

CRCOG POLICY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 12:00 NOON This was a virtual meeting.

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Attendance

Jim Bellano
Hiram Peck
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Jim Rupert
Jim Drumm
Jason Hayes
Jason Bowsza
Matt Coppler
Lori Spielman
Brian Connolly
Corey Turner
Andrew Tierney
Steve Stephanou
Ryan Aylesworth
David Porter
Jonathan Altshul
Wendy Mackstutis
Alex Ricciardonea
Bill Morrison
Bill Hawkins
Shari Cantor
Rick Ledwith
Fred Presley
Peter Souza

CRCOG Staff

Cara Radzins
Caitlin Palmer
Cheryl Assis
Elizabeth Sanderson
Heidi Samokar
Kyle Shiel
Kim Bona
Roger Krahn
Sonya Carrizales
Matt Hart

Town/Organization

Andover
Avon
Berlin
Bloomfield
Bolton
Coventry
East Granby
East Windsor
Enfield
Ellington
Farmington
Glastonbury
Hebron
Manchester
Mansfield
Marlborough
Newington
Simsbury
Southington
Stafford
Suffield
West Hartford
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor

Nick Lanza
Pauline Yoder
Rob Aloise
Tracey Malenfant

Guests

Rep. Jamie Foster

Alandra Maine

Chris Giglio

Ellen Graham

Jason Jakubowski

Jennie Hirsch

Donna Hamzy Carroccia

Jennine Lupo

Matt Reich

Beata Fogarasi

Rebecca Auger

Taijah Anderson

State Representative

Rocky Hill

Capitol Edge

Office of Sen. Blumenthal

CT Foodshare

CT Foodshare

Kozak & Salina

Office of Rep. Hayes

Office of Rep. Courtney

Office of Rep. Courtney

OPM

Office of the Governor

1. **Call to Order**

Jason Bowsza called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM and started with introductions of new Policy Board Members.

2. **Public Comment**

No public comment was offered.

3. **Approval of Minutes from September 24, 2025**

Lori Spielman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Chris Edge seconded. Motion passed.

4. **Presentation: Connecticut Foodshare**

Jason Jakubowski updated the board on the recent works of the Connecticut Foodshare and the loss of SNAP Benefits. The update begins at the 4 minute marks. Key take aways are: There are 600 food pantries across the state, 70 percent of the food is from the grocery industry and 30% is from the federal government. There are gaps in funding. Follow up questions can be sent to [Jennie Hirsch](#) of Connecticut Foodshare.

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**

Chris Giglio provided an update on federal issues. He reported that the 43-day federal shutdown has ended, noting that several departments were funded only through the remainder of the current fiscal year. He also highlighted discussions related to SNAP benefits, housing reform, transportation and transit funding, and updates from the FCC and House Energy Committees. Matt Reich's update from Congressman Courtney's office can be found: [HERE](#). Donna Hamzy Carroccia briefed the committee on state-level developments, including details of the upcoming special session, SNAP funding, CRCOG's 2026 Legislative Agenda, and plans for a state delegation breakfast at the Capitol.

7. **ACTION: Resolution Endorsing the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan**

The action was tabled until the next Policy Board meeting to clarify the expansion of solar and consumption of open space and agricultural space, and that the business item does not conflict CRCOG's 2026 Legislative Agenda. Jon Colman made a motion to table this item to the December 17, 2025 meeting, Steve Stephanou seconded.

8. **TIP Amendments**

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

1. Andover – Long Hill Road – Replace Bridge over Hop River
2. East Windsor/Enfield – I-91 – Pavement Preservation, Mainline and Ramps
3. Various – CTfastrak – Infrastructure Improvements, Paving Main Guideway
4. Hartford – Various – GHMP, Program Management Services
5. District 1 – Various – Mill and Pave Various Bridges
6. District 1 – I-91 – Mill and Pave Various Bridges

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

Souza seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **ACTION: 2026 Annual CTDOT Safety Performance Targets**

In accordance with Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requirements, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established five safety performance targets for calendar year 2026. CRCOG is required to either support the State's targets or set their own targets. At the October 20 meeting, the Transportation Committee endorsed the CRCOG staff recommendation for Policy Board to approve the attached Resolution. Jon Colman made a motion to approve the motion. Peter Souza seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

10. **Correspondence / Handouts**

- CRCOG Partners with CT Main Street Center to Support Vibrant Downtowns
- Letters of Support
- The CRCOG Connection Newsletter
- The Funding Newsletter

11. **Other Business**

None.

12. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 1:21PM. Jon Colman made a motion to adjourn. Wendy Mackstutis seconded.