

Capitol Region Council of Governments
241 Main St., Hartford, CT 06106
Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting
Monday January 23rd, 2012

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Endorsed by the
Committee**

Name	Organization
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Timothy Bockus	East Hartford
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kevin Burnham	Hartford
Bob Lacourse	Hartford
Mark Carlino	Manchester
Jim Sollmi	Rocky Hill
Richard Sawitzke	Simsbury
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Dave Kraus	West Hartford
Mike Turner	Wethersfield
Bob Jarvis	Windsor

Guests

Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
Duane Martin	West Hartford

CRCOG Staff

Jennifer Carrier	CRCOG
Rob Aloise	CRCOG
Karen Stewartson	CRCOG
Lia Huang	CRCOG

1. **Roll Call** – Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.
2. **Public Forum** – No members of the public chose to speak.
3. **Adoption of Minutes (January 5, 2012)** – Jim Sollmi mad a motion, seconded by Kevin Burnham, to approve the minutes of the Special Subcommittee Meeting held on January 5, 2012. The motion was passed unanimously.
4. **STP-Enhancement Project Priorities** – Jennifer Carrier reviewed the recommendations, noting that ConnDOT has limited all planning regions to (3) submissions. The Capitol Region was allocated just over \$3m in federal funds and the recommendations maximize this allotment.

The recommendations were summarized in a memorandum issued on January 18, 2012 and identify the following projects as those to submit to ConnDOT as the CRCOG priorities for the STP Enhancement

Program:

- Bloomfield – Greenway section 1, Phases B & C
- Manchester – South Main Street (RT 83) Enhancements
- Rocky Hill – Streetscape Improvements: Silas Deane Highway (RT 99) and Elm St/Glastonbury Ave (RT 160)

It was recommended that the West Hartford – Trout Brook Trail, Phase 2 project receive funding under the STP Urban Program.

5. CMAQ Project Priorities – Jennifer Carrier explained that \$20m in CMAQ funds are available competitively statewide. The Capitol Region is permitted to submit (3) proposals. CRCOG staff reviewed the (7) applications under criteria similar to that which will be used by ConnDOT for project selection. The recommendations were summarized in a memorandum issued on January 18, 2012 and identify the following projects as those to submit to ConnDOT as the CRCOG priorities for consideration under the CMAQ Program:

- West Hartford – Redesign of I-84 exit ramp and Park Road
- Glastonbury – Reconstruction/realignment of Griswold Street and House/Harris Street intersection
- Hartford – Upgrade and/or replace computerized traffic signal control system at (14) intersections on Main Street, Prospect/Market St & Columbus Blvd.

Based on past discussions among the Transportation Committee, CRCOG staff will package an additional regional submission for the installation of (7) electric car charging stations in the municipalities that have expressed interest, Canton and Manchester.

The following summarizes the discussion on both the STP Enhancement Program and CMAQ Program project priorities:

- Dave Kraus stated that since the local match for the STP- Enhancement Program is the same as the STP Urban Program, shifting the Trout Brook Trail Project to STPU will not be an issue for West Hartford.
- Jim Sollmi commented that Rocky Hill is satisfied with the recommendations.
- Jon Colman commended CRCOG staff for developing a recommendation that maximizes the funding available to the Capitol Region.
- Mike Turner asked if the Enfield – Northgate Streetscape Improvement project will remain under consideration. Jennifer Carrier remarked that since it received a lower ranking, the three projects that have been selected will take priority and strategies such as bid alternates may be used to ensure maximizing the use of available funding. Jon Colman noted that the Enfield project will be considered in the case that one of the selected projects is cancelled.
- Jennifer Carrier noted that CRCOG staff may contact the municipalities with selected CMAQ projects with suggestions to strengthen their applications for the statewide review.
- Jennifer Carrier notified the Subcommittee that ConnDOT intends to solicit CMAQ projects every two years. Applications for the next solicitation may include some modifications to improve the review process.

6. Other Business – No other business was discussed.

7. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.