

## **CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, October , 2025 12:00 NOON This was a virtual meeting.

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### **Attendance**

Brandon Robertson  
Hiram Peck  
Chris Edge  
Jon Colman  
Rodney Fournier  
Mark Penney  
Mark Walter  
Lisa Thomas  
Connor Martin  
Jason Bowsza  
Lori Spielman  
Jonathan Luiz  
Raúl De Jesús Jr.  
Jeff Auker  
Steve Stephanou  
David Porter  
Jonathan Altshul  
Wendy Mackstutis  
Bill Hawkins  
Shari Cantor  
Rick Ledwith  
Ken Lesser  
Peter Souza

### **Town/Organization**

Avon  
Avon  
Berlin  
Bloomfield  
Bolton  
Canton  
Columbia  
Coventry  
East Hartford  
East Windsor  
Ellington  
Glastonbury  
Hartford  
Hartford  
Manchester  
Marlborough  
Newington  
Simsbury  
Suffield  
West Hartford  
West Hartford  
Wethersfield  
Windsor

### **CRCOG Staff**

Cara Radzins  
Caitlin Palmer  
Cheryl Assis  
Elizabeth Sanderson  
Erik Snowden  
Jill Swenson  
Kim Bona  
Roger Krahn  
Matt Hart  
Pauline Yoder  
Rob Aloise  
Tracey Malenfant

## **Guests**

Ari Ofsevit	FTA
Brandon Burns	FTA
Jennifer Brady	FHWA
Christopher Timmel	FHWA
Donna Hamzy Carroccia	Kozak & Salina
Matt Reich	Office of Rep. Courtney
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Taijah Anderson	Office of the Governor

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

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

### 2. **Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

### 3. **Hartford TMA Certification Review: Policy Board and Public Comment on CRCOG's Transportation Planning Program, Jennifer Brady, FHWA and Brandon Burns, FTA**

Jennifer Brady and Christopher Timmel from the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administration regarding their four-year certification review of the Hartford Transportation Management Area's transportation planning practices. The review assesses compliance with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and federal regulations, with a certification determination expected in late January 2026. The meeting focused on understanding the planning process and gathering feedback, with participants discussing project selection, safety, and the TIP and MTP documents, while noting that CRCOG is likely to be certified with no major issues identified. No public comment was offered.

### 4. **Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2025**

Jon Colman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Stephen Stephanou seconded. Motion passed.

### 5. **Staff 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

6. **Legislative Update**

Matt Hart reported that the ad hoc committee has begun drafting the CRCOG 2026 Legislative Agenda. Donna Hamzy Carroccia noted that more information regarding a potential special legislative session on housing policy will be available following the November 4 municipal elections. Key priorities for the legislative agenda include establishing a municipal megawatt cap for renewable energy projects, modernizing local revenue options, enhancing special education, and supporting the expansion of CTfastrak East and microtransit initiatives. Matt Reich also provided an update from Congressman Courtney's office, available: [HERE](#).

7. **ACTION: Approval of 2026 LOTCIP Solicitation Project Selection Policy**

Sotiria Montanari recommended approval of FY2026 LOTCIP Solicitation Selection Policy for \$45,000,000. This recommendation was unanimously endorsed by the Transportation Committee at its meeting on October 20, 2025. Jon Colman made a motion to approve. Chris Edge seconded. Motion carried.

8. **ACTION: Authorizing CRCOG Executive Director to Submit a Spending Plan and Enter into Memorandum of Agreements in Regard to the FY 2025 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) Funding and Emergency Management Planning Grant funding (EMPG) for DEMHS Region 3**

Cheryl Assis recommended approval for CRCOG to continue serving as the fiduciary agent for DEMHS Region 3 under the FY 2024 Homeland Security Grant programs, totaling \$411,170.25 in SHSGP funding, \$75,000 in EMPG funding, and \$31,500 in MMRS funding. These funds will support regional public safety teams, equipment maintenance, training reimbursements, planning and project support, and designated funding for the Hartford Bomb Squad, Capitol Region HAZMAT Team, and protection of soft targets. CRCOG will receive \$60,000 for management and oversight, with no matching funds required. Jon Colman made a motion to approve. Chris Edge seconded. Motion carried.

9. **TIP Amendments**

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

1. Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project: Willard Elementary School

2. Bridge Improvements: Bridges 01448 and 01440 over CT99

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Steve Stephanou seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**10. Correspondence / Handouts**

- The CRCOG Connection Newsletter
- The Funding Newsletter

**11. Other Business**

None.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 12:49PM. Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Thomas seconded.