

Capitol Region Council of Governments

241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106

Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday December 13, 2010

Name	Organization
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
John Pagini	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Len Norton	East Windsor
Piya Hawkes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
James Klase	Granby
Andrew Tierney	Hebron
Jennifer Cassidy	Hartford
John McGrane	Hartford
Kevin Burnham	Hartford
Mark Carlino	Manchester
Anthony Ferraro	Newington
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Richard Sawitzke	Simsbury
Jeffrey Bord	Somers
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
Dave Kraus	West Hartford
Mike Turner	Wethersfield
Tom Lenehan	Windsor
Scott Lappen	Windsor Locks
Guests	
D.J. Gonzalez	GHTD
Vicki Shotland	GHTD
Tom Gutman	AARP
Najib Habesch	Beta Group
Bradshaw Smith	Windsor/Citizen
John Bertoli	Beta Group
Jim Mayer	Manchester
Rich Gallacher	Manchester
Cara Seabury	URS Corporation
Jeff Cormier	Hartford Planning
Staff	
Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Lyle Wray	CRCOG
Rob Aloise	CRCOG

Lia Huang	CRCOG
Erik Snowden	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Hongmei Zhou	CRCOG

1. Roll Call Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm.

2. Public Forum There were no public comments.

3. Adoption of Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Turner, seconded by Tom Lenehan, to accept the minutes of the November 15, 2010 Transportation Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Staff Report

- Jennifer Carrier introduced Robert Aloise, new Principal Engineer at CRCOG.
- ConnDOT has incorporated comments received from the municipalities, CRCOG, and FHWA to the draft Master Municipal Agreement. However, the Attorney General's office objected to the structure of the agreement; ConnDOT is currently working to address the AG's concerns.
- Rob Aloise announced that the USDOT has reopened the 45-day public comment period for MUTCD compliance dates, including sign retroreflectivity. Comments should be submitted via the Federal Register by January 14, 2011 (www.regulations.gov FHWA-2010-0159).
- Lyle Wray informed the Transportation Committee members that Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is interested in passing a new reauthorization bill rather than further extending SAFETEA-LU.
- Lyle Wray commented on his work with NARC and others on Transportation System Performance, monitoring such items as safety and mobility.
- Dr. Wray also noted that at the High Speed Rail 2010 Conference there was discussion on providing passengers with the necessary services to reach his/her destination after stepping off the train; this ties into the importance of the New Britain Busway.
- Jennifer Carrier mentioned that the Governor-elect has announced a national search for the next Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

5. Endorsement of I-84 Viaduct Study Findings

A motion was made by John Pagini, seconded by Gil Hayes, to endorse the findings of the I-84 Viaduct Study contingent upon the City Council's approval. The motion passed unanimously.

6. TIP Amendments

Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP Amendments.

A motion was made by John McGrane, seconded by Jeff Doolittle, to approve the TIP Amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Presentation: Municipal uses of CROCOG 2009 Color Orthophotography

Rich Gallacher and Jim Mayer described how the new orthophotography data has been very useful. This information has helped the Town of Manchester compare proposed plans and as built to keep records up to date, provide exact locations of addresses to aid emergency responders, view utility infrastructure such as stormwater drain locations, assist with their sign inventory, and carry out certain GIS analyses.

8. Other Business Jennifer Carrier announced that the Cost Review Subcommittee will likely meet in January.

9. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.