

Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 11:00 am

Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments

1000 Lafayette Boulevard, Suite 925, Bridgeport, CT 06604

Welcome & Introductions

Attendees: William Maurer (Trumbull), Jennifer Carrier (Federal Highway Administration), Sara Radacsi (CT DOT), Lynn Haig (Bridgeport), Devin Clarke & Hannah Reichle (MetroCOG), Tatiana Solovey (Trumbull), Doug Holcomb (GBT), William Hurley & Megha Jain (Fairfield), Mark Barnhart (Fairfield), Town of Easton not present. Monroe not present. Stratford not present.

Resilient CT Update

- No update provided.

Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program

- Update from MetroCOG: GIS/Data team is currently working to create a new site to show LOTCIP projects on website. It will be hosted similarly to the parcel viewer based on the GeoCortex platform. All project info will be available for viewing by municipal staff, CTDOT, and the public. The viewer will most likely be up and running in the next few months.
- Quarterly updates are due October 21, 2021. Meghan will be reaching out to town engineers regarding projects that are ongoing in municipalities for the July 1st to September 30th timeframe.
- MetroCOG will be having a meeting with CTDOT's LOTCIP administrators (9/23). Requested questions, concerns, or comments related to projects or overall program that should be relayed to CTDOT. Please inform Devin/Meghan via email.
 - o Question: Will DOT be increasing LOTCIP funding? A few projects show labor and material cost going up and would like to make sure there is enough funding to cover those increases. For example, Commerce drive is an example with increased costs.
- Requested LOTCIP project updates attendees would like to share.
 - o Fairfield - Commerce Drive bridge is having an easement issue. Abutting owners are concerned about their parcels, which is presenting more of a significant issue than originally thought. Project is currently beyond the preliminary design phase.

Regional Traffic Counting Program Update

- As the state reopens, DOT has given the OK to continue with data collection for traffic counts and turning movement data. Staff will connect with municipalities to continue dormant projects.
 - o Expected to collect turning movement counts at Rt. 108, Unity Rd, and Shelton Rd in Trumbull. Expecting to install Monday for collection Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of next week (9/27)
- Currently working with Bridgeport, Zoo, and DOT on Nobel Ave counts
- Contact Devin if any municipality has count requests

Statewide Fright Plan update: provide list of major freight generators (example, new Amazon sites) and stakeholder list to participate in update.

- DOT is conducting an update to their Statewide Freight Plan, which was last updated in 2017. DOT use COGS to connect with municipalities for outreach and data coordination/collection. DOT would like to begin with a list of major freight generators in municipalities. Zach and Hannah will participate in DOT calls in the future. Economic development departments will likely be contacted as well.

Other Business:

- Feel free to send an email or calls with any additional information and MetroCOG and will disperse among larger group.

Adjourn:

- Meeting ended at 11:24 am.
- Next meeting will be in December