

**Capitol Region Council of Governments**  
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**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**Monday April 20, 2009**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Larry Baril	Avon
John Pagini	Bolton
Neil Pade	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
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Rich Sawitzke	Simsbury
Patrice Carson	Somers
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Terry McCarthy	Vernon
Dave Kraus	West Hartford
Mike Turner	Wethersfield
Tom Lenehan	Windsor
Steve Wawruck	Windsor Locks
<b>Guests</b>	
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
DJ Gonzalez	GHTD
Vicki Shotland	GHTD
Kevin Burnham	Hartford
<b>Staff</b>	
Tom Maziarz	CRCOG
Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Sandy Fry	CRCOG
Lia Huang	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG
<b>Public Attendees</b>	
Tom Gutman	AARP

## **1. Roll Call**

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

## **2. Public Forum**

Tom Gutman mentioned that the use of traffic calming bump outs and medians are difficult to see at night, especially when raining. Mr. Gutman requested generous reflection and signage be installed wherever possible.

## **3. Adoption of Minutes**

A motion was made by Patrice Carson, seconded by Richard Sawitzke, to accept the minutes of the March 23, 2009 meeting as written. This motion was passed unanimously.

## **4. Staff Report**

Tom Maziarz described the FHWA and FTA review process of the CRCOG transportation planning program scheduled for July 2009.

Mr. Maziarz noted that he was contacted by Congressman Larson regarding Request for Proposals under the transportation funding reauthorization bill. Proposals are due by April 24, 2009.

## **5. CRCOG Comments on the State Long Range Plan**

Tom Maziarz reviewed the CRCOG comments on the State Long Range Transportation Plan. There were no objections to the draft memo.

## **6. Biennial Transportation Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Tom Maziarz reviewed the memo on the updates to the FY2009-FY2010 work program.

A motion was made by Patrice Carson, seconded by Mike Turner, to approve the UPWP updates as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

## **7. Adoption of Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan**

Sandy Fry reviewed the LOCHSTP plan updates for the Committee.

A motion was made by Billy Taylor, seconded by Dan Pennington, to approve the LOCHSTP plan updates as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. ARRA: Progress Report**

Tom Maziarz reported that good progress has been made with the ARRA projects. ConnDOT has been helpful in moving several projects forward.

Originally, \$300,000 of ARRA funding for the region was allocated for ConnDOT review. The State has decided to use a State bond for the review of all ARRA projects. It is recommended that this \$300,000 now be used for the Canton Farmington River Trail project.

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the ARRA project summary sheet noting that this document will be updated continuously with the latest version available on the CRCOG website.

## **9. STP Urban Program for FY2009**

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the FY2009 STP Urban summary sheet, mentioning that ConnDOT agreed to add Farmington's Middle Road reconstruction project and Vernon's Phoenix Street bridge reconstruction project to the FY2009 STP Urban program. Additionally, ConnDOT will also work to move East Hartford's Roberts Street project to the FY2009 STP Urban program.

Jeff Doolittle questioned the current gap money in the STP Urban program. Tom Maziarz explained that the gap was created by projects slipping on their schedules. ConnDOT was able to approve some projects to reduce the gap, but it is difficult to find a fit for the remaining \$1.2M. Additionally, ConnDOT is very busy reviewing ARRA projects for other regions at this time.

Peter Hughes asked whether the \$1.2M gap money could be used to fund Canton's Farmington River Trail project. Jennifer Carrier replied that there isn't enough time in this fiscal year to reallocate the funds to a new project. FY2010 will be used for that project.

A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Rich Sawitzke, to approve the STP Urban programming as recommended by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

## **10. TIP Amendments**

Tom Maziarz reviewed the TIP amendments.

Jim Sollmi questioned why ConnDOT was no longer using the \$300,000 of ARRA funds allocated to ConnDOT review. Tom Maziarz answered that instead of waiting for each individual project design review to be approved, the general State bond will allow the review to begin immediately.

A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Jeff Doolittle, to approve the TIP amendments as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## **11. Other Business**

Tom Maziarz mentioned that the first round of ARRA projects will likely have lower bid numbers than the allocated funding. This could mean potential funding sources for the Canton Farmington River Trail project and the Wethersfield Goff Road reconstruction project. Mark Carlino agreed that bids have been lower than anticipated with ConnDOT's unit costs, but with several projects being bid at the same time this summer, bid prices may increase. Terry McCarthy mentioned that Vernon has also seen bids returned at amounts lower than the estimates.

## **12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.