **Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) Submissions–31:02**–Anaka Maher shared a list of the four (4) applications CRCOG submitted for the Transportation Rural Improvement Program. It is anticipated that CTDOT will announce awards in June 2025.
 - **Other: Meeting Notifications/Outlook Invitations–31:48**–Cara Radzins mentioned that there have been some issues with the calendar links for Transportation Committee. She stated that moving forward an e-mail will be sent from Constant Contact (from Karen) and a direct Outlook invitation will also be sent to Transportation Committee members and alternates (from Cara). She thanked the Committee for their patience on this issue.
 - **Automated Traffic Enforcement Roundtable–33:03**–Robert Aloise shared with the Committee that CRCOG will host an Automated Traffic Enforcement Roundtable online before the next Transportation Committee meeting.
 - **Executive Director Update–35:19**–Matt Hart noted that staff remains focused on the status of federal funding. He shared that CRCOG staff will be giving a presentation to Policy Board in the coming months about the role that CRCOG plays as an MPO. Mr. Hart also noted that the Connecticut General Assembly’s Transportation Committee will convene on Wednesday, and Rob will be testifying on behalf of CRCOG.
- 5. TIP Amendments–37:30**–Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to accept the TIP Amendments as accepted. This motion was passed unanimously.
- Hartford – US 44 – GHMP: Improvements at Various Intersections
 - Southington – I-84 EB – Expansion of Truck Parking Area
 - Statewide – US 6/I-384 – Replace Highway Signs and Supports
 - Statewide – 195/I-395 – Serve Plaza Mainline Sign and Sign Support Replacement

- 6. LOTCIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Requests: Vernon Rockville Trail/Bike Lane Project (L146-0003)–40:09**–Sotoria Montanari reviewed the LOTCIP funding increase request for the Vernon Rockville Trail/Bike Lane Project. David Smith from the Town of Vernon offered some additional information about the project’s history. A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Larry Baril from the Town of Avon, to approve the LOTCIP funding increase of \$475,900 from \$870, 500 to \$1,346,400. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 7. Proposed LOTCIP Cost Containment Policy–46:49**–Sotoria Montanari shared that the Cost Review Sub-Committee recommends that the Transportation Committee approve a LOTCIP Cost Containment Policy that would require Committee approval for increases over 30% within each of the application phase (beyond initial Transportation Committee approval), the design phase (beyond the Commitment to Fund value), and the construction phase (beyond the engineer’s estimate at advertising) with a soft cap of \$5 million per project. A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to accept the LOTCIP Cost Containment Policy as recommended by the Cost Review Sub-Committee. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 8. Other Business–49:10**–The next Transportation Committee meeting will be held on March 24, 2025 in a hybrid format.
- 9. Adjourn–49:42**–The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin.