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**To:** Transportation Committee  
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**cc:** Jennifer Carrier, Director of Transportation Planning  
**Subject:** Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program  
FFY2016-2020 CRCOG Priority Projects and Contingency Projects

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Following the December 7, 2016 endorsement from CRCOG's Policy Board, the following completed applications for FFY2016-2020 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside program funding were transmitted to CTDOT:

1. Rocky Hill, Silas Deane Highway Streetscape Improvements-Phase III  
*(Previously Submitted to CTDOT as part of CRCOG's 2012 TE solicitation)*
2. Hartford, Hartford-Windsor Riverwalk Extension
3. New Britain, New Britain's "Stanley Loop Trail"
4. Ellington, Route 83 Corridor Sidewalks

These projects represent the region's "priority" projects for FFY2016-2020 TA Set-Aside funding. Their cumulative federal shares are estimated at \$6,112,816, which is consistent with CRCOG's estimate of almost \$6.1 million in available FFY2016-2020 funding for the region.

As part of this solicitation, CRCOG staff has also worked with municipalities and obtained completed applications for the following four (4) separate "contingency" TA Set-Aside projects (a completed East Hartford application is anticipated to be received by the January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting):

- Columbia, Hop River State Park Trail
- East Hartford, Hockanum River Park Trail - Phase
- Glastonbury, Trail Connection to Putnam Bridge
- Southington, Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

These are CTDOT identified projects currently programmed with other funding sources that the Transportation Committee is also being asked to approve for possible TA Set-Aside funding. CRCOG's approval of these projects will allow CRCOG and CTDOT the flexibility to utilize TA Set-Aside funding for these projects if the need arises in the coming years. It is CRCOG staff's understanding that these contingency projects will only utilize TA funding in the event delivery issues associated with the region's priority projects have created the likelihood of a funding lapse.

It is staff's recommendation that these "contingency" projects receive CRCOG approval to be transmitted to CTDOT as part of the region's current TA Set-Aside solicitation. It is further recommended that CRCOG specify that their utilization of TA Set-Aside funding be contingent on a likely funding lapse resulting from delivery issues with the region's priority projects.