

To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
CRCOG Policy Board

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Date: December 4, 2020

Subject: Approval of Regional Transportation Safety Plan – Capitol Region

The Regional Transportation Safety Plan – Capitol Region was received by CRCOG staff on November 13, 2020 from VN Engineers, who is the consultant of the Connecticut Department of Transportation responsible for preparing the report. A draft of the report was distributed by VN Engineers, to CRCOG Transportation Committee members on May 7, 2020 for review and comment. VN Engineers gave a presentation on the Regional Transportation Safety Plan at the May 18, 2020 CRCOG Transportation Committee meeting. Their presentation included an explanation of the data analysis process used to identify the top crash intersections and top crash corridors in the region. CRCOG staff reviewed a subsequent draft of the plan received in October and provided comments that have been incorporated.

Current federal regulations require an update of the statewide Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) every five years. Connecticut's current SHSP plan covering the period from 2017 to 2021 is in the process of being updated for the next five-year period. The preparation of this Regional Transportation Safety Plan begins a new process that will require each Council of Government in Connecticut to be responsible for updating its regional transportation safety plan every five years.

The report uses crash data over a three-year period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017. The crashes include fatal, suspected serious injury, suspected minor, and possible injury crashes from the University of Connecticut's Crash Data Repository. The data specifically excludes crashes on limited access highways. No property damage only crash data is included in this report.

The implementation plan includes an annual review of emphasis areas and strategies to reduce fatal and serious crashes in the Capitol Region. CRCOG staff will work to incorporate safety countermeasure strategies into the planning, design and construction of roadway projects throughout the region.

CRCOG staff is seeking endorsement of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Capitol Region, dated 2020, by the Transportation Committee at its December 14th meeting; and adoption by the Policy Board at its December 16th meeting. Once adopted, the Regional Transportation Safety Plan will be made available to the public on the CRCOG website.

**RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL OF
THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PLAN,
CAPITOL REGION, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), their consultants, and each municipality in the Capitol Region, to review and provide input into the Regional Transportation Safety Plan; and

WHEREAS, the overall purpose of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan is to reduce fatalities and injuries, increase safety awareness, and allow the Region to focus on its safety issues; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Safety Plan will serve as a road map and strategy to save lives; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Safety Plan is data-driven, using crash data from the University of Connecticut's Crash Data Repository over a three-year period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the CRCOG Transportation Committee has reviewed the plan, accepts the findings that list the top crash intersections and crash corridors in the region, and has found the safety countermeasure to be reasonable,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Capitol Region Council of Governments does hereby approve the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Capitol Region, 2020.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board at its meeting held on December 16, 2020.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Lori L. Spielman, Secretary