

Capitol Region Council of Governments

241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106

Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday November 10, 2008

Name	Organization
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Piya Hawkes	Enfield
Billy Taylor	East Hartford
Len Norton	East Windsor
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Dan Pennington	Glastonbury
James Klase	Granby
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Richard Sawitzke	Simsbury
Marcia Banach	South Windsor
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Smith	Tolland
Terry McCarthy	Vernon
Dave Kraus	West Hartford
Mike Turner, Alternate	Wethersfield
Tom Lenehan	Windsor
Steve Wawruck	Windsor Locks
Gil Hayes	GHTD
Mark Mitchell	CCEJ

Guests

Jonathan Thiesse, Alternate	Bloomfield
Vicki Shotland	GHTD
DJ Gonzalez	GHTD
Charlie Carson	CTTransit

Staff

Tom Maziarz	CRCOG
Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Sandy Fry	CRCOG
Mario Marrero	CRCOG
Lia Huang	CRCOG
Maressa Gonzalez	CRCOG

Public Attendees

Michael Carrier	
Stuart Popper	URS

1. Roll Call

Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM.

2. Public Forum

No comments from the public were offered.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Dan Pennington, seconded by Vicki Shotland, to accept the minutes of the September 22, 2008 meeting as written. This motion was passed unanimously.

4. Staff Report

- Tom Maziarz mentioned that CRCOG staff members have new phone extensions. A list was handed out to Committee Members.
- Tom Maziarz informed the Committee that ConnDOT will be hosting a series of public meetings on the environmental assessment study for the proposed New Haven – Hartford – Springfield Commuter Rail study.
- Jennifer Carrier notified the Committee that CRCOG and the Town of Windsor will be hosting a Road Safety Audit Webinar on November 12, 2008 at 2:00PM.
- Tom Maziarz instructed the Committee to disregard the distributed memo regarding the regional orthophotography shared services grant. Erik Snowden from the CRCOG office will contact the Committee members shortly with further information.
- Tom Maziarz reviewed the economic stimulus package request for proposals memo distributed to the Committee. Project information must be submitted to CRCOG by Wednesday, November 12th at noon.

5. Transit Center Options for Downtown Hartford—presentation on preliminary findings

Sandy Fry gave a presentation on the transit center study process, alternatives considered, and next steps for the study. The final report is estimated to be complete in March 2009.

6. TIP Amendments

Tom Maziarz reviewed the TIP Amendments and provided details related to the Enfield high priority project. A motion was made by Marcia Banach, seconded by Gil Hayes to accept the TIP amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.

7. Annual Work Program

Tom Maziarz reviewed the resolution authorizing amendment of the Transportation Work Program & Funding Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for CRCOG's 2-Year Transportation Planning Program. A motion was made by Marcia Banach, seconded by Billy Taylor to accept the resolution. This motion was passed unanimously.

8. Jobs Access Report & Annual Assessment

Mario Marrero described the Jobs Access Program and reviewed the program's Annual Assessment Report. The program is now operating at an average of ~3,600 daily riders and reached a maximum of 4,171 daily riders in December 2007. The program lost about \$100,000 in funding in 2008, but ridership has increased. A new bus service extension providing access to C&S Wholesale Foods in Suffield has been added this year. User surveys indicated that 48% of those surveyed are TFA eligible and 86% are FTA eligible; 63% of those surveyed have worked over 90 days at their place of employment. A motion was made by Mark Mitchell, seconded by Richard Sawitzke to endorse this report. This motion was passed unanimously.

9. STP Urban

Jennifer Carrier recapped the Cost Review and Schedule Subcommittee meeting discussions. The Subcommittee approved the cost increase for the East Hartford, Roberts Street pavement rehabilitation project. A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Michael Turner to approve the cost increase to \$1,092,000 (\$873,000 federal). This motion was passed unanimously.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.