

# Capitol Region Council of Governments

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## POLICY BOARD SPECIAL MEETING South Congregational Church Noon

### Policy Board Attendance

Melody Currey, Chair  
Dick Hines  
Jon Colman  
Joyce Stille  
Dick Barlow  
Steve Cassano  
Jim Hayden  
Scott Kaupin  
John Adams  
Jim Boucher  
Lee Erdmann  
Jared Clark  
Lou Spadaccini  
Scott Shanley  
Dave Nagel  
John Salomone  
Barbara Gilbert  
Mary Glassman  
David Pinney  
Matthew Galligan  
Steve Werbner  
John Ward  
Ron Van Winkle  
Peter Souza  
Steve Wawruck

### Town/Organization

East Hartford  
Avon  
Bloomfield  
Bolton  
Canton  
CRCOG Foundation  
East Granby  
Enfield  
Granby  
Hartford  
Hartford  
Hebron  
Manchester  
Manchester  
Newington  
Newington  
Rocky Hill  
Simsbury  
Somers  
South Windsor  
Tolland  
Vernon  
West Hartford  
Windsor  
Windsor Locks

### Others Present

Mike Bzdyna  
Bob Kaliszewski  
Diane Duva  
Grayson Wright  
Clarence Corbin  
Marilynn Cruz-Aponte  
Bob Painter  
Katie Bailey  
Oz Griebel  
Jeff Vose

CRRA  
CT DEP  
CT DEP  
CT DOT  
City of Hartford  
City of Hartford  
Hartford  
MetroHartford Alliance  
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John Culbertson  
Rick Schlauder  
Kathie Lutz  
David Monckton  
Paul Hinckley

MSWConsultants  
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Rome, Smith & Lutz  
Town of Woodbury  
Town of Woodbury

**Staff**

Cheryl Assis  
Mary Ellen Kowalewski  
Jen March-Wackers  
Tom Maziarz  
Pramod Pandey  
Deborah Rihm  
Lyle Wray

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### **Call to Order**

Chair Currey called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Adoption of Minutes from September 24, 2008 Special Meeting**

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2008 special meeting. Ms. Stille seconded. All voted in favor of the motion, except for Barbara Gilbert and Bonnie Therrien who abstained.

### **Reports**

#### **Community Development Committee/Municipal Services**

Ms. Kowalewski reported that they have applied for another grant from EPA for \$400,000. Peter Souza will be the new Chairman of the Community Development Committee. They thanked Bonnie Therrien for her many years of service.

#### **Public Safety Council**

Dan Scace gave an overview of the UASI spending plan. The plan was unanimously approved by the Public Safety Committee.

#### **Transportation Committee**

Mr. Maziarz had a CRCOG Economic Stimulus Candidate handout and asked the Policy Board to look at it to see if their town had any projects that were shovel ready to add to the list.

### **Discussion: Metro Hartford Alliance – Transportation**

Oz Griebel talked to the Board about transportation infrastructure investments and the importance to continue their work with the Governor, the Legislature and the Transportation Strategy Board to develop the structure and restricted funding sources needed to maintain and expand an integrated and comprehensive transportation system to support economic development. The Alliance also supports a 3 cent per gallon tax increase per year over the next five years and the establishment of an electronic toll system with a lockbox account for at least one state highway.

### **TIP Amendments**

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments. Mr. Erdmann seconded. DISCUSSION: The Transportation Committee approved these last week. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **2009 Policy Board and Executive Committee Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the drafted 2009 Policy Board and Executive Committee meeting schedule as presented. Mr. Erdmann seconded. All voted in favor.

### **Consent Agenda Items**

- a. Resolution Authorizing Execution of Jobs Access Report & Annual Assessment
- b. Annual Work Program – Amend to Add More Funding for Busway Planning
- c. Correction to Resolution Authorizing Execution of Contract with Pilothouse Communications
- d. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of UASI Funds
- e. Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Smart System Contract

Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. Ms. Therrien seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Discussion: Solid Waste Management Discussion and Report**

MSWConsultants gave a PowerPoint presentation on their findings. The disposal options seem to be to stay with CRRA but gain control of the infrastructure; have town exclusive collection service, or central consolidation and transportation with road or rail haul for disposal. The Board members will take this information back to their Councils or Boards for discussion and then share how much interest there is at our December 10<sup>th</sup> Policy Board meeting.

### **Journey Home Initiative**

Mary Glassman introduced Sarah Gallagher, Executive Director, of Journey Home. Ms. Glassman is a Board member along with Dr. Bob Painter. Journey Home's mission is to end chronic homelessness by 2015. People become homeless due to chronic illness or loss of housing. Ms. Glassman read some shocking statistics to the Board. This will be discussed at further length next month.

### **Legislative Update**

The Legislative Committee met prior to the Policy Board meeting. They want to put together a federal and a state plan this year. Under the state plan would be CRRA, shared services, special education and an emergency economic relief package.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:41 p.m. Mr. Barlow seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.