
To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
From: Timothy Malone, Principal Planner
Date: May 8, 2020
c: Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: Regional Complete Streets Plan

In 2017, CRCOG began the process of developing a regional complete streets plan and policy. The policy was reviewed by the TC this winter and was subsequently adopted by the policy board. Staff are now ready to finalize the Regional Complete Streets Plan, which is an update and replacement of the Regional Bike/Ped Plan. That plan was last updated in 2015.

The Regional Complete Streets Plan provides recommendations for building a network of complete streets corridors in the region. The previous plan focused on finishing the region's network of separated multi-use trails, which has largely been accomplished (with a few notable gaps). The regional complete streets network will provide connectivity between activity centers throughout the region, utilizing multi-use trails where possible. The complete streets network is a complimentary network to the trail network.

As part of the Regional Complete Streets Plan, CRCOG's consultants also developed a Quick Build Guide for the Capitol Region. This guide provides advice tailored to the region on how to implement "quick build" projects. These projects are similar to demonstration or tactical projects, but are designed to last longer and function more as interim solutions. The guide provides advice on how to develop a process as well as which sorts of interventions would be appropriate in various contexts throughout the region. The guide functions as a companion to the Regional Complete Streets Plan, providing guidance on one method of implementing a complete streets network.

The plan was out for public comment until May 15th and, along with the Quick Build Guide, can be found here:

<https://crcog.org/2020/03/public-comment-period-for-complete-streets-plan/>

The plan, with applicable comments addressed as appropriate, will be brought before you for action at the May 18th Transportation Committee meeting. Also, the attached resolution is anticipated to be brought before the Policy Board for consideration in May.

Please send any comments or questions to Tim Malone: tmalone@crcog.org

RESOLUTION ADOPTING A COMPLETE STREETS PLAN FOR THE CAPITOL REGION

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 13a-153f provides that “accommodations for all users shall be a routine part of the planning, design, construction and operating activities of all highways, as defined in section 14-1, in this state”, where “user” means a motorist, transit user, pedestrian, or bicyclist; **and**,

WHEREAS, the POCD emphasizes that the region’s transportation system “must effectively move both people and goods, using a variety of modes: street and highway, public transportation, rail, air, and active transportation (travel on foot or by bike)” in order to serve as a benefit not only to regional quality of life, but also to the region’s competitiveness in a global market”; **and**,

WHEREAS, CRCOG’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan was last updated in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, CRCOG has been developing a Complete Streets Plan since 2017, which includes a recommended complete streets network along with guidance on implementing that network;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Policy Board of the Capitol Region Council of Governments adopts the following Complete Streets Plan with an effective date of May 27, 2020.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the Capitol Region Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Capitol Region Council of Governments Policy Board on May 27, 2020.

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