



# **CRCOG Transportation Committee Meeting**

**Monday, September 15, 2025**

**Hybrid Meeting, 12:00 PM**

**Name**

Eric Anderson  
Larry Baril  
Mike Ahern  
Robert Trottier  
Patrice Carson  
Neil Pade  
Doug Wilson  
Donald Nunes  
Russ Arnold  
Kirk Severance  
Yousheng Mao  
Jeff LaMalva  
Derrick Dilaj  
Peter Hughes  
Jason Outlaw  
Chris Zibbideo  
Steve Sopelak  
Adam Kessler  
Todd Rolland  
Tory Sidoti  
David Nourse  
John Whetton  
Bill Hawkins  
Gregory Sommer  
Derrick Gregor  
Troy Sposato  
Suzanne Choate  
Devin Cowperthwaite  
Paul McNamara

**Organization**

Andover  
Avon  
Berlin  
Bloomfield  
Bolton  
Canton  
East Hartford  
Enfield  
Farmington  
Granby  
Hartford  
Manchester  
Mansfield  
Marlborough  
New Britain  
Newington  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Somers  
South Windsor  
Southington  
Stafford  
Suffield  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Willington  
Windsor  
Windsor Locks  
GHTD

**Guests**

Dan Carter  
Grayson Wright  
Jennifer Brady  
Charles Harlow  
Mary Bujeaud  
Bloomfield  
CTDOT  
FHWA  
Fuss & Oneill  
GHTD

Mark Moriarty  
William Morrison  
James Kulpa

New Britain  
Stafford  
VHB

### **CRCOG Staff**

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Matt Hart, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Dagmar Noll, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Karen Stewartson, Terri Thompson

The record below includes a brief description of each agenda item as well as the timestamp for the beginning of that discussion. The audio recording for this meeting is available at [www.crcogct.gov](http://www.crcogct.gov).

- 1. Roll Call – 0:22** – The meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm by Chair Jon Colman from the Town of Bloomfield. The Zoom participant list and in-person attendance list will be used for roll call.
- 2. Public Forum – 0:28** – There were no public comments.
- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes: July 21, 2025 – 0:52** – A motion was made by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, seconded by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, to adopt the minutes from the Transportation Committee meeting on July 21, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously with two (2) abstentions made by Steve Sopelak from the Town of Rocky Hill and Donald Nunes from the Town of Enfield.
- 4. Staff Report**
  - **60 Seconds for Safety: SS4A Project Selection Meetings – 1:48** – Roger Krahn shared that as part of the Safe Streets and Roads for All grant, CRCOG has completed its crash analysis. The study team will be holding a series of meetings with groups of municipalities to select project locations for inclusion in the Safety Action Plan.
  - **IIJA Update – 3:05** – Cara Radzins provided updates on funding opportunities. More information is available at <https://crcog.org/bil-ijja/>
  - **Priority Pathways Draft Regional Bike/Ped Network – 4:05** – Mike Ciprano shared that the Priority Pathways Draft Regional Bike/Ped Network is available for review and feedback. Comments are requested by October 1, 2025.
  - **CRCOG Federal Grant Updates:**
    - 2022 RAISE: New Britain and Plainville FCHT Gap Closure – **5:29** – Robert Aloise mentioned that grant funding is applied to five construction projects (three in Plainville and two in New Britain). Construction of the remaining four projects is expected to start in FY26 and FY27. Two of these projects are aiming for federal obligation of funding by the end of FY25 (September 30, 2025).
    - 2023 PROTECT: Non-Costal CT Resilience Improvement Plan – **7:12** – Anaka Maher shared that an agreement was fully executed in August 2025, an RFQ for consultant services closed on September 12, 2025. The estimated project completion date is March 2027.
    - 2024 RAISE: Berlin Turnpike Corridor Planning Study – **8:13** – Cara Radzins shared that a revised scope is under review by FHWA headquarters. Agreements are in place with CTDOT and the municipalities for the non-federal match. Staff hopes to begin drafting an RFQ for consultant assistance soon.

- **LOTICIP Solicitation Update – 9:24** – Satoria Montanari shared that revised LOTICIP Solicitation Guidelines will be shared at the October Sub-Committee meeting. Approval is then anticipated at the October Transportation Committee meeting. An RFP will follow.
- **USDOT SAFE Roads Initiative – 10:34** – Robert Aloise shared a response letter regarding the USDOT SAFE Roads Initiative from Commissioner Eucalitto emphasizing Complete Streets and Vision Zero initiatives. CRCOG noted that while the letter identified several infrastructure projects and also highlighted non-infrastructure safety measures such as traffic incident management and enforcement grants for municipal partners. Committee discussion touched on the effectiveness of work zone safety cameras in reducing speeds and the importance of addressing speeding, particularly in rural areas.
- **Other: Federal Certification Review – 16:40** – Robert Aloise shared that CRCOG must undergo a Federal Certification Review every four years to ensure compliance with federal rules. At the October meetings, FHWA/FTA will be seeking feedback from the Transportation Committee, Policy Board, and the public about CRCOG’s transportation planning efforts.
- **Executive Director Update – 18:19** – Matt Hart shared that Policy Board will be reconvening following its summer break on September 24, 2025. He also noted that CRCOG staff will be attending the AMPO conference in Providence, RI. He asked Robert Aloise to share highlights of a ribbon-cutting event for the first-in-state TRIP construction project in the Town of Stafford, which utilized the EZIQC process.

**5. TIP Amendments – 21:27** – There were no TIP amendments for action.

**6. LOTICIP Funding Increase/Scope Modification Requests: Mansfield Maple Road Complete Streets Project Phase 1/2 (L077-0002/0003) – 21:43** – Satoria Montanari shared that the Town of Mansfield is seeking approval for a funding increase to combine two projects into one. The combined project, which spans from Mansfield Senior Housing to Mansfield Middle School, includes sidewalks, pavement treatments, ROW costs, and drainage improvements that were identified during design analysis. As a concession for the increased funding, the town agreed not to apply under the upcoming FY26 LOTICIP Project Solicitation. Derek Dilaj from the Town of Mansfield added some additional information about the history of the project. A motion was made by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover, to approve the funding increase of \$2,816,800 in LOTICIP funding for the two Mansfield Maple Road projects (Phase 1&2) (L077-0002/L077-0003), increasing funding from \$6,142,400 to \$8,959,200 (45.8%), with the understanding that Mansfield will not submit a project in the FY26 LOTICIP Solicitation. This motion was passed unanimously with one (1) abstention made by Derek Dilaj from the Town of Mansfield.

**7. Other Business – 31:50** – Donald Nunes from the Town of Enfield shared with the Committee the tragic loss of one of their DPW staff. Donald expressed gratitude for the support received from the Committee. The Committee offered their thoughts and prayers to the Town of Enfield.

**8. Adjourn – 34:20** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm via motion by Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton, seconded by Eric Anderson from the Town of Andover.