

**To:** Policy Board  
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**Subject:** Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

In December 2016, the Policy Board approved the submission of four Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside projects to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) for potential advancement. In April 2017, CRCOG received CTDOT review comments, including refined cost estimates, and resulting programming recommendations. The following table summarizes the projects and updated costs:

Project Priority	Town	Project	Estimated Federal Share		% change	CTDOT Review Comments
			Municipal Application	CTDOT Review		
1	Rocky Hill	Silas Deane Streetscape - Phase III	\$ 2,102,016	\$ 2,305,728	+9%	Minor cost estimating adjustments
2	Hartford	Hartford - Windsor Riverwalk Extension	\$ 1,237,200	\$ 2,529,494	+104%	Project extension to logical termini needed
3	New Britain	New Britain's "Stanley Loop Trail" (Phase 2)	\$ 853,600	\$1,179,628 (\$ 1,437,248*)	+38% (+68%)	Cost estimating adjustments
4	Ellington	Route 83 Corridor Sidewalks	\$ 1,920,000	-	-	Not reviewed
CRCOG Estimated Target = \$6.1 million			\$ 6,112,816	\$ 6,014,850 (\$ 6,272,470*)	-2% (+3%)	

\* If New Britain design costs are participating, initial City application did not include design cost participation

The top three projects were recommended by CTDOT for advancement. Ellington's project was not reviewed or identified for advancement by CTDOT, however they have indicated that it would be if any of the other CRCOG projects were to withdraw from the program.

CTDOT's reviews resulted in cost increases for each of the projects, however the Hartford project increase was the most significant. This increase was primarily the result of CTDOT and the Federal Highway Administration requiring the northern limit of the trail be extended to what they consider a logical terminus (approximately a doubling of both scope and cost, from 7,000 lf to 13,700 lf).

At their May 22nd meetings, CRCOG's Cost Review Subcommittee and Transportation Committee will be discussing these increases and coming up with a recommendation for advancement. Recommendations from the Transportation Committee will be discussed at the next Policy Board meeting and we will be looking for your endorsement at the May 24, 2017 meeting.