

To: Transportation Sub-Committee
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Subject: 2019 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Solicitation

On March 15th CRCOG issued a solicitation for Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside projects with the following schedule that would enable selection, approval, and submission by a late June CTDOT deadline.

- May 6, 2019 Applications to CRCOG **by 3:00pm**
CRCOG received eight (8) submissions by this deadline.
- May 20, 2019 Short Listed Projects Selected
- June 3, 2019 Special Transportation Committee Meeting / Short List Presentation
- June 17, 2019 Approval by Transportation Committee, Acting as Policy Board

As mentioned in prior guidance, prioritized TA Set-Aside projects must be submitted by Transportation Management Area (TMA). The Hartford TMA, though composed mostly of CRCOG towns, also includes towns from Northwest Hills COG (NHCOG), Naugatuck Valley COG (NVCOG), and Lower Connecticut River Valley COG (RiverCOG). Thus, CRCOG must submit a priority list of projects for funding with, and signed off on by, all these RPOs.

In February, CRCOG staff met with other Hartford TMA representatives to determine a strategy for TA Set-Aside project selection. CRCOG's understanding was that this strategy would involve selecting three CRCOG projects and a single fourth project from NVCOG (as RiverCOG was awarded a Hartford TMA project in the previous solicitation). However, RiverCOG recently informed CRCOG that this was not their understanding. Additionally, late last week CTDOT extended their deadline for project selections by three months, to late September. CRCOG staff has organized a meeting with NVCOG and RiverCOG representatives to hopefully resolve these issues prior to the May Transportation Committee meeting. CRCOG staff is continuing to work towards the original schedule, however the outcome of the aforementioned meeting may necessitate additional committee discussion as well as solicitation, schedule, and/or other changes.