

**Capitol Region Council of Governments**

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

**Transportation Committee Meeting**

**Monday April 19, 2010**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Larry Baril	Avon
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
John Pagini	Bolton
Bill Taylor	East Hartford
Leonard Norton	East Windsor
Piya Hawkes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Stephen Braun	Glastonbury
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
Terry McCarthy	Vernon
Steve Weitz	West Hartford
Tom Lenehan	Windsor
Steven Wawruck	Windsor Locks
Mary Ellen Thibodeau	Bike Walk CT
<b>Guests</b>	
Grayson Wright	ConnDOT
Tom Gutman	AARP
D. J. Gonzalez	GHTD
Vicki Shotland	GHTD
Najib Habesch	Beta Group, Inc.
James Ford	Beta Group, Inc.
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**

A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Marcia Banach, to accept the minutes of the March 22, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Staff Report**

- Jennifer Carrier explained that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) was revised and adopted in the federal register December 2009. States will need to adopt these standards within two years of publication. Major changes are described on the FHWA website, a handout of some of the changes was distributed.
- The full draft of the FY 2011 and FY 2012 UPWP was issued. Action will be requested at the May Transportation Committee Meeting.
- Sandy Fry summarized the USDOT Policy Statement on Biking and Walking.
- Lyle Wray provided an update on the T-HUD grant program. A notice of funding availability is now expected to be issued in May; \$100 million is expected to be available for regional applications; \$50 million is expected to be available for municipal applications.

**5. ARRA Update**

Jennifer Carrier explained to the Committee that the bids on the Canton and East Hartford projects came in lower than expected. The Hartford project is expected to be advertised shortly. The Region is expected to have approximately \$1-1.5m to reprogram. Ms. Carrier reviewed the options for remaining ARRA funds described in the memo issued by ConnDOT. CRCOG will present recommendations for reprogramming the remaining monies at the next Transportation Committee Meeting.

**6. TIP Amendments**

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP Amendments. ConnDOT asked that the Avon Old Farms Road project be removed from the TIP Amendment, CRCOG voted on a similar amendment in the past.

Jim Sollmi made a motion, seconded by Marcia Banach, to approve the remaining TIP Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. STP-Urban: Glastonbury Request**

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the Town of Glastonbury's request to transfer previously approved STP Urban funds from the Main Street project to the Griswold Street project.

Peter Hughes made a motion, seconded by John Pagini, to approve the Glastonbury request to transfer STP Urban funds. The Town of Glastonbury abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

**8. Route 195 Corridor Study-Final Recommendations**

Ms. Carrier provided an update on the Route 195 Corridor Study in Tolland, including changes approved by the Tolland Town Council since the presentation to the Committee in January.

Marcia Banach made a motion, seconded by Anthony Ferraro, to approve the final recommendations of the Route 195 Corridor Study, including the changes adopted by the Tolland Town Council. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **9. Northwest Corridor Transit Plan-Final Recommendations**

Sandy Fry summarized the final recommendations of the Northwest Corridor Study, referencing the more detailed presentation that she gave in March.

John Pagini made a motion, seconded by Jim Sollmi, to approve the final recommendations of the Northwest Corridor Study. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **10. Other Business**

Jim Sollmi inquired about a future ARRA-type fund. Lyle Wray noted that there will likely be stimulus funds available in the future but the form will probably be different than the existing ARRA program. The new Transportation Bill will also impact transportation funding sources. CRCOG will continue to stay informed and provide updates to the Committee.

**11. Adjourn** The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.