

**CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 26, 2025 12:00 NOON

This was a virtual meeting.

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**Attendance**

Brandon Robertson  
Hiram Peck  
Chris Edge  
Ryan Curley  
Jon Colman  
Mark Walter  
Lisa Thomas  
Lori Spielman  
Matt Reed  
Johnathon Luiz  
Michael Walsh  
Raúl De Jesús Jr  
Steve Stephanou  
Ryan Aylesworth  
David Porter  
Brock Weber  
Lisa Marotta  
Wendy Mackstutis  
Marc Nelson  
William Morrison  
Brian Foley  
Shari Cantor  
Rick Ledwith  
Fred Presley  
Peter Tanaka  
Peter Souza

**Staff**

Aaliyah Miller  
Anaka Maher  
Caitlin Palmer  
Cara Radzins  
Cheryl Assis

**Town/ Organizations**

Avon  
Avon  
Berlin  
Berlin  
Bloomfield  
Columbia  
Coventry  
Ellington  
Ellington  
Glastonbury  
Granby  
Hartford  
Manchester  
Mansfield  
Marlborough  
New Britain  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Simsbury  
Stafford  
Tolland  
West Hartford  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Willington  
Windsor

CRCOG  
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Dagmar Noll	CRCOG
Elizabeth Sanderson	CRCOG
Erik Snowden	CRCOG
Jacob Knowlton	CRCOG
Kim Bona	CRCOG
Kyle Shiel	CRCOG
Lily Schneider	CRCOG
Matt Hart	CRCOG
Michael Cipriano	CRCOG
Pauline Yoder	CRCOG
Pramod Pandey	CRCOG
Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Roger Krahn	CRCOG
Sotoria Montanari	CRCOG
Terri Thompson	CRCOG
Tracey Malenfant	CRCOG

### **Guests**

Donna Hamzy Carroccia	Kozak & Salina
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Rebecca Augur	OPM
Matt Reich	Office of Rep. Courtney

### **1. Call to Order**

First Selectman Spielman called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

### **2. Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

### **3. Approval of Minutes from February 26, 2025**

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the minutes of February 26, 2025, as presented. Chris Edge 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) General Announcements
- b) Project Updates
- c) Committee Updates
- d) Meetings & Events

## **5. Legislative Update**

Donna Hamzy Carroccia provided an update on key legislative bills related to transit-oriented development and housing. She highlighted House Bill 6831, which could impact discretionary funding for towns that do not meet certain transit-oriented community definitions. She encouraged board members to review CRCOG's suggested changes to the bill and discuss them with their legislators at the upcoming legislative breakfast.

House Bill 7112 was also discussed, including provisions for a sewer infrastructure support program and lot size restrictions. Additionally, she noted Senate bills 1263 and 1444 that focus on converting commercial properties into residential use.

Chris Edge raised concerns about lost tax revenue. Peter Souza expressed strong reservations about the "by right" provision for converting commercial properties.

Ms. Carroccia encouraged board members to engage with delegation members about SBO547 to express support for the Crumbling Foundation bond allocation. She assured Board members that she would publish another legislative once upcoming deadlines pass. She also referenced several bills related to housing, infrastructure, and road safety, encouraging attendees to advocate for their concerns and support these measures.

Matt Reich provided an update on Representative Courtney's federal activities, including:

- Opposition to Medicaid cuts
- An executive order on the Department of Education
- Community project and grant funding opportunities
- The Veterans History Project
- The U.S. Department of Labor's Higher Bets Medallion Award

## **6. Presentation**

Rob Aloise and Cara Radzins presented an overview of the role and responsibilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) at CRCOG. They explained that the MPO is responsible for transportation planning, developing regional plans, allocating federal funds, and coordinating between local, state and federal agencies. The MPO maintains several core plans including the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Unified Planning Work Program. Mr. Aloise also discussed the funding sources and programs managed by the MPO versus the state DOT. Their presentation may be found [here](#).

## **7. TIP Amendments**

Jon Colman presented the proposed TIP amendments to approve the following projects:

1. Mansfield – CT 195 – Ped/Bike Improvements; Install Multi-Use Trail

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Chris Edge

seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**9. Correspondence / Handouts**

- [Letters of Support](#)
- [CRCOG CGA Testimonies](#)
- [The CRCOG Connection Newsletter](#)
- [The Funding Newsletter](#)
- [Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance](#)

**9. Other Business**

None.

**10. Adjournment**

Ms. Spielman adjourned the meeting at 1:04 PM.