

## Transportation Technical Advisory Committee

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

### **Attendees:**

Susmitha Attota, Town of Stratford  
Jennifer Carrier, FHWA  
John Casey, Town of Stratford  
Devin Clarke, MetroCOG  
Mike Fisher, BL  
Jay Habansky, Town of Stratford  
Lynn Haig, City of Bridgeport  
Doug Holcomb, Greater Bridgeport Transit  
Bill Hurley, Town of Fairfield  
William Maurer, Town of Trumbull  
Mark Nielsen, NVCOG  
Sarah Radacsi, CTDOT  
Hannah Reichle, MetroCOG  
Tessa Schwartz, UConn  
Tatiana Smotritskaya, Town of Trumbull  
Meghan Sloan, MetroCOG  
John Truscinski, CIRCA  
Jon Urquidi, City of Bridgeport

### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

M. Sloan lead the welcome and introductions.

### **II. Resilient CT Update**

John Truscinski provided an update on project milestones. The first draft of the heat related climate vulnerability index has been completed. Wind vulnerability and impacts on utilities will be added. They are creating social vulnerability maps with 29 indicators. Larger impact infrastructure vulnerability maps are also being worked on. There is a March 23rd webinar to discuss the heat CVI.

Next steps include:

- Use CVI maps in helping to ID projects and opportunities for implementation.
- Story map has been developed and will allow folks to leave feedback on locations of concern.
- Continue to engage with COG boards, meet with State Agencies Fostering Resilience (SAFR), engage with community organizations focused on health, transportation, and housing. They are looking for help finding those organizations.

### **III. UConn's T2 Center: new certificate program for traffic signal technicians**

Tess Schwartz provided an update.

During the pandemic, T2 has been helping with road safety site walks, Safety Circuit Rider assistance, and the Traffic Circuit Rider Program.

A traffic signal technician program will be implemented this year (previously not offered in the state). There are 2 levels and 4 workshops. A participant can complete the program in a year and they start in April. The cost is \$100/ workshop.

T2 has a new website and training registration site, visitors can search for trainings and directly enroll. After a course is taken, the attendee can directly print the certificate for CEUs.

The website also includes CT safety examples available by type and agency.

### **IV. CTDOT: Corridor Study Announcement**

Meghan Sloan explained the Corridor Study process. There has been some interest in Easton for a Route 59 study and in Bridgeport for Fairfield Avenue (west of Park, Black Rock neighborhood).

Sara Radacsi clarified that July 1st, 2021 is the due date for proposals.

Susmitha Attota stated that Barnum Avenue or Stratford Avenue may be good selections.

Bill Hurley suggested Jefferson/Old Town Road to Broadbridge, and Bill Maurer and Jon Urquidi agreed.

Lynn Haig and Jon Urquidi suggested Park Avenue near Sacred Heart and State Street

Bill Maurer suggested Route 111 from Trumbull to Route 25.

Meghan Sloan will set up individual meetings with each town.

### **V. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality federal grant**

Meghan Sloan explained that Bridgeport and Stratford will submit applications, as well as Ansonia and Derby. Applications are due in early April.

MetroCOG can assist municipalities. Susmitha Attota mentioned that data compilation would be helpful but Meghan was unsure if the data was available and analytical skills needed. Mark Nielsen suggested CT Trail Census. Jon Urquidi asked for MetroCOG to review the Bridgeport application.

### **VI. Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program**

Meghan Sloan will be reaching out for updates in early April. The quarterly reports are used by CTDOT for bonding for the program.

Bill Hurley mentioned an issue with moving a pole (Kings Highway project). Jon Urquidi and Tatiana Smotrinskaya provided some assistance.

#### **VII. Regional Traffic Counting Program Update**

Devin Clarke clarified that a discussion about Fairfield Avenue in Black Rock occurred March of 2020. There are site line restrictions, connectivity issues, and congestion.

MetroCOG is still waiting on guidance from CTDOT to commence with some of the count requests. Bill Maurer sent request locations, as well as Easton. They still have to work to do for Noble Avenue. Next week they will deploy the equipment to collect speed information on Easton's Route 59.

#### **VIII. Other Business**

Meghan Sloan and Hannah Reichle explained the Live Green CT EV Toolkit, which partners with a municipal official and community member. Daphne Dixon will present at the next meeting. Live Green gives 15 points towards Sustainable CT. Fairfield has been participating. Jay Habansky mentioned that the Mayor of Stratford seemed to show interest.

#### **IX. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 PM. The next meeting is May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.