

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Larry Baril	Avon
Mike Ahern	Berlin
Robert Trottier	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Steve Braun	Glastonbury
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Jason Outlaw	New Britain
Chis Zibbideo	Newington
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
David Nourse	Southington
David Smith	Vernon
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington

Guests

CT-N	Broadcasting Net Work
Mark Czerepuszko	New Britain

CRCOG Staff

Rob Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Sotoria Montanari, 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—0:37**—The meeting was called to order at 11:01 am by Acting Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. Ms. Carson mentioned that CT-N broadcasting was recording the meeting. The Zoom participant list will be used for attendance.
- 2. Public Forum—0:26**—There were no public comments.

- 3. Adoption of Meeting Minutes: February 24, 2025—1:00**—A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Dave Smith from the Town of Vernon, to approve the minutes from the meeting on February 24, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously.
- 4. 2026 LOTCIP Project Solicitation Recommendations—1:58**—Sotoria Montanari presented the 2026 LOTCIP Project Solicitation Recommendations, which included a memo and draft Selection Criteria Policy.
- **LOTCIP Financials—3:45**—The Committee discussed a proposed solicitation budget of \$45 million, with increased maximum project amounts for various categories.
 - **Funding Allocations—6:46**—The Committee discussed the possibility of funding bridge projects. It was noted that bridges tend to be less competitive compared to road reconstruction projects, suggesting the need for a separate solicitation. The Committee agreed to take an inventory of bridges and culverts from municipalities to assess the demand and consider reallocating funds if there is sufficient interest.
 - **Cost Containment Thresholds—9:55**—The Committee considered whether to extend the current 30% cost containment threshold or adjust it for the new solicitation. The Committee agreed to review these options. A decision will be made at the September meeting.
 - **Rating Criteria—11:38**—The Committee discussed proposed changes to the rating criteria for underserved communities to align with federal guidance and upcoming contract terms. Ms. Montanari explained that the primary target area is proposed to use persistent poverty data for over 30 years, while the secondary area would remain income based. When reviewing the mapping, Rob Aloise clarified that the secondary target area’s methodology did not change, but the Census data did, resulting in a different area geography. The Committee agreed to reduce the maximum points from 8 to 6 for primary underserved areas and from 4 to 3 for secondary areas, resulting in a total maximum of 6 points. The Committee discussed the updated safety points based on the 2025 Regional Transportation Safety Plan.
 - **Schedule—53:12**—The Committee reviewed and confirmed the proposed timeline for the upcoming solicitation, with flexibility to delay approval if needed.
- 5. Other Business—55:00**—There was no other business discussed.
- 6. Adjourn—55:05**—The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am via a motion by Rob Trottier from the Town of Bloomfield, seconded by Chris Edge from the Town of Berlin.