

**To:** Transportation Committee

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**Subject:** Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

Contingency Projects

Following December 7, 2016 endorsement from CRCOG's Policy Board, four (4) new applications for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside program funding were transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, representing the region's "priority" projects for FFY2016-2020 TA Set-Aside funding. As part of this TA Set-Aside solicitation, CTDOT also asked the region to endorse the four additional "contingency projects" which will only utilize TA funding in the event delivery issues associated with the region's priority projects create a possible funding lapse. To date CRCOG has approved and transmitted two of these four "contingency projects" to CTDOT.

At the January 18, 2017 Policy Board meeting, the following remaining "contingency projects" were approved contingent on the region's receipt of completed applications and Transportation Committee approval:

- East Hartford, Hockanum River Park Trail Phase 3
- Columbia, Hop River State Park Trail (which also extends into Coventry)

CRCOG has received the East Hartford project application and therefore staff is requesting its approval by the Transportation Committee. Approval of the Columbia project will also be sought if its application is received prior to the February 13<sup>th</sup> committee meeting.