

**To:** CRCOG Transportation Committee  
**From:** Cara Radzins, CRCOG Transportation Deputy  
**CC:** CRCOG Policy Board  
Rob Aloise, CRCOG Director of Planning  
Mike Cipriano, CRCOG Senior Transportation Planner  
**Date:** March 12, 2021  
**Subject:** Transportation Planning Study Solicitation and Ranking Criteria

On March 8, 2021, CRCOG released a solicitation for Transportation Planning Studies (please see attached). Under this solicitation, CRCOG will submit two (2) studies to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) for consideration. Additional information about the solicitation, including the study application, can be found on the CRCOG website at <https://crcog.org/2021/03/planning-study-solicitation/>.

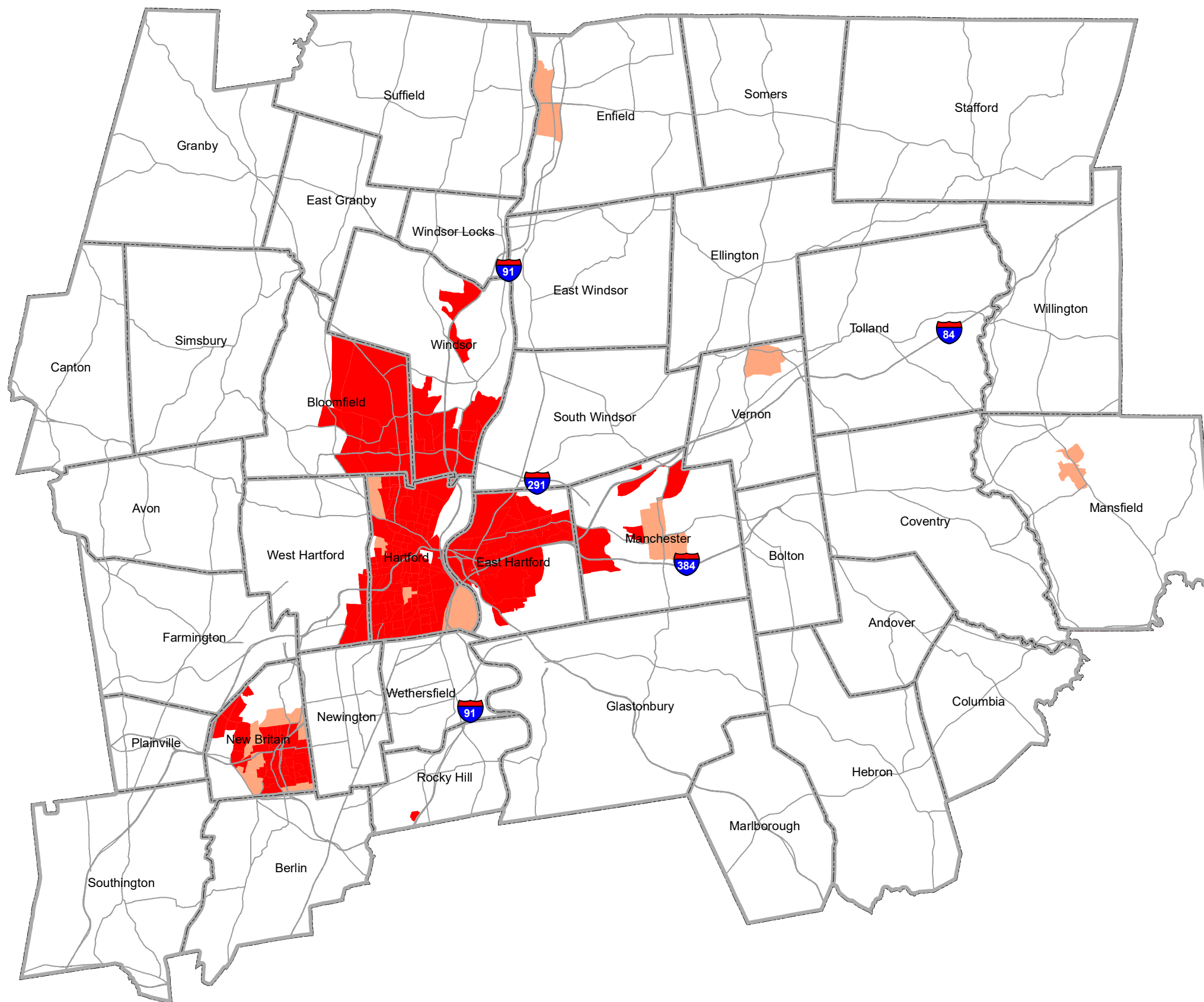
With regards to study ranking and selection, CRCOG staff proposes the following ranking criteria, which applicants would be able to address within the Study Description, Purpose and Need, and Community Character and Regional Significance sections of the application:

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Max. Points</b>
<b>Community Character and Regional Significance</b>	<b>15</b>
) Relationship and fit of this study to other studies (planned or underway)	
) Identified in the municipal Plan of Conservation and Development	
) Consistency with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan	
) Consistency with the Regional Transportation Safety Plan	
<b>Addresses Regional Performance Measures</b>	<b>10</b>
) Includes improvements to federal performance areas: safety, infrastructure conditions, freight movement, congestion reduction, and/or emissions reduction	
<b>Economic Development</b>	<b>5</b>
) Study would support the economic development goals of the community	
<b>Multimodal</b>	<b>5</b>
) Consideration for at least two different modes, including automobiles, bicycles/pedestrians, transit, freight	
<b>Environmental Justice (EJ)</b>	<b>5</b>
) Study area includes an EJ target area (see attached map)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>40</b>

A discussion regarding the above proposed ranking criteria will occur at the Transportation Committee meeting on March 22, 2021. CRCOG staff will be seeking Committee action at that meeting to finalize the ranking criteria. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Cipriano at [mcipriano@crcog.org](mailto:mcipriano@crcog.org).



# Environmental Justice Target Areas 2020



## EJ Target Area

- Primary Target Area\*
- Secondary Target Area\*\*

\* Primary includes any block group that has at least 50% minority population according to the 2010 Census.

\*\* Secondary includes additional census tracts that has at least 20% low-income population (household income 150% or below the Census poverty threshold, by family size) according to the ACS 2014-18 estimate.

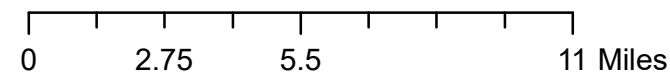
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Source:  
Census2010 SF3 P042  
ACS 2014-2018 5 year estimate  
Tele Atlas Road Network

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For a more detailed look at the locations of EJ target areas, please visit the online map viewer by clicking [HERE](#).

If you require additional assistance, please contact Pramod Pandey at [ppandey@crcog.org](mailto:ppandey@crcog.org) to request an EJ map of your municipality.



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CRCOG recently received notification that the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is accepting applications from the regions for Transportation Planning Studies. Each Council of Government (COG) may submit up to three (3) study applications. However, given that CRCOG is currently advancing three (3) planning studies and has an additional five (5) studies in the initiation phase, staffing capacity necessitates that CRCOG submit a maximum of two (2) corridor studies as part of this solicitation.

To apply for a study, municipalities should complete the Planning Study Application, which is available on the CRCOG website at <https://crcog.org/2021/03/planning-study-solicitation/>, and submit a signed electronic copy to Mike Cipriano at [mcipriano@crcog.org](mailto:mcipriano@crcog.org) by **10:00am on April 26, 2021**. It is envisioned that selected studies will utilize STP-Urban funding. Please note that CTDOT requires each study to have a minimum size of \$150,000, and under the STP-Urban program **municipalities will be required to provide a 20% non-federal match** (CTDOT may split the match 10% state, 10% municipality for studies on state roadways or with a transit focus). Each municipality may submit one application.

CRCOG staff will provide a summary of the study applications along with a staff recommendation for prioritization at the Transportation Committee meeting on May 24, 2021. Following this meeting, CRCOG will forward the top-rated proposals to CTDOT for their review and approval. CTDOT anticipates reviewing corridor study applications by November 1, 2021 and requesting any clarification from municipalities shortly thereafter. Selected corridor studies will be assigned to CTDOT staff by Winter 2021/2022.

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