

**CRCOG Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, February 23, 2026**  
**Virtual Meeting, 12:00 PM**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Larry Baril	Avon
Rob Trottier	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Aaron Marcavitch	Enfield
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Yousheng Mao	Hartford
John Carrington	Mansfield
Mark Moriarty	New Britain
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
David Nourse	Southington
John Whetton	Stafford
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Suzanne Choate	Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Windsor Locks
Emily Nacco	GHTD

**Guests**

Bob Dickinson	Bloomfield
Ricky Milliner	CTDOT
Jen Pacacha	CTDOT
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Brady	FHWA
Daniel Amstutz	VHB

**CRCOG Staff**

Robert Aloise, Mike Cipriano, Stephanie Dominello, Roger Krahn, Anaka Maher, Aaliyah Miller, Sotoria Montanari, Dagmar Noll, Pramod Pandey, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Karen Stewartson, Jack Treanor

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 is available at [www.crocogct.gov](http://www.crocogct.gov).

1. **Roll Call – 0:28** – The meeting was called to order at 12:06pm by Acting Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. The Zoom participant list will be used for roll call.
2. **Public Forum – 0:34** – There were no public comments.
3. **Adoption of Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2025 – 22:09** – A motion was made by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, seconded by Chris Zibbideo from the Town of Newington, to accept the meeting minutes from December 15, 2025. This motion was passed unanimously with one abstention made by Todd Penney from the Town of Coventry. *(Please note: a quorum was not present at the beginning of the meeting, so the Committee returned to this item once a quorum was reached.)*
4. **Staff Report:**
  - a) **60 Seconds of Safety – 2:17** – Anaka Maher highlighted the importance of reviewing project documents for the Safety Action Plan, emphasizing the deadline of Friday, February 27, 2026. Comments can be submitted to [Roger Krahn](#).
  - b) **IIJA Update – 3:06** – Elizabeth Sanderson presented the February funding newsletter, highlighting several funding opportunities. Additional information can be found at: <https://crocogt.gov/bil-ijja>.
  - c) **CRCOG Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form – 9:28** – Cara Radzins reminded the Committee that Transportation Committee members and Policy Board members must complete the disclosure form every two years. The form is available here: <https://tinyurl.com/CRCOGEthics.com>. There was a discussion about what could constitute a conflict.
  - d) **Hartford TMA Planning Certification Review Report – 16:04** – Cara Radzins shared the report from CRCOG’s quadrennial certification review by FTA and FHWA. She noted that CRCOG received three (3) commendations for Traffic Incident Management, GHMS/MTP alignment, and Safety Planning, as well as two (2) corrective actions related to Fiscal Constraint and Performance Measures.
  - e) **CTDOT 2026 Legislative Session Proposals – 17:30** – Roger Krahn presented six (6) bills proposed by CTDOT for the upcoming legislative session. He noted that the key deadlines for these bills are March 20 and March 26, 2026, when they will advance to the joint favorable (JF) stage.
  - f) **CRCOG Study Endorsement Duration – 23:05** – Robert Aloise discussed the need to review and potentially update the duration of CRCOG Study Endorsement, noting that some projects are outdated and occupying space in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. He mentioned that a Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2026 to discuss this issue further.
  - g) **LOTICIP Solicitation Update – 26:09** – Stephanie Dominello shared that the 2026 LOTICIP solicitation received 36 applications from 27 municipalities.
  - h) **Transportation Rural Improvement Grant Program (TRIP) Solicitation – 27:57** – Anaka Maher announced the availability of the third

round of TRIP funding, with applications due to CRCOG by April 27, 2026 to [Anaka Maher](#). She highlighted the eligible towns and project types.

- i) **Other: CGA Transportation Committee Public Hearing – 30:18** – Robert Aloise mentioned that the CGA public hearing was canceled due to snow, with no definite rescheduled date.
- j) **Other: CTDOT Liaison for CRCOG – 32:37** – Robert Aloise mentioned that Grayson Wright, who has been CRCOG’s CTDOT Liaison for many years has announced his retirement, effective February 24, 2026. Jennifer Pacacha will be serving as interim CTDOT Liaison for CRCOG with assistance from Mike Salter. Congratulations to Grayson Wright on his retirement.
- k) **Executive Director Update – 38:24** – No updates were given.

**5. TIP Amendments – 38:32** – Robert Aloise reviewed the TIP Amendments. A motion was made by Mark Moriarty from the City of New Britain, seconded by Doug Wilson from the Town of East Hartford, to accept the TIP amendments as presented. This motion was passed unanimously.

1. Hartford – I-84- Rehab Bridges 03160a & B (Aetna Viaduct)
2. Hartford – Main Street – rehab Bridge 01626 O/Sr 598
3. Plainville – Farmington Canal Heritage Trail – FCHT, RAISE Phase P2
4. Hartford – Various Bus – Section 5310 Program
5. Rural – Various Bus – Section 5310 Program
6. Springfield Urbanized Area – Various Bus – Section 5310 Program

**6. LOTCIP Scope Modification/Cost Increase Requests:**

- **Enfield Route 5/514 Bike Facilities Project (L048-0002) – 42:04** – Sotora Montanari reviewed the scope modification request. A motion was made by Rob Trottier from the Town of Bloomfield, seconded by Mark Moriarty from the City of New Britain, to approve the scope modification of the project for \$1,143,000 to improvements on Pearl Street and downtown Thompsonville. This motion was passed unanimously.
- **Windsor Marshall Phelps Pavement Rehabilitation Project (L164-0008) – 47:25** – Sotora Montanari reviewed the funding increase request. A motion was made by Adam Kessler from the Town of Simsbury, seconded by Chris Zibbideo from the Town of Newington, to approve an additional \$548,503 of LOTCIP funding, increasing funding from \$1,353,600 to \$1,902,103. This motion was passed unanimously.

**7. Other Business – 51:25** – The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2026 in a hybrid format with a Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting prior.

**9. Adjourn – 51:53** – The meeting was adjourned at 12:57pm via a motion by Grayson Wright from CTDOT, seconded by Suzanne Choate from the Town of Windsor.