

To: CRCOG Regional Planning Commission
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Subject: Metro Hartford Future Study

The upcoming Regional Planning Commission meeting will include a presentation on CRCOG's ongoing Metro Hartford Future Study. CRCOG Staff will share an overview of the Study's work-to-date, draft recommendations, and timeline for study completion. It is anticipated that the Draft Final Report for the effort will be released for public comment in December 2018.

The purpose of the Metro Hartford Future Study is to develop a long-term economic development strategy for the region. The study is focused on four tasks:

- **Goal-Setting:** Build consensus around the need for accelerating inclusive/equitable economic growth.
- **Situational Analysis:** Do a clear-eyed assessment of the region's economic situation to identify opportunities that we should be pursuing as a metropolitan region.
- **Strategic Planning:** Formulate a limited number of "game changer" strategies that will move the trajectory of inclusive economic growth in the right direction.
- **Capacity-Building:** Identify organizational collaborations that will be needed to move the strategies forward over time.

The study is currently in the Strategic Planning and Capacity-Building phases. For more information about the Metro Hartford Future Study, please visit the study website at: <http://www.crcog.org/ceds>