
To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
CRCOG Policy Board

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Subject: Silver Lane (SR 502) Corridor Study – DRAFT Final Report

CRCOG’s Silver Lane (SR 502) Corridor Study is nearing completion. The study area for the project is approximately two-miles in length along Silver Lane (State Route 502) in East Hartford from the intersection of the Route 15 entrance ramp eastward to the intersection of Forbes Street. This effort has involved close collaboration with other ongoing studies in the study area including a flood control study of Willow Brook, future development plans at various sites along the corridor, and a separate land use study conducted by Milone & MacBroom through a Brownfield Area Revitalization (BAR) Grant from DECD, which was completed in July of 2018. The findings of these studies were integrated into this corridor study when assessing future conditions and analyzing corridor-wide and location-specific design alternatives.

The Silver Lane Corridor Study included an analysis of existing conditions including roadway and traffic conditions, land use and development, pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure, and transit routes. An Advisory Committee was formed and met regularly during the process to provide input. In addition, an “interested parties” email list was used to share updates about the project, newsletters and information about public meetings. Future Conditions were assessed including two base scenarios and a build scenario, which informed a variety of alternatives and recommendations for the corridor including but not limited to 10’-wide shared side paths, travel lane reductions, transit stop amenities, and a potential roundabout at the Route 15 Off-Ramp.

The Executive Summary of this effort’s DRAFT Final Report is attached to this memo for review by Transportation Committee and Policy Board members. The full DRAFT Final Report and its Appendices is available for download under “Reports” on the study website at <https://crcog.org/2017/05/silverlanestudy/>. These DRAFT documents have been released to stakeholders and interested parties for a 30-day public comment period. Comments on the DRAFT documents are due to Emily Hultquist at ehultquist@crcog.org by no later than February 14, 2020.

We will be looking for the endorsement of the Silver Lane Corridor Study’s recommendations by the Transportation Committee and the Policy Board at their meetings on February 24 and February 26, respectively. Once endorsed, the report documents will be considered final, and the recommendations therein can be incorporated into future updates of CRCOG’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan and other planning documents.