

**To:** Policy Board  
**From:** Jennifer Carrier, Director of Transportation  
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**Subject:** Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program  
Contingency Projects

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Following the December 7, 2016 endorsement from CRCOG's Policy Board, the following applications for the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside program funding were transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (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 \$6.1 million which is consistent with CRCOG's estimate of available funding within our region.

As part of this solicitation, CTDOT has also asked regions to endorse four additional contingency projects under the TA Set-Aside Program.

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

These contingency projects are CTDOT identified projects currently programmed with other funding sources. 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. These contingency projects 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 received two completed applications for the Glastonbury and Southington projects. At the January 9, 2017 Transportation Committee meeting these two projects were approved as regional contingency projects and will be forwarded to CTDOT with the understanding that utilization of TA Set-Aside funding for these projects will only occur if there is a pending funding lapse resulting from delivery issues with the region's priority projects. The Columbia and East Hartford projects will be considered by the Transportation Committee upon receiving complete applications. Understanding this, we are asking for the Policy Board's endorsement of all contingency projects with the condition that completed applications and Transportation Committee approval for the Columbia and East Hartford projects are required.