

Capitol Region Council of Governments

241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106

Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday November 16, 2009

Name	Organization
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
John Pagini	Bolton
Bill Taylor	East Hartford
Piya Hawkes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
James Klase	Granby
John McGrane	Hartford
Kevin Burnham	Hartford
Mark Carlino	Manchester
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Tony Ferraro	Newington
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Rich Sawitzke	Simsbury
Bob Cafarelli	Somers
Marcia Banach	South Windsor
David Smith	Tolland
Terry McCarthy	Vernon
Dave Kraus	West Hartford
Tom Lenehan	Windsor
Mary Ellen Thibodeau	Central CT Bicycle Alliance
Barbara Surwilo	American Lung
Guests	
Colleen Kissane	ConnDOT
Dave Head	ConnDOT
Melanie Zimyeski	ConnDOT
Vicki Shotland	GHTD
D. J. Gonzalez	GHTD
Kurt Cavanaugh	Glastonbury
Tom Gutman	AARP
Staff	
Tom Maziarz	CRCOG
Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Sandy Fry	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** There were no comments from the public.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Marcia Banach, seconded by Billy Taylor, to accept the minutes of the October 19, 2009 Transportation Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Staff Report

- The Transportation Meeting calendar for 2010 was distributed.
- The Viaduct Study will hold a public workshop on November 19, 2009.
- Meetings were held with ConnDOT to discuss the Master Municipal Agreement. This agreement will serve as a template agreement for 10 years and will be amended with a Grant Authorization Document (similar to a memorandum of understanding) for each project.

5. TIP Amendments There were no TIP Amendments.

6. ARRA program

Tom Maziarz reviewed the memorandum summarizing CRCOG's recommendations for the extra ARRA funds resulting from lower than expected bids on the first four projects. The remaining three ARRA projects will be bid with alternates to ensure full utilization of ARRA funding.

Jim Sollmi asked how the Enfield, Post Office Road contract will be structured. Tom Maziarz stated that this contract will be written for the balance of ARRA funds rather than a specific amount.

Dan Pennington asked how the two recommended projects were selected. Tom Maziarz replied that the Phoenix Street Bridge project in Vernon was originally slated as a backup ARRA project. Of the list of remaining projects originally listed as backups: the Farmington, Middle Road project will be advertised next month with a different funding source and the Wethersfield and Suffield projects will not be ready by March 2, 2010. The Enfield project was scheduled to receive STP Urban funding and is able to meet the ARRA deadline.

Tom Maziarz explained that the second recommendation in the memo was to consider using future STP Urban funds to help fund some of the regional projects threatened by the state fiscal problem. Three (Manchester, West Hartford, Hartford) of the 18 projects threatened in our region are also in our STP Urban program – so these delays will also affect our STP Urban program. Using extra STP Urban funds as well as scaling back projects and finding alternate funding sources, could help keep these projects closer to schedule.

A motion was made by Peter Hughes, seconded by Billy Taylor, to accept the recommendations for extra ARRA funds as written. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Presentation of Buckland Transportation Study recommendations

Tom Maziarz presented the major recommendations of the Buckland Transportation Study.

Tom Gutman suggested improvements in guide signs in the Buckland area for those that are not familiar with the area.

Jim Sollmi asked whether the Shoppes and Buckland Hills and Evergreen Walk owners/operators were involved in the study process. Tom Maziarz answered that they were involved in the technical working group discussions.

The Committee engaged in a discussion regarding potential funding sources for the Buckland Transportation Study recommendations.

8. Other Business No other business was discussed.

9. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.