

# Transportation Alternatives (TA) Guidance

## Applications

- Applications are due to CROCOG November 8, 2016. If you plan to submit an application, please be prepared to present the project at a Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Special Transportation Committee meeting.
- The meeting is anticipated to be held from 8:30 AM until noon and projects will be ranked by Transportation Committee Members in attendance.
- See 2016 CROCOG Solicitation Guidance for more information: <http://crocog.org/rfprfq/>

## Projects from Previous Transportation Alternatives Solicitation (2012)

- The Town of Manchester does not plan to resubmit an application for their project that was selected as part of the previous solicitation. The town has been informed that any new TA Set-Aside project application will need to compete with other new project applications.
- Per Transportation Committee direction, the Town of Rocky Hill's previously selected project, will be automatically reselected for funding and transmitted to CTDOT as the region's top priority in this solicitation.

## Financials

- Funding during FFY2013-2015 was mostly expended with our top rated project (Bloomfield) from the previous solicitation, the balance of funding is shown as carryforward funding in FFY 2016-2020.
- CTDOT has given CROCOG further guidance as it relates to FFY2016-FFY2020 TA funding amounts. Per federal law, TA funding is split 50-50 between "TA-Sub-allocated" funds that need to be sub-allocated by urbanized area and "TA-Anywhere" funds that can be used anywhere in the state.
- CTDOT has elected to transfer the "TA-Anywhere" funds to the STP-Anywhere program to advance similar type projects. The "TA-Sub-allocated" funds will be the available funding source for regional solicitation projects.
- TA-Sub-allocated funds are assigned by urbanized area, meaning that the funds associated with the Hartford Urbanized area are shared with portions of Middletown, Waterbury and Litchfield regions. For planning purposes, it is estimated to result in funding for the CROCOG region as shown in the table.

FFY 2013-2015	
Available funding	\$ 1,814,000
CROCOG #1 Priority (Bloomfield)	\$ 1,210,000
Carryforward	\$ 604,000
FFY 2016-2020 <sup>1</sup>	
Carryforward FFY 2013-2015	\$ 604,000
Available funding	\$ 5,490,000
Rocky Hill (new estimate pending)	\$ 1,600,000
Balance for new projects	\$ 4,494,000

<sup>1</sup> Estimated

## DOT Contingency Projects

- Federal direction requires that projects can only utilize TA funding if approved as part of a regional competitive solicitation. In order efficiently program funds, CTDOT is requesting CROCOG include in its TA selection process the approval of four projects that are currently programmed with other funds. These four projects, along with their existing funding programs, include the following:
  - East Hartford, Hockanum River Park Trail – Phase 3, Funding: Sec. 125 Proj. Specific
  - Southington, Farmington Canal Heritage Trail, Funding: STP-Anywhere
  - Columbia, Hop River State Park Trail, Funding: Let's-Go-CT
  - Glastonbury, Trail Connection to Putnam Bridge, Funding: Let's-Go-CT
- CTDOT has confirmed that TA funding would only be applied to these projects in the event that TA funding is facing lapsing if not utilized and/or no other regionally initiated projects are available for funding obligation.

## Project Delivery

- Regarding CTDOT's capacity/commitment to initiate and advance the projects, CTDOT has indicated that upon receiving the region's approved projects, they will be reviewing project initiation and scheduling possibilities against the region's available TA funding. DOT has indicated that it will be initiating projects as appropriate, aiming for full (or over) programming, to reduce the possibility of any lapses in funding.
- DOT has a consultant on-board to assist with reviews and project advancement.