

**Capitol Region Council of Governments**

**241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106**

**Transportation Committee Meeting**

**Monday March 22, 2010**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Larry Baril	Avon
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
John Pagini	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Bill Taylor	East Hartford
Leonard Norton	East Windsor
Piya Hawkes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
James Klase	Granby
John McGrane	Hartford
Mark Carlino	Manchester
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Tony Ferraro	Newington
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Rich Sawitzke	Simsbury
Bob Cafarelli	Somers
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Terry McCarthy	Vernon
Steve Weitz	West Hartford
Mike Turner	Wethersfield
Tom Lenehan	Windsor
Steven Wawruck	Windsor Locks
Mary Ellen Thibodeau	CCBA
Gilbert Hayes	GHTD
<b>Guests</b>	
Grayson Wright	ConnDOT
Jonas Maciunas	Hartford
Tom Gutman	AARP
Kurt Cavanaugh	Glastonbury
Bradshaw Smith	Windsor Resident
<b>Staff</b>	
Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Sandy Fry	CRCOG
Karen Olson	CRCOG
Lia Huang	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG

**1. Roll Call** Mark Carlino called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

**2. Public Forum** No public comments were received.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Tom Lenehan noted that he was not present at the February 22, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting. The attendance record has been corrected.

A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Terry McCarthy, to accept the minutes of the February 22, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Staff Report**

- Jennifer Carrier provided an update on the Route 3 and Route 10 special studies.
- Lia Huang reviewed the alternatives currently being considered under the Viaduct Study and invited the Committee to the Public Workshop scheduled for March 25, 2010.
- Sandy Fry summarized the memorandum issued on the Regional Bus Shelter Program.
- Lyle Wray announced that CRCOG submitted comments to the draft Notice of Available Funds issued by T-HUD for livable communities grant monies. Funding is expected to be available in September 2010 with about \$100m allocated to regions and \$50m allocated for town planning related to livability and sustainability. CRCOG plans to partner with the Pioneer Valley and Southeastern Massachusetts MPOs to submit one application and to partner with SCRCOG on another application.
- Lyle Wray added that annual dues from CRCOG member municipalities are used to match State money received to provide services and technical assistance to member towns. Municipality-specific summary sheets will be issued outlining the benefits of CRCOG membership.
- Lyle Wray also stated that the transportation reauthorization bill will likely move forward after the November elections. Senator Jay Rockefeller from West Virginia has drafted a document of items that may be included in the next bill. The transportation budget is expected to be larger than that in SAFETEA-LU.

**5. Annual Transportation Work Program**

Jennifer Carrier provided an overview of the proposed work program for next year. The executive summary was distributed to the Committee and the full document will be available by the end of the month.

**6. STP Urban program for FFY 2010 & ARRA Update**

Jennifer Carrier explained that the recent HIRE Act extends the transportation funding to the end of the year and allow for better direction on available funding under the STP-Urban Program. Ms. Carrier reviewed the STP-Urban projects that are anticipated to receive monies this fiscal year.

Jennifer Carrier updated the Committee on the ARRA projects. The Hartford Pope Commons Streetscape project is expected to be advertised in late March; bids for the East Hartford project came in lower than anticipated and the town will be able to fund bid alternates; bids on the Canton project are expected to be opened early April.

**7. TIP amendments**

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP Amendments.

Lyle Wray inquired whether “clearview” typeface will be used on the Windsor Locks signage. Meeting attendees were uncertain whether this font was specified.

Jim Sollmi made a motion, seconded by Dan Pennington, to approve the TIP Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Northwest Corridor Transit Study-Summary of Recommendations**

Sandy Fry presented the Northwest Corridor Transit Study recommendations. The study provided recommendations to increase ridership, improve Downtown circulation, and enhance Union Station.

Steve Weitz commented that the Northwest Corridor Study and Viaduct Study should coordinate recommendations and future efforts.

**9. Other Business** No other business was discussed.

**10. Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.