

Capitol Region Council of Governments
241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106
Special Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday June 14, 2010

Name	Organization
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Larry Baril	Avon
John Pagini	Bolton
Roland Klee	Canton
Melody Currey	East Hartford
Piya Hawkes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kevin Burnham	Hartford
Jennifer Cassidy	Hartford
Mark Carlino	Manchester
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Chris Greenlaw	Newington
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Rich Sawitzke	Simsbury
Bob Cafarelli	Somers
Marcia Banach	South Windsor
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
Terry McCarthy	Vernon
Dave Kraus	West Hartford
Mike Turner	Wethersfield
Tom Lenehan	Windsor
Steven Wawruck	Windsor Locks
Mary Ellen Thibodeau	Bike Walk-CT
Guests	
Grayson Wright	ConnDOT
Tom Gutman	AARP
Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
Bill Taylor	East Hartford
Sandra Sheehan	GHTD
Susan McMullen	Hartford
John Pelkey	South Windsor
Nichole Straek	1000 Friends of CT
Staff	
Lyle Wray	CRCOG
Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Karen Olson	CRCOG
Lia Huang	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG

1. Roll Call Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.

2. Public Forum There were no public comments.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Marcia Banach, seconded by Dan Pennington, to accept the minutes of the May 17, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Staff Report

- Jennifer Carrier summarized a handout updating the Committee on the New Haven – Hartford – Springfield Intercity Rail project. The new Federal HSIPR initiative required a restructuring of the original “commuter” rail proposal to demonstrate its role in the larger scale New York City to Montreal intercity connection.
- Lyle Wray explained that the T-HUD notice of available grant funds has not yet been issued. Once this notice is released it will provide details needed to fully develop the application CRCOG is working on with area MPOs.
- Dr. Wray added that the Ford Foundation recently announced \$200m in grant monies available for livable communities initiatives.
- Jennifer Carrier informed the Committee that ConnDOT has completed their biennial local bridge inspections for select communities throughout CT. Federal programs exist, providing funding up to 80% of eligible project costs, and they are managed by ConnDOT however CRCOG can assist. State assistance through the Local Bridge Program is currently closed to new applications however the actual availability of funding under the local bridge program will depend on action by the State Bond Commission, this summer at the earliest. Information is available on ConnDOT’s website; Twitter updates are also available.
- Jennifer Carrier announced that FHWA has launched “Every Day Counts”, an initiative designed to identify and deploy innovation aimed at shortening project delivery, enhancing roadway safety, and improving environmental sustainability. Additionally, CRCOG feels it’s a good opportunity to work with ConnDOT and FHWA to understand lessons learned from the ARRA process.

5. Annual Self-certification Resolution for Transportation Planning Program

A motion was made by Mayor Melody Currey, seconded by Jim Sollmi, to approve the resolution on Annual Urban Planning Certification. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorizing Resolution – Route 3

A motion was made by Marcia Banach, seconded by Jim Sollmi, to approve the resolution authorizing execution of agreement with the consultant for the Route 3 Traffic and Development Study.

7. Authorizing Resolution – Route 10

A motion was made by Marcia Banach, seconded by Mike Turner, to approve the resolution authorizing execution of agreement with the consultant for the Route 10 Traffic and Development Study.

8. TIP Amendments

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP Amendments.

A motion was made by Mark Carlino, seconded by Dan Pennington, to approve the TIP Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

9. ARRA Reprogramming

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the memorandum on reprogramming ARRA monies from low bids.

Jim Sollmi asked when the ARRA monies needed to be obligated. Ms. Carrier replied that ARRA monies must be obligated by September 15, 2010, but it is best to obligate as soon as possible.

Jon Colman acknowledged Windsor Locks for supporting the ARRA reprogramming recommendations and for pursuing other funding opportunities for the resurfacing of existing canal trail project.

Mayor Melody Currey thanked the Transportation Committee for their hard work in making things happen.

10. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.