

## **Agenda Item Summary**

**To:** CRCOG Policy Board, CRCOG Transportation Committee

**From:** Roger Krahn, Principal Transportation Engineer

**CC:** Matt Hart, Executive Director; Rob Aloise, Director of Planning

**Meeting Date:** July 25, 2022

**Subject:** Regional Transportation Safety Plan Update

**Background:** CRCOG staff is proposing revisions to the 2020 Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP). Staff considers these revisions sufficient for the RTSP to serve as a Safety Action Plan for the purposes of applying for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant funding.

**Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG:** The purpose of the SS4A grant program is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all users. Eligible projects must be identified in a Safety Action Plan, and this update would allow municipalities to apply for funding for identified improvements.

**Financial/Operational Impact:** This update would allow CRCOG municipalities to apply for a grant under the SS4A program for improvements identified in the RTSP.

**Project Schedule:** This approval would allow municipalities to submit an SS4A application by the deadline of September 15, 2022.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Transportation Committee, acting as the Policy Board, approve the attached Resolution to approve the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Capitol Region, Amended July 2022.

### **Attachments:**

- Memo: Regional Transportation Safety Plan Update
- Resolution: Approval of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Capitol Region, Amended July 2022

**To:** CRCOG Transportation Committee  
CRCOG Policy Board

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**Cc:** Rob Aloise, Director of Planning  
Cara Radzins, Transportation Deputy

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CRCOG staff is proposing revisions to the Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP), which was endorsed by CRCOG's Policy Board in December 2020. A summary of the proposed revisions (shared with the Transportation Committee in concept in June) and a draft Resolution to approve the resulting RTSP, Amended July 2022 are attached to this memo. In addition to improving the plan, staff considers these revisions sufficient for the RTSP to serve as a Safety Action Plan for the purposes of applying for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant funding. The resulting RTSP is linked here: [DRAFT Regional Transportation Safety Plan - Capitol Region, Amended July 2022](#)

The purpose of the SS4A grant program is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries through safety action plan development and implementation focused on all users. Town governments and Metropolitan Planning Organizations are eligible applicants, and the application deadline is September 15, 2022. Applicants can apply for either an Action Plan Grant or Implementation Grant, but not both. Additional information on staff's envisioned CRCOG's involvement in the FY2023 SS4A Action and Implementation Grant applications appear below.

#### Action Grant – CRCOG Applicant

In addition to the RTSP revisions proposed for approval herein, CRCOG staff is intending to apply for a Supplemental Action Grant to further develop a more robust RTSP that addresses all nine criteria as identified in Table 1 (Action Plan Components) of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). With these future RTSP updates, CRCOG Towns would be in an even stronger position to apply for Implementation Grants in future years of the anticipated five years of SS4A funding.

#### Implementation Grant – Municipal Applicants

An applicant is eligible to apply for an Implementation Grant for a project that is contained in a plan meeting the requirements of Table 2: Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet (SS4A NOFO p.13). This certifies that the applicant has an existing plan which is substantially similar to an Action Plan. If the RSTP edits proposed herein are approved, the resulting RTSP would meet these eligibility requirements, therefore allowing Municipalities to submit Implementation Grant applications that address the RTSP. CRCOG has been coordinating with interested municipalities to determine interest in a multi-jurisdictional application, for which CRCOG would assist in coordinating.

***Staff recommends that the Transportation Committee, acting as the Policy Board, approve the attached Resolution of Approval of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Capitol Region, Amended July 2022.***

**Summary of Proposed Revisions**  
**Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Capitol Region, Amended**  
**July 2022**

**Page**                      **Revision Description**

Cover                      Added “Amended July 2022”

P.6                      Revised this “Stakeholders” page, including removal of specific names of Transportation Committee (TC) and Policy Board (PB) members which have changed. Instead of listing names, the general membership of TC and PB is described. Also, it is noted that the RTSP was originally approved by the Policy Board in 2020.

P.12                      The SS4A self-certification worksheet (question 7) requires that action plans include “time ranges when the strategies and projects will be deployed”. Appendix D (p.D205-D218) includes a ranked listing of Top Non-Motorized Crash Corridors and Intersections with Countermeasures. To give a time range for these potential implementation projects in Appendix D, the following wording was added to p. 12;  
*“Please note that all countermeasures suggested for the Crash Corridor locations and the Crash Intersection locations in Appendix D, are considered short-term priority projects with an implementation time range of one to two years following the receipt of funding.”*

P.14-25                      Tables 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 were also revised to include a time range. Therefore, the right column with a “Cost” heading, in the 2020 RTSP was replaced with “Time Range” heading; and time ranges were added as follows:

<u>Cost</u>	<u>Time Range</u>
Low	1 year
Low-Medium	1-2 years
Medium	2-3 years
Medium-High	3-4 years
High Cost	5 years

P.46                      Page 46 is the “Introduction to the Individual Municipal Reports”. The individual municipal reports for each town are in Appendix A, and include “countermeasure considerations” tables that list potential projects. Page 46 was revised to include a description of time ranges, which is required as noted above. Considering that the SS4A program is looking for applicants to reasonably execute and complete the projects with 5 years, the following wording was added:

*The countermeasure projects are anticipated to be completed within five years of receipt of project funding. Low cost projects are the top priority and are generally expected to be completed within one or two years. Medium cost projects are expected to be completed within three to four years, and high cost projects are expected to be completed within five years of receipt of funding.*

**RESOLUTION**  
**APPROVAL OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**  
**PLAN, CAPITOL REGION, AMENDED JULY 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), their consultants, and each municipality in the Capitol Region to review and provide input into the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, which was approved by the Policy Board in December 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the overall purpose of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan is to reduce fatalities and injuries, increase safety awareness, and allow the Region to focus on its unique safety issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Transportation Safety Plan will serve as a road map and strategy to save lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Transportation Safety Plan is data-driven, using crash data from the University of Connecticut's Crash Data Repository, over a three-year period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the CRCOG Transportation Committee has reviewed an amended Plan, which incorporates time ranges for the implementation of projects at locations included in the ranked listing of top crash corridors and top crash intersections; and

**WHEREAS**, the self-certification worksheet required for Safe Streets and Roads for All grant applications requires that Safety Action Plans include time ranges for when the strategies and projects will be deployed;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Capitol Region Council of Governments does hereby approve the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Capitol Region, Amended July 2022.

**CERTIFICATE**

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Transportation Committee, acting as Policy Board, at its meeting held on July 25, 2022.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Bowsza, Secretary