

# Capitol Region Council of Governments

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## POLICY BOARD REGULAR MEETING LOB Private Dining Room May 27, 2009 Noon

### Policy Board Attendance

Melody Currey, Chair  
Dick Hines  
Jon Colman  
Joyce Stille  
Dick Barlow  
Susan Karp  
John Adams  
Lee Erdmann  
Scott Shanley  
Lou Spadaccini  
Dave Nagel  
John Salomone  
Mary Glassman  
David Pinney  
Cary Prague  
Steve Werbner  
John Ward  
Peter Souza  
Steve Wawruck

### Town/Organization

East Hartford  
Avon  
Bloomfield  
Bolton  
Canton  
Glastonbury  
Granby  
Hartford  
Manchester  
Manchester  
Newington  
Newington  
Simsbury  
Somers  
South Windsor  
Tolland  
Vernon  
Windsor  
Windsor Locks

### Others Present

Grayson Wright  
Jeff Parker  
Tom Hartley  
Kathie Lutz  
Thomas Phillips

Conn DOT  
ConnDOT  
ConnDOT  
Rome, Smith & Lutz  
Capital Workforce Partners

### Staff

Cheryl Assis  
Winsome Barnaby  
Jennifer Carrier  
Bill Hogan  
Mary Ellen Kowalewski  
Jen March Wackers  
Jocelyn Mathiasen  
Tom Maziarz

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Emily Moos  
Debby Rihm  
Lyle Wray

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### **Call to Order**

Chair Currey called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

### **Approval of TIP Amendments**

Mr. Maziarz explained the TIP amendments. Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the TIP amendments. Mr. Adams seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Presentation and Adoption of the FY 2009/2010 CRCOG Budget**

The budget was done again this year in the GFOA format. It is a balanced budget and does not use any reserves. The Finance Committee recommended it for approval. Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the FY 2009/2010 CRCOG budget. Mr. Adams seconded. DISCUSSION: This budget assumes \$0 in grant aid from the state. The Board appreciates the CRCOG staff for the salary freezes. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Consent Agenda Items:**

- Resolution Authorizing Jobs Access Contracts
- Resolution on Annual Urban Planning Certification
- USMA Resolution

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

### **Adoption of Minutes from April 22, 2009 Regular Meeting**

Mr. Colman made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2009 meeting as submitted. Mr. Adams seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Update of the Plan of Conservation and Development for the Capitol Region and Referral to Public Hearing**

Mr. Colman made a motion to refer the Draft Plan to public hearing with final approval by Policy Board in September. Mr. Adams seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.

### **Status of the ARRA Projects**

Jeff Parker, Deputy Commissioner and Tom Hartley, Chief Engineer, DOT, thanked Tom Maziarz for his hard work on getting these ARRA projects submitted. The first projects in will be the first ones approved. The DOT is visiting all the COGs to answer any questions due to the confusion. South Windsor and Manchester are concerned about their project being moved along before the holiday shopping season. If bids come in low, the extra money will need to be obligated by February 17, 2010. The busway project was \$15,000 off.

But you must have a full funded grant agreement before the FTA will let you get this far. This project has taken seven years, and now it is only about four months away from application. It received a “medium” rating.

### **Reports**

#### **Chair and Executive Director**

Chair Currey reminded the Board that the **Annual Meeting and Golf Outing** will be held on **Thursday, June 4**, at the Manchester Country Club. Mr. Cassano and Mr. Wray will be in Denver for the NARC conference from Sunday through Wednesday. Mr. Maziarz and Ms. Carrier were thanked for getting the package together for Congressman Overstar. Mr. Overstar’s notes were passed out.

#### **Capital Workforce Partners**

Tom Phillips said that the recession in the workplace has hit manufacturing, insurance and finance the hardest.

#### **Audit Committee**

Blum Shapiro is the new auditing firm for CRCOG.

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

Ms. Kowalewski noted that they have been working on the Electricity consortium. A reverse auction will be held in June. The EZIQC will launch in early July. \$400,000 stimulus funds were received from EPA for brownfields sites. The Purchasing Council is still working on the savings for each town.

#### **Public Safety/Homeland Security**

Reverse 911 is completed. Currently we are juggling various years’ funding.

#### **Transportation Committee**

The MPO certification will take place on July 14<sup>th</sup>. This happens every three years. A report will be given to Policy Board. Mr. Maziarz and Congressman Larson really helped put Congressman Overstar in our region. Congressman Overstar knows what he wants to do with this region.

### **Update of the Plan of Conservation and Development for the Capitol Region**

Mary Ellen Kowalewski gave the update to the Board. The 2009 update serves as a guide for conservation and development for the capitol region towns. CRCOG reviews about 150 plans a year. Final approval by Policy Board will take place in September.

### **Solid Waste Management Update**

Mr. Colman made a motion to send out the RFI for long term waste transfer, transportation, disposal and processing/recycling services and then get responses back to the Policy Board when received from the RFI. Mr. Adams seconded. All voted in favor.

### **State & Federal Legislative Update**

Kathie Lutz from Rome Smith & Lutz said that there will be federal competitive and discretionary “green” grants available. The CRCOG Foundation is working on a regional green thumbprint with a September 1 timeline.

CRCOG tried to get a meeting today with the Governor after the press conference with three different size towns, but was declined. The Democrats are trying to get something done this week for the budget. They have until July 1 for early retirement notification. July 1 the Governor will continue with the current budget until a new budget passes.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Colman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 p.m. Mr. Adams seconded. All voted in favor of the motion.