

Capitol Region Council of Governments

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Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday May 18, 2009

Name	Organization
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Larry Baril	Avon
John Pagini	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Mark Mitchell	CCEJ
Bill Taylor	East Hartford
Robert Phillips	Ellington
Piya Hawkes	Enfield
Matt Blume	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
James Klase	Granby
Jennifer Cassidy	Hartford
John McGrane	Hartford
Kevin Burnham	Hartford
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Tony Ferraro	Newington
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Rich Sawitzke	Simsbury
Patrice Carson	Somers
Marcia Banach	South Windsor
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
Terry McCarthy	Vernon
Tom Lenehan	Windsor
Steve Wawruck	Windsor Locks
Guests	
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
DJ Gonzalez	GHTD
Vicki Shotland	GHTD
Charlie Carson	CTTransit
Grayson Wright	ConnDOT
Ben Kruger	CCEJ
Staff	
Tom Maziarz	CRCOG
Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Lia Huang	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG

1. Roll Call

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

2. Public Forum

No members of the public chose to speak.

3. Adoption of Minutes

It was noted that Mark Carlino was present at the April 20, 2009 Committee meeting. The minutes will be modified accordingly.

A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Daniel Pennington, to accept the minutes of the April 20, 2009 meeting. Dave Smith abstained; all other members were in favor of passing the motion.

4. Staff Report

Tom Maziarz mentioned that the Northwest Corridor Transit Study will host a public meeting on Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 PM at the Hartford Public Library.

Mr. Maziarz noted that MPO certification review will likely occur at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

Tom Maziarz announced that the New Britain Busway Study will be hosting two public meetings: the first on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the CCSU Founders Hall in New Britain and the second on Wednesday, May 20, 2009 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the Elmwood Community Center in West Hartford. Station renderings will be available for review on the CRCOG website.

5. Annual Self-Certification of Transportation Planning Program

Mr. Maziarz reviewed the self-certification resolution for the Committee.

A motion was made by Peter Hughes, seconded by Billy Taylor, to approve the resolution as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Mitchell noted interest in a presentation on DBE goals and performance in transportation projects. Tom Maziarz commented that we could schedule ConnDOT to present at a future meeting.

6. TIP Amendments

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP amendments.

A motion was made by Marcia Banach, seconded by Patrice Carson, to approve the TIP amendments as written. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Update on recent federal activities and programs

Jennifer Carrier provided an ARRA project update. Tom Lenehan asked that CRCOG look into timely ARRA project signoff from the Attorney General's office related to the municipal – ConnDOT agreements.

Mr. Maziarz updated the Committee on the Reauthorization bill. The Senate may soon issue a request for proposals similar to that issued by Congress. Congressman Oberstar visited the Hartford region hosted by Congressman Larson on May 8, 2009. Tom Maziarz, Lyle Wray, and Jon Colman shared the following key points likely to be incorporated in the Reauthorization bill conveyed during Congressman Oberstar's visit:

- Transportation funding will likely increase
- Simplification of the funding system to increase flexibility
- Performance, rather than prescriptive, based program
- Efforts will be made to streamline the review process to move projects into construction faster
- Transportation is tied to economic growth and the livability of an area
- Revenue sources will need to be determined

Tom Maziarz mentioned that he may contact Committee members in the coming weeks for their input on ways to streamline the transportation funding system.

8. Route 305 Corridor Study Presentation

Jennifer Carrier provided an overview of the Route 305 Corridor Study, summarizing study findings and recommendations. The project is expected to be complete within the next couple of months. CRCOG will seek endorsement by the Transportation Committee and Policy Board in the near future.

9. STP Urban Program: Progress Report

Ms. Carrier reviewed the STP Urban Program status for the Committee. There is approximately \$924,000 to \$1.3M of unprogrammed FFY 2009 monies, depending on how cost increases play out.

10. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.