

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

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

Staff

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.