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

2. Public Forum- No one choose to speak at this time.

3. Adoption of Minutes- A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Kevin Burnham, to accept the May 23rd meeting minutes. This motion was passed unanimously.
4. Staff Report

- STP-Enhancement Policy - Rob Aloise updated the Committee regarding the recent STP Enhancement Policy changes enacted by ConnDOT (handout). Mr. Aloise explained that the STP Enhancement program provides approximately $9M per year statewide, mainly for bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, safety improvement projects and streetscape projects. Previously the entire program was administered by the RPAs, however under the new policy, 50% of the funding will now be administered by ConnDOT. The stated goal of ConnDOT is to fund bicycle and pedestrian initiatives that (1) address gaps in major multi-use trail networks and modal integration with transit, and (2) improve pedestrian and bicycle access to, and accommodations at, transit centers. Mr. Aloise indicated that CRCOG anticipates an STP Enhancement solicitation after anticipated ConnDOT policy decisions regarding the region’s 50% funding are released. Based on the new funding, CRCOG expects that the solicitation will be in the $3-$4M range for an anticipated four year solicitation. As always, funding levels are contingent on upcoming federal legislation regarding a new transportation bill/reauthorization.

- Capital Equipment Purchase Incentive Program/regional Performance Incentive Grants- Ms. Jennifer Carrier discussed two upcoming funding sources CRCOG is monitoring; OPM will be administering them. Ms. Carrier told the Committee that the Inter-town Capital equipment purchase incentive program will assist municipalities to jointly buy or lease needed vehicles or capital equipment. The Program will provide grants to pay up to 50% or $250k (whichever is less) of the cost of buying or leasing a maintenance vehicle, pickup truck, tractor, utility trailer, or similar vehicle or any other equipment that has an expected remaining useful of at least five years from the purchase of lease date. The bill requires OPM secretary (by Sept 1, 2011) to develop guidelines; notices are expected to be released shortly thereafter (Oct 2011). Ms Carrier also said there is also a Grant Program similar to the previous Regional Performance Incentive Grants issued a couple years prior. This program provides funds to municipalities for jointly performing a service they currently perform separately. Proposals would likely be due December 2011.

- Other items-Ms. Jennifer Carrier told the Committee that the September Transportation Meeting will meet on September 26th instead of September 19th to better accommodate the STP-Urban solicitation/project selection schedule. Lyle Wray briefed the Committee on the status of the transportation reauthorization bill. Dr. Wray informed the Committee that the Sustainable Communities Committee met recently to discuss performance measures and visualization strategies. Dr. Wray also mentioned that he recently visited Los Angeles and rode on the Orange Line, a busway very similar to the New Britain Busway.

5. STP-Urban: Project Solicitation

Ms. Jennifer Carrier informed the committee that CRCOG is inviting municipalities and transportation agencies to submit proposals for transportation projects to be funded under the federal Surface Transportation Program-Urban (STP-U) program. Ms. Carrier also informed the committee of the following:

- Attention was directed to the 2011 Request for Proposals and associated Application and Selection Policy which were distributed to those in attendance
There would be an advanced solicitation schedule specifically for pavement rehabilitation/stand-alone sidewalk projects as there is a possibility that some of those projects may be fast-tracked to receive construction funding in FFY 2012.

Completed applications are due back to CRCOG by Wednesday, August 24th for Pavement Rehabilitation and Stand-Alone Sidewalk projects; and Monday, September 19th for all other projects.

ConnDOT has not finalized a policy for newly eligible Bike/Ped projects. However, CRCOG has received indications from ConnDOT that Streetscape projects are not eligible at this time. Applicants are encouraged to apply for funding of streetscape projects through the STP-Enhancement program. Towns that have streetscape projects should contact Ms. Carrier to discuss alternative funding opportunities.

It is expected that selected projects will be reviewed by CRCOG staff this fall and brought to the Transportation Committee and Policy Board in December 2011 for endorsement.

Depending on pending federal legislation, funding for successful projects will likely be available in FFY 2014 and later years. Funding for select pavement rehabilitation projects may be available earlier.

The distributed materials will be posted to the CRCOG website on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 along with additional STP-U solicitation reference materials (http://www.crcog.org/transportation/tip_proj/project.html).

Committee members were encouraged to contact Robert Aloise (raloise@crcog.org) or Jennifer Carrier (jcarrier@crcog.org) if there are any questions.

6. **TIP amendments**—Jennifer Carrier reviewed the TIP amendments. A motion was made by Mark Carlino, seconded by John Pagini, to accept the TIP amendments. This motion was passed unanimously.

7. **Endorsement of Resolution Authorizing an extension of CRCOG agreement with Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority**—A motion was made by Jim Sollmi, seconded by Michael Turner to endorse the Resolution of the Capitol Region Council of Governments Authorizing Extension of Agreement with Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority. This motion was passed unanimously.

8. **Presentation: Hole in-the-Wall Parking Lot; Bill Scheer, Town Engineer, East Lyme**—Mr. Scheer gave a presentation on the Hole in-the-Wall Parking Lot and the green infrastructure that has been installed in an educational manner. Georgette Yaindl asked if any product suppliers were based in Connecticut. Mr. Scheer explained that the materials were purchased through local suppliers of nationally-manufactured products.

9. Jim Sollmi inquired about the expected funding policies for the STP-E and CMAQ Programs. Jennifer Carrier explained that STP-E funding will be split 50/50 between the State and RPAs. Of the portion administered by the RPAs, the split will likely be 80% Federal, 20% municipality; for projects selected with the State-administered funds, there is a potential that 100% could be funded by Federal and State monies. CMAQ funding may be used for improving signal systems, rideshare programs, etc. The CMAQ rating criteria is currently being developed and is expected to be issued in the fall.

10. **Adjourn**—The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.