



Mass Transit and Highway Advisory Commission

Minutes

May 23, 2023

Present: Jim MacPherson, Herb Asplund, Renee Powell, Bo Maksymiuk, Karen Wagner, Sue

Larsen, Terry Hart, Bo Makaymiuk, Erica Evans,

Damian Humphrey. Guests: Matt Hart, executive director of CRCOG, Rob Aloise, director of planning at CRCOG, Elizabeth Sanderson, CRCOG

Herb Asplund led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was approved unanimously.

The May minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business

Grants: Representatives of CRCOG spoke about ways they help towns with grants and other funding. They discussed Safe Streets and Roads for All, the feasibility of RAISE grants, Reconnecting Communities, Charging and Fueling Infrastructure, Northeast Corridor and Non-Northeast Corridor Rail Programs and the Bridge Investment Program. They also highlighted possible connections to the Justice40 initiative, a federal program which addresses inequities in historically disadvantaged communities. They explained and reviewed state grants that might be useful including the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) and Community Connectivity Program (CCP). They also mentioned several federal programs including: the Local Road Accident Reduction Program, the Transportation Alternatives Set Aside for bicycle and pedestrian improvements, the Congestion Management Air Quality program, which includes transit improvements, and the FTA 5310 program (Dial-a-Ride). They noted that most grants address physical improvements, not staffing or feasibility studies.

Following the CRCOG speakers, the Commission decided to table the discussion on criteria due to time constraints.

Liaison report: Erica Evans said she had spoken to Michael Maniscalco and he will reach out for a discussion about the town's support for an intratown transit plan.

New Business

Karen Wagner mentioned that the town's proposed Long Term Strategic Plan will be available for viewing on the town's website from June 6 to July 5. Public hearings are scheduled for June 20 and July 5. She encouraged Commission members to read the plan and attend a public hearing or watch it on public access television.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17.