

## Memorandum

**Date:** December 12, 2020  
**To:** CRCOG Policy Board  
**From:** Lyle Wray, Executive Director  
**Subject:** **COGs as County Equivalents for CENSUS Boundaries**

As you may recall, CRCOG endorsed a proposal back in 2017 for the Census Bureau to designate Connecticut's nine planning regions as "County Equivalents".

This designation, endorsed by all nine COGs in Connecticut, would essentially do two things:

- Enable the aggregation of Census data along COG geographic boundaries which would be helpful for our regional planning work, and
- Possibly enhance access to certain federal funding programs that are targeted to counties or county equivalents.

Connecticut's County Equivalency proposal will be posted to the Federal Register shortly. The comment period will run 60 days through February 11, 2020.

The actual change is not slated to begin until 2023 when Census data products are set to be replaced.

Attached are responses to "Frequently Asked Questions" regarding the Census Bureau Designation of Connecticut's planning regions as county equivalents.