Capitol Region Council of Governments
241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106

Special Meeting
ARRA Sub-Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2009

Name                          Organization
Jon Colman                    Bloomfield
Ken Wassall                   Canton
Bill Taylor                   East Hartford
Robert Phillips               Ellington
Piya Hawkes                   Enfield
Russ Arnold                   Farmington
Daniel Pennington            Glastonbury
Jennifer Cassidy              Hartford
John McGrane                 Hartford
Mark Carlino                 Manchester
Jeffrey Doolittle             South Windsor
Gerry Turbert                Suffield
Terry McCarthy               Vernon
Dave Kraus                   West Hartford
Tom Lenehan                  Windsor
Steve Wawruck                Windsor Locks

Guests                       Organization
Jonathan Thiesse             Bloomfield
Kevin Burnham                Hartford
Marilyn Cruz-Aponte           Hartford
Don Moisa                    Wethersfield
John Ward                    Vernon

Staff                         CRCOG
Tom Maziarz                  CRCOG
Jennifer Carrier             CRCOG
Lia Huang                    CRCOG
Maressa Gonzalez             CRCOG
Karen Stewartson             CRCOG

Public Attendees
No public attendees

1. Roll Call
   Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

2. Public Forum
   There were no public comments.

3. Adoption of Minutes
   The adoption of minutes was postponed until the next Transportation Committee meeting.
4. **Recovery and Reinvestment Program**

Tom Maziarz reviewed the candidate project ratings and the preliminary staff recommendations for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding. Recommended projects include those in the towns of Hartford, East Hartford, Canton and Windsor Locks. Funding recommendations, between ARRA Urban funds and ARRA Enhancement funds, were also discussed. Backup projects are proposed to include projects in Farmington, Wethersfield, Vernon and Suffield.

Jon Ward asked whether the Vernon Phoenix Street Bridge backup project would become a higher priority if the requested funding was reduced. Tom Maziarz stated that the priority would not change.

A committee member requested clarification on the recommended priorities. Jon Colman and Tom Maziarz explained that Hartford had already received a funding recommendation for the Pope Commons Streetscape project so the Traffic Signal System Upgrade project was not a recommended priority, Enfield is currently experiencing scheduling delays with an STP Urban project (Post Office Road), and Federal funding has already been obligated to the Suffield Street bridge through a different program. These recommendations were made with the best interest of the region in mind.

David Kraus mentioned that STP Urban and STP Enhancement criteria are usually very different. This selection process, involving both project types, focused on project readiness and ability to maintain the ARRA schedule. Tom Maziarz stated that this selection process was unique and the 2009 STP Urban portion is dependent upon ConnDOT approval.

Jeff Doolittle questioned the readiness for backup projects to be incorporated into the 2009 STP Urban Program. Tom Maziarz stated that the towns have been advancing their plans.

A motion was made by Mark Carlino, seconded by Russ Arnold, to approve the recommended project list as prepared by staff. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. **Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

6. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.