

CRCOG Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025 | 11:00 AM
Virtual Meeting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Jason Outlaw	New Britain
Chis Zibbideo	Newington
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Jim Grappone	Southington
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield

Guests

No Guests were in attendance.

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, TJ DeMichele, Sotoria Montanari, Anaka Maher, Cara Radzins, 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—0:21**—The meeting was called to order at 11:02 am by Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. The Zoom participant list will be used for attendance.
- 2. Public Forum—0:26**—There were no public comments.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes: March 25, 2024—0:47**—Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton made a motion, seconded by Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon, to approve the meeting minutes on March 25, 2024. This motion was passed

unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Frank Dellaripa from the City of Hartford and Jim Grappone from the Town of Southington.

4. Proposed LOTCIP Cost Containment Policy—1:43—Sotora Montanari provided an overview of the Proposed LOTCIP Cost Containment Policy. She shared that CRCOG’s temporary cost containment thresholds are approved through April 2025. She explained that because LOTCIP costs continue to escalate, this meeting was called to discuss further extending these thresholds or entertaining proposed new thresholds. Rob Aloise added that simplifying the policy, as shown in the staff proposal, could be beneficial to all parties. The Committee members discussed whether the LOTCIP budget could support the funding increases and whether the cap should be decreased to \$5 million. After a lengthy discussion amongst the Committee, a motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Russ Arnold from the Town of Farmington, to recommend to the Transportation Committee for approval 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. This motion was passed unanimously.

5. Other Business—36:30—There was no other business discussed.

6. Adjourn—36:59—The meeting was adjourned at 11:35am via a motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford.