

CRCOG Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday June 23, 2025 | 12:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Name

Larry Baril
Eric Anderson
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Patrice Carson
Todd Penney
Doug Wilson
Todd Modzelewski
Russ Arnold
Daniel Pennington
Owen Deutsch
Yousheng Mao
Jeff LaMalva
John Carrington
Peter Hughes
Jason Outlaw
Chris Zibbideo
John Bossi
Jim Grappone
Devin Cowperthwaite
Derrick Gregor
Troy Sposato
Suzanne Choate
Paul McNamara

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New Britain
Newington
Plainville
Southington
Stafford
Wethersfield
Willington
Windsor
GHTD

Guests

Michael Ahern
Dan Carter
Robert Trottier
CT-N
Jennifer Brady
Charles Harlow
Emily Nacco
Mark Moriarty
James Kulpa

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Bloomfield
Bloomfield
CT Broadcasting Network
FHWA
Fuss & O'Neill
GHTD
New Britain
VHB

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Matt Hart, Anaka Maher, Sotoria Montanari, Dagmar Noll, 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 that discussion. The audio recording is available at www.crcog.org.

1. Roll Call – 0:00 – The meeting was called to order at 12:01pm by Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. Cara Radzins mentioned that CT-N was broadcasting the meeting. The Zoom participant list and in-person sign-in sheet will be used for roll call.

2. Public Forum – 0:22 – There were no public comments.

3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes: May 19, 2025 – 0:49 – A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, to adopt the Transportation Committee meeting minutes from May 19, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously.

4. Staff Report

- **60 Seconds for Safety: CTDOT Crash Report Workshops – 1:37** – Anaka Maher provided information on Connecticut Crash Report Workshops that will be held on June 24, July 24, and August 21, 2025. She also mentioned that the Town of Marlborough became the first town to receive an automated traffic enforcement approved by CTDOT for a speed camera on North Main Street. Mark Moriarity from the City of New Britain asked if the crash reports are different than those that police officers prepare on the scene of the crash. Terri Thompson from CRCOG responded by saying that they are the same reports.
- **BIL Update – 2:50** – Elizabeth Sanderson provided updates on Funding Opportunities, including the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant program, for which applications are due on Thursday, June 26, 2025 by 5pm. More information is available at <https://crcog.org/bil-ijja>.
- **Draft 2026 LOTCIP Solicitation Schedule – 7:14** – Sotoria Montanari shared the Draft 2026 LOTCIP Solicitation Schedule. She noted that a Transportation Cost Review Sub-Committee will be held on July 21, 2025 at 11:00am to refine the project selection policy including maximum funding levels for each solicitation category and selection criteria/rating points. The intention is to finalize the policy in September for RFP issuance in October followed by applications due in the winter and selections made in the spring.
- **East Coast Grenway Gap Closure Study Draft Final Report – 9:00** – Mike Cipriano shared that the draft Final Report for the East Coast Grenway Gap Closure Study is posted online for a minimum 30-day public comment period. A presentation will be given at the July Transportation Committee meeting, followed by municipal endorsements and CRCOG action in September. The draft Final Report can be accessed at <https://crcog.org/capitol-region-ecg-study>. There was a brief discussion about potential projects and funding opportunities that could result from this study.
- **Other – 13:01** – There were no other additional staff reports.
- **Executive Director Update – 13:09** – Matt Hart provided legislative updates regarding transportation funding and new safety laws. He congratulated Pramod Pandey on earning his AICP certification and acknowledged Karen Stewartson for 25 years of dedicated service to CRCOG.

5. TIP Amendments – 18:15 – Rob 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 presented. This motion was passed unanimously.

- Bloomfield/Windsor – CT 187/CT218 – Replace Computerized Traffic Signal System
- Southington – CT 10 – Replace Computerized Traffic Signal System
- Southington – Various – Replace Bridges over I-84
- Hartford – GHTD – Admin Capital/Miscellaneous Support
- Hartford – GHTD – Replace Paratransit Vehicles
- Hartford – GHTD – State of Good Repair Updates at Roberts Street Facility
- Plainville – Crooked Street (SR 536) – Replace Bridge over Pan Am Railroad
- Southington – I-84 EB – Expansion of Truck Parking Area
- Wethersfield – Various – Construct sidewalks at Highcrest and C.W. Elementary Schools

Cara Radzins reviewed the new format that will be used for TIP Amendments in future meeting packets, noting that the summary table has been simplified and project overview sheets will offer more detailed information. She asked the Committee to review the new format and provide feedback to the CRCOG staff if needed.

6. Adoption of Public Participation Plan – 24:43 – Dagmar Noll presented the Public Participation Plan for adoption, noting that while there had been no public comments received to date, the Plan was still open for public input until adoption by the Policy Board. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to endorse the Public Participation Plan. This motion was passed unanimously.

7. Resolution: Annual Urban Planning Certification – 27:28 – Cara Radzins presented the Annual Urban Planning Certification, which is required to affirm CRCOG’s compliance with federal regulations as an MPO. A motion was made by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, to approve the resolution as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.

8. Resolution: Authorizing the Transportation Committee to act as Policy Board – 28:54 – Cara Radzins presented a resolution authorizing the Transportation Committee to act as the Policy Board during the Board’s summer break. A motion was made by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin, seconded by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, to approve the resolution as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.

9. Other Business – 30:38 – Rob Aloise reminded the Committee that there will be a virtual Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting on July 21 at 11am. He encouraged Committee members to submit suggestions for project caps and ranking points to Sotora ahead of the meeting to help craft the language that will be discussed at that meeting.

10. Adjourn – 31:48 – The meeting was adjourned at 12:33pm via a motion by Devin Cowperthwaite from the Town of Stafford, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin.