

To: CRCOG Transportation Committee; CRCOG Policy Board

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Subject: FY2022-2023 Unified Planning Work Program – Schedule and Approach

CRCOG staff is beginning of the process of developing a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY2022-2023. The UPWP is the transportation planning work plan for the Region. It summarizes the programs, projects, and products that CRCOG, in coordination with other transportation agencies, including the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), CT*transit*, and the Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD), expect to conduct and accomplish over the next two years. It also documents the Region's anticipated expenditure of federal, state, and local transportation planning funds. The UPWP is federally required under 23 CFR Part 450.308. Its intent is to ensure that the transportation planning program in the Capitol Region is a continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive (3C) multimodal process.

The following schedule is proposed for this update, in line with the deadlines set by CTDOT for all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the state:

- February 22: Discuss UPWP Process/Schedule at Transportation Committee Meeting
- March 1: Transportation Committee members submit any comments/feedback to CRCOG
- March 12: CRCOG sends Draft UPWP to CTDOT/FHWA/FTA for review
- April 29: CRCOG receives comments from CTDOT/FHWA/FTA
- May 17: Draft UPWP included in Transportation Committee Meeting mailing
- May 24/26: Endorsement at Transportation Committee and Policy Board Meetings
- June 7: Final UPWP sent to CTDOT/FHWA/FTA

CRCOG's current UPWP (FY2020-2021) can be found at http://www.crcog.org/UPWP. It is anticipated that Tasks 1-5 will remain largely the same, with adjustments as appropriate. Task 10: Regional Transit Strategy Update will be removed. CRCOG coordinated with CTDOT and their consultant team to incorporate aspects of CRCOG's Regional Transit Strategy Update into the scope of the Greater Hartford Mobility Study. As such, CRCOG will no longer be progressing an update of its Regional Transit Strategy at this time.

The following studies have been completed or are anticipated for completion by the end of FY2021, so their Tasks will be removed:

- Task 6: Transportation Safety and Improvement Study, Farmington and Hartford
- Task 7: Route 5 Corridor Study, East Windsor
- Task 8: Silver Lane (SR 502) Corridor Study, East Hartford

The following studies were initiated under the current UPWP and will continue into FY2022-2023, so their Tasks will remain in the UPWP and be renumbered as necessary:

- Task 9: Roundabout Safety and Feasibility Screening
- Task 11: Transit Priority Corridor Implementation Strategy
- Task 12: Routes 190 and 220 Corridor Study (Enfield)
- Task 13: Farmington Area Connectivity Study
- Task 14: TOD Roles, Visioning, Viability, and Tools Analysis

The following studies are anticipated for initiation during FY2022-2023, so tasks will be added:

- East Coast Greenway Gap Closure Study (Hartford, East Hartford, Bloomfield)
- Route 20 Corridor Study (Windsor Locks)

CRCOG staff will present the above schedule and approach for the FY2022-2023 UPWP update at the Transportation Committee on February 22, 2021. Committee members will be asked to provide their feedback at that time. Any additional comments may be sent to Cara Radzins at cradzins@crcog.org by March 1, 2021.