

**To:** CRCOG Transportation Committee  
CRCOG Policy Board

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**Subject:** Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program  
Confirmation of Project Support

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At its meeting on July 12, 2019, CRCOG's Transportation Committee, acting as the Policy Board, endorsed and approved the ranking of four recommended projects and three contingency projects from the Hartford Transportation Management Area (TMA) for FFY2021-2025 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program funding. The approved project rankings were as follows:

1. New Britain (CRCOG), The Beeline Trail (Phase 1)
2. Mansfield (CRCOG), Downtown Pedestrian Loop Closure
3. Thomaston (NVCOG), Naugatuck River Greenway – East Main to Route 109
4. Simsbury (CRCOG), Tarriffville Connection – Farmington Canal Heritage Trail to Curtiss Park

Contingency for Projects 1, 2, or 4:

- Hartford (CRCOG), Hartford-Windsor Riverwalk Extension (Final Section)
- Enfield (CRCOG), Town Farms Road Multi-Use Path

Contingency for Project 3:

- Middletown (RiverCOG), Newfield-North End Connector Trail

This solicitation assumed the continuation of existing eligibility requirements and funding levels for the TA Set-Aside Program, so future legislation may still impact which and how many projects can be implemented.

In August 2020, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) begin initiation for the top-rated projects across the state. Within the Hartford TMA, this included New Britain's Beeline Trail (Phase 1) and Mansfield's Downtown Pedestrian Loop Closure. These municipalities, in coordination with CRCOG, have begun discussions with CTDOT and CTDOT's consultants to refine project cost estimates and scopes. Because of the length of time that has passed since these projects were originally approved by CRCOG, CTDOT has requested confirmation that it is still the Region's intention to move these projects forward.

*CRCOG staff believe that the ranked projects remain consistent with the priorities of the Region and should be progressed as TA Set-Aside funding becomes available. As such, we recommend Transportation Committee and Policy Board actions at their meetings on November 16, 2020 and November 18, 2020, respectively, to confirm continued support of all projects listed above.*