
To: CRCOG Regional Planning Commission
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Several commission members have asked for updates on the Viaduct Project (aka I-84 Hartford Project) and other transportation initiatives in the greater Hartford area. The upcoming Regional Planning Commission meeting will include a presentation from Mike Calabrese, PE, Principal Engineer, Consultant Design – Major Highways, Connecticut Department of Transportation and Casey Harden, PE, Assistant Vice President, TranSystems on CTDOT’s new Greater Hartford Mobility Study (GHMS), a new planning effort designed to look comprehensively at a number of transportation studies in the greater Hartford area. The following is a brief summary of the GHMS taken from its new website <https://www.hartfordmobility.com/>.

By late 2019, there were several initiatives in the Hartford region such as the I-84 Hartford Project, CTfastrak expansion, rail corridor enhancements, I-84 / I-91 interchange improvements, East Coast Greenway planning, and intercity pedestrian and bicycle connectivity - each at different levels of completeness. Because advancing one project could eventually interfere or conflict with another, CTDOT decided to take a step back and roll all these initiatives into one study. In early 2020, the Greater Hartford Mobility Study (GHMS) was launched to take a broad look at these various transportation planning efforts. The GHMS is groundbreaking because the travel needs of people using all transportation modes including bicycle, bus, car, train, truck, and walking will be considered.

The study will be done in two phases. Phase 1 involves collecting data, analyzing traffic, determining mobility needs, and identifying concepts to study in Phase 2. Phase 2 will involve developing and evaluating alternatives to meet these needs. The entire study is expected to be completed in two to three years.