

To: CRCOG Transportation Committee; CRCOG Policy Board
From: Cara Radzins, CRCOG Transportation Deputy
CC: Rob Aloise, CRCOG Director of Planning
Date: September 4, 2020
Subject: FY2021-2024 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
FY2021-2024 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is preparing its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), a list of transportation projects that will receive federal funds in the next four years, and the associated Air Quality Conformity Analysis (AQCA). These draft documents will be available for a public comment period from September 11, 2020 to October 12, 2020 with virtual public meetings on September 30, 2020 at 1pm and 7pm.

Copies of the TIP and AQCA will be available on CRCOG's website <http://www.crcog.org/tip> during the public comment period. To obtain a printed copy or to obtain virtual public meeting information, please contact Michael Cipriano at (860) 724-4223 or mcipriano@crcog.org. Written comments or questions may be submitted to: Michael Cipriano, Senior Transportation Planner, CRCOG, 241 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106 until October 12, 2020.

The TIP and AQCA will be brought to the Transportation Committee for endorsement and to the Policy Board for adoption at their meetings on October 26, 2020 and October 28, 2020, respectively. Ahead of consideration for adoption, CRCOG staff will perform an equity analysis assessment of the TIP to determine whether minority and low-income communities are receiving a fair share of funding and/or benefits from CRCOG's transportation programs.

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Public Involvement Procedures (PIP) are also available for review. Information on the documents and opportunities to provide input are available on the Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CTDOT) website www.ct.gov/dot/stip or by calling (860) 594-2040. Virtual public meetings are scheduled for September 23, 2020. Written comments on the STIP and PIP may be sent to Maribeth Wojenski, Transportation Assistant Planning Director, CTDOT, PO Box 317546, Newington, CT 06111 until October 9, 2020. Additional information about CTDOT's STIP and PIP process can be found in the attached brochure.

Additional Opportunities for Public Review and Comment

Capital Region COG
Hartford
860-522-2217
www.crcog.org

Connecticut Metropolitan COG
Bridgeport, CT
203-366-5405
www.ctmetro.org

Lower CT River Valley COG
Essex, CT
860-581-8554
www.rivercog.org

Naugatuck Valley COG
Waterbury, CT
203-757-0535
www.nvcogct.org

Northeastern CT COG
Dayville, CT
860-774-1253
www.neccog.org

Northwest Hills COG
Goshen, CT
860-491-9884
www.northwesthillscog.org

**South Central Regional
COG**
New Haven, CT
203-234-7555
www.scrkog.org

Southeastern CT COG
Norwich, CT
860-889-2324
www.seccog.org

Western CT COG
Sandy Hook, CT
475-323-2060
www.westcog.org

Public Informational Meeting

◆ 2021 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

◆ Public Involvement Procedures (PIP)



REVIEW PROCEDURE

A copy of the Draft 2021 STIP and PIP will be available for review at specific locations for a forty-five day public comment period between August 24, 2020 and October 9, 2020. These documents are available for review at the CTDOT Administration Building in Newington and at each of the Council of Governments. It is suggested that an appointment be scheduled in order to adequately accommodate all interested parties. To schedule an appointment at CTDOT, please call (860)594-2040 or send request via email to: Rose.Etuka@ct.gov

To schedule an appointment at one of the Council of Governments, please call them directly.

The Draft 2021 STIP is available online at:
<http://www.ct.gov/dot/STIP>

The Draft PIP is also available online at:
<http://www.ct.gov/dot/PIP>

Comments....

Written comments must be received on or before October 9, 2020. Comments should be addressed to:

Maribeth Wojenski

Email address:

DOT.Draft2021STIPComment@ct.gov

Transportation Assistant Planning Director
Bureau of Policy and Planning
Connecticut Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 317546
Newington, CT 06111

Please include your name, address and if applicable, the name of the company or organization you represent with your request.



2021 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(STIP)

In accordance with the provisions of Title 23, section 135 of the United States code, as amended by Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, enacted December 4, 2015, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has developed a draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) covering all areas of the state. The STIP lists all federally funded transportation improvements, by federal funding category and by region, which are scheduled to occur over the next four years. It includes capital and operational improvements to the various modes, which make up the transportation system, including highway, bus, rail and bicycle facilities. The STIP is used to implement the goals and objectives identified in the **Metropolitan Transportation Plans** and State Transportation Plans. The portion of the STIP for the urban regions of the State is based on the Transportation Improvement Programs adopted by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). For the rural regions of the State, the STIP is developed in cooperation with the Rural Council Of Government (COG).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCEDURES (PIP) DOCUMENT

Federal Statewide Planning and Metropolitan Planning Regulations (23 CFR Part 450 and 771 & 49 CFR Part 613, May 27, 2016) require that state transportation agencies and MPOs develop public involvement procedures. Pursuant to these regulations, CTDOT has established a proactive, public involvement process that is accessible to the public and identifies and addresses transportation-related issues early in the project development process. This process provides complete information, timely public notice, full public access to key decisions, and supports early and continuing involvement of the public in developing planning documents and transportation improvement programs. This process also minimizes duplication of public involvement efforts and meets the needs of the public and resource and regulatory agencies to provide early and continuing input into the project development process.

PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

On Wednesday **September 23, 2020, two Virtual Public Informational Meetings will be held.** The first will be at 1:00 p.m. and the second will be at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will provide a forum for a full and open discussion of the details of the Draft 2021 STIP and PIP. At these meetings, the public will have an opportunity to comment and discuss information regarding the STIP's projects and programs. Department of Transportation staff will be available to help answer specific questions and clarify any proposed projects. Please use this meeting as an opportunity to ask questions and provide input to this very important transportation planning effort.

Persons with limited internet access may request that the Draft 2021 STIP and /or PIP information be mailed to them by contacting Rose A. Etuka by email at Rose.Etuka@ct.gov or by phone at 860 594-2040. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling (800) 369-2192 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 4906163. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings here: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library>

Apple users may not have access to the live chat line. During the Q&A session and the comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email (preferred) at DOT.Draft2021STIPComment@ct.gov

Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the Draft 2021 STIP or PIP in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.