

To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
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Subject: Transportation Planning Study Application Rankings

On March 8, 2021, CRCOG released a solicitation for Transportation Planning Studies. Under this solicitation, CRCOG will submit two (2) studies to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) for consideration. CRCOG received five (5) study applications and a brief summary of each proposed study can be found on the next page. Below, please find the average CRCOG staff score for each study application as well as the rating criteria that was agreed upon at the March 2021 Transportation Committee meeting. The studies with the highest average scores were *New Britain / Newington: Cedar Street–East Street–CCSU Connectivity Study* and *Canton: Route 44 Canton Design Village Districts and Farmington River Trail Extension*.

Municipality	Project	Avg. Score
New Britain / Newington	Cedar Street–East Street–CCSU Connectivity Study	46.67
Canton	Route 44 Canton Design Village Districts and Farmington River Rail Trail Extension	45.33
Hartford	New Britain Avenue Corridor Study	41.67
Bloomfield	Cottage Grove Road (Route 218) Transportation and Land Use Corridor Study	40.00
Suffield	Route 75 – Route 190 Bridge Bradley Area North Corridor Traffic Study	38.33

CRCOG staff recommends approval of the above ranking and submission of the top two studies to CTDOT for consideration. Upon approval, CRCOG staff will work with the top-ranked applicants to finalize study descriptions and cost estimates prior to submission to CTDOT. Please note that submission to CTDOT does not guarantee study initiation. If either of the top studies cannot be submitted, CRCOG staff will submit the next highest rated study from the list above.

Rating Criteria	Max. Points
Community Character and Regional Significance	15
Addresses Regional Performance Measures	20
Economic Development	10
Multimodal	5
Environmental Justice (EJ)	5
TOTAL	55

Municipality	Study	Description	Cost
Bloomfield	Cottage Grove Road (Route 218) Transportation and Land Use Corridor Study	This is a regional transportation and land use study for the 3.17-mile Cottage Grove Road (Rte. 218) corridor, from Maple Avenue, west/east through southern Bloomfield, to the Windsor town line. The primary focuses are improving accommodations and safety, congestion, and incident management. Additional aspects include access management, environment, system efficiency, economic development, and improving service to the underserved.	\$200,000
Canton	State Route 44 Canton Design Village Districts and Farmington River Rail Trail Extension	The Study will evaluate the transportation infrastructure within the Canton Village Districts Corridor. The main objectives of the study are: 1) Maintain adequate movements of motor vehicles and freight through the area under the anticipated high-density mixed-use village. 2) Evaluate safety improvements to accommodate a proposed East-West extension of the Farmington River Rail Trail. 3) Evaluate existing and future traffic signal locations on Route 44 between Canton Village and the intersection of Routes 44 and 167.	\$180,000
Hartford	New Britain Avenue Corridor Study	This is a comprehensive regional transportation planning study for the New Britain Avenue corridor. The study area consists of the entire length of New Britain Avenue, beginning at the West Hartford town line and extending approximately two miles east to its terminus at Washington Street. This corridor study will begin with a review and evaluation of existing conditions along New Britain Avenue, and it will result in the development of a concept plan of improvements and a guide to implementation.	\$250,000
New Britain / Newington	Cedar Street – East Street – CCSU Connectivity Study	This is a collaboration between the City of New Britain, the Town of Newington, and CCSU to identify opportunities for improving transportation operations and multi-modal facilities connecting to CT <i>fastrak</i> stations. The study will also identify ways to enable Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) opportunities along the Cedar Street and East Street corridors.	\$225,000
Suffield	Route 75 – Route 190 Bridge Bradley Area North Corridor Traffic Study	The study will assess and improve vehicular, pedestrian, and bicyclist mobility/safety of South Street and Main Street (Rt. 75) including intersections with Mountain Rd. (Rt. 168) and Bridge St. (Rt. 513), continuing to the Route 190 Bridge. The Study shall assess existing and future passenger and freight traffic associated with Bradley Airport, including emerging traffic generators fueled by ecommerce.	\$200,000