

December 18, 2023

Welcome to a CRCOG Hybrid Meeting



Transportation Committee

- We have muted attendees upon entrance. We will unmute people either individually or as a group depending on the situation.
- For our public meetings, we will be taking a roll-call of attendance. Please include your name and town/organization in your Zoom name. We will ask those we cannot identify to state their name and town.
- Each time you speak, you must identify yourself with your name and town prior to making your point.
- If you are abstaining or objecting to an action item, please state your name and town.
- Meeting materials are available at [CRCOG.org](https://www.crcog.org)



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Transportation Committee Meeting

Monday November 13, 2023

12:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Leonard Norton	East Windsor
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Daniel Pennington	Glastonbury
Kirk Severance	Granby
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
Derek Dilaj	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Chris Zibbideo	Newington
Rob Trottier	New Britain
John Bossi	Plainville
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Troy Sposato	Willington
Susan Choate	Windsor
Emily Nacco	GHTD

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- Automated Enforcement Traffic Safety Device (ATESD)
 - ATESD's = speed cameras and red light running cameras
- Public Act No. 23-116 passed in 2023
 - Applies to installation by Municipalities only (not CTDOT)
- Plan for installation must be approved by Office of State Traffic Administration (OSTA)
 - Guidance will be posted on CTDOT's ATESD webpage by 1/1/2024
 - Municipality must have an ordinance adopted regarding ATESDs
 - Municipality must conduct a public hearing
 - Municipality must submit an ATESD plan to OSTA for approval prior to installation

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- ATESD's can only be installed in 4 locations
 - Traffic Control Signals for red light running
 - School Zones (previously approved OSTA or LTA)
 - Pedestrian Safety Zones (previously approved by OSTA or LTA)
 - Other Locations (history of crashes)
- Limits on placement in economically disadvantaged communities
 - No more than 2 ATESD locations within Qualified Census Tracts (QCT)
- Various Report Requirements
 - Within 18 months of initial operation
 - Annually after 1st report

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USDOT REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE)

- * **Program Purpose:** Municipalities, among many other public sector applicants, can apply for funding to plan or construct surface transportation infrastructure projects. This third round of funding makes **\$1.5 billion** available nationally.
- * **Grant Application Deadline:** February 28, 2024;
Apply Online: [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) (CFDA: 20.933).
- * **Minimum Award Amounts:**
 - **Capital Grants:** \$5 million in urban areas; \$1 million in rural areas. See the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) for definitions.
 - **Planning Grants:** No minimum award.
- * **Maximum Award Amount:** \$25 million (for both Capital and Planning Grants)
- * Visit [CRCOG's Summary](#) or the [Program Website](#) for more information.

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CONTACT: ESANDERSON@CRCOG.ORG



RAISE Grants from U.S. DOT

- Up to \$25 million available for Planning and Capital Improvements for eligible surface transportation projects.
- Visit [CRCOG's RAISE Summary](#) or [USDOT's Program Webpage](#) for more information.
- Applications must be submitted on [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by February 28, 2023.

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BRIC and FMA from FEMA

- \$1 billion is available through the **FY 2023 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)** grant program, and
- \$800 million is available through the **FY 2023 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)** grant program.
- Applications are due to the State Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) by **3 pm on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.**
- Visit the [State DEMHS Hazard Mitigation and Resiliency Webpage](#) and [FEMA's BRIC and FMA Webpage](#) for more information.
- State funding from CTDEEP may be used to meet local match/cost share requirements.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

- Development of Regional Climate Action Plan.
- Reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions.
- Visit [CRCOG's CPRG Webpage](#) for more information.

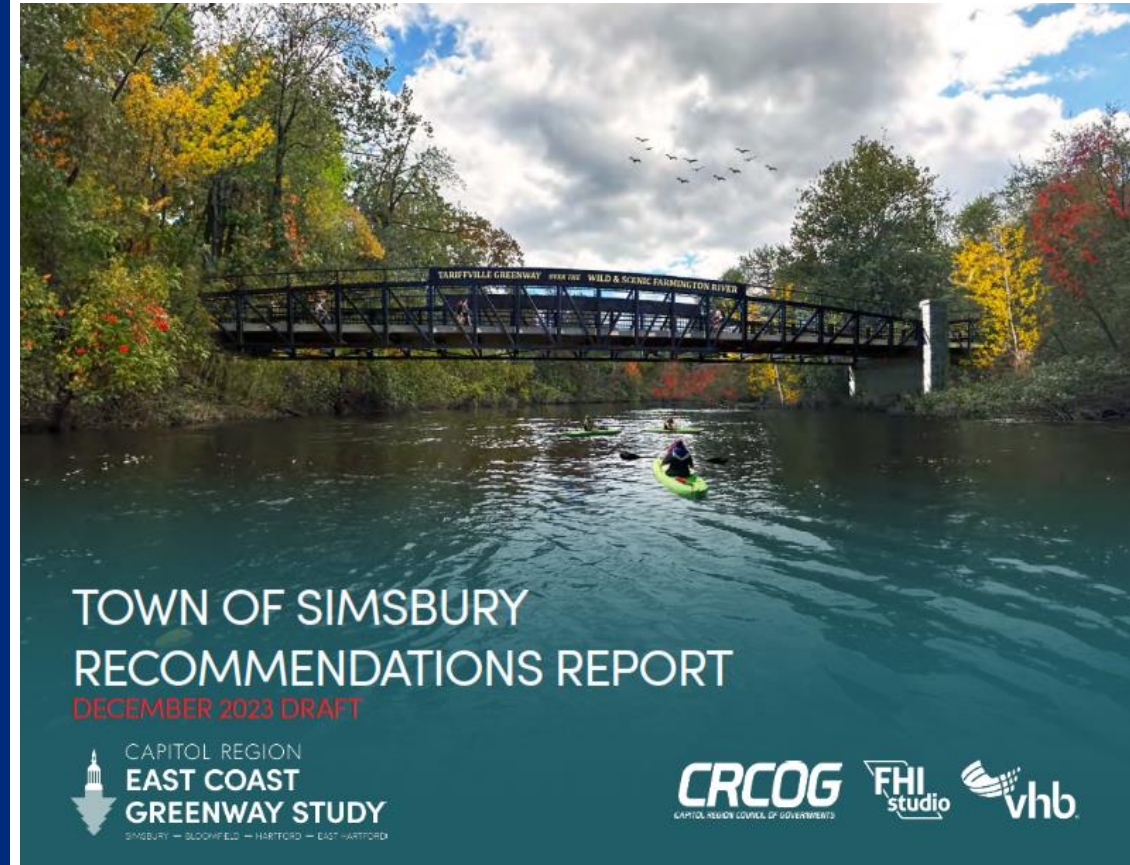
Resources and Tools

- U.S. DOT provides [technical assistance](#), including:
 - [Rural Grant Toolkit](#) and
 - New [Benefit-Cost Analysis Spreadsheet Template](#).
- CRCOG On-Call list of qualified consultants for Economic Analysis.
- Contact Elizabeth Sanderson at esanderson@crcog.org or 860-724-4701 with help applying for Federal funding opportunities.

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4. Staff Report: CRCOG Comments on CTDOT Capital Plan

CTDOT CAPITAL PLAN FFY2024-2028 MPO COG COMMENTS					
Item #	MPO COG	Project/Program/General	Comment	CTDOT lead for response	CTDOT response
1	CRCOG	DOT03200006	We would like to congratulate CTDOT on the recent \$104.9 million in discretionary funding awarded for double-tracking the Hartford Line. We are hopeful that this will expedite this project's completion. Given that this project was already listed as funded in the capital plan, CRCOG would encourage the Department to allocate the resulting freed up funds for other Hartford Line projects currently shown as overprogrammed within the Capitol Region (e.g., for the three overprogrammed Hartford Line stations in the region).		
2	CRCOG	0063-0726 (NHS - Rehab Br 01469B o/ CSRR, SR 596 & TR003 (Design-Build))	We would be interested in having CTDOT give a presentation/update on this project to our Transportation Committee. Please have the appropriate staff contact Rob Aloise (raloise@crcog.org).		
3	CRCOG	0063-0716	Four project line items described as "I-84 Viaduct Replacement" are included for \$20 million each in multiple years located in Overprogramming. Please provide more information on these items, including if these relate to projects recommended under the Greater Hartford Mobility Study (i.e., Citylink East, Citylink West, Founder's Gateway, River Gateway)?		
4	CRCOG	0063-0716	For the \$100 million "GHMS Early Action Projects" line item located in Overprogramming, we'd like to better understand the scope/projects included.		
5	CRCOG	General	As indicated in our comments submitted on August 4, 2023, CRCOG would like to reiterate our willingness to provide a pitch meeting to CTDOT for recommendations from completed CRCOG studies, such as: Transit Priority Corridors in East Hartford and Hartford; Route 4 @ Old Mount Rd/Talcott Notch Rd in Farmington; Route 5 from Tromley Road to the signalized Big Y intersection, in East Windsor.		
6	CRCOG	CRCOG Enfield Traffic Impact Study	CRCOG would like to provide a pitch meeting to CTDOT highlighting study recommendations related to the recently completed Enfield Traffic Impact Study which was endorsed by CRCOG's Policy Board in November 2023.		
7	CRCOG	CRCOG Roundabout Study	CRCOG would like to provide a pitch meeting to CTDOT highlighting study recommendations related to the Regional Roundabout Study that is expected to be completed by January 2024.		
8	CRCOG	CRCOG East Coast Greenway Study	Once completed, CRCOG would like to provide a pitch meeting to CTDOT highlighting study recommendations related to the East Coast Greenway Gap Closure Study expected to be completed in 2024.		
9	CRCOG	General	It's likely that Connecticut will benefit significantly from future IJA discretionary funding awards. Therefore, it may be helpful to identify a significant number of additional projects, either beyond fiscal constraint within each year or for inclusion in the "overprogramming" category, to backfill for programmed projects that successfully compete for discretionary funds.		
10	CRCOG	General	There are many unfunded mandates facing municipalities (such as ADA Transition Plans) that could benefit from state funding, possibly via Capital Plan inclusion.		

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- New GHG Emissions Performance Measure—must set declining 2- and 4-year targets against CY2022 baseline
- Rule effective January 8, 2024
- CTDOT required to set targets by February 1, 2024
- CRCOG required to set targets within 180 days (July 30, 2024)
- CRCOG required to coordinate with RiverCOG, NVCOG, and Springfield, MA MPO to set joint targets for overlapping UZAs

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- We sent a very brief survey on our regional climate action plan to Policy Board members last week and some of you may have been forwarded it from your town managers
- As part of the regional climate action plan, we need to collect municipal input on potential implementation projects to include in the plan.
- Including your projects in the plan maintains eligibility for implementation funding under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program.
- The survey is very brief and will take less than 5 minutes -
<https://forms.office.com/r/CxigDUEuSN>

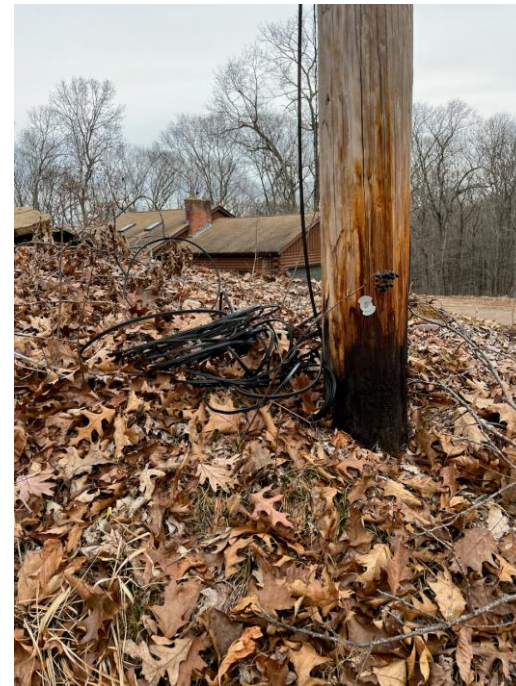
Also – CRCOG & RiverCOG are offering two virtual sessions to answer questions from municipal staff on CPRG:

- **Tuesday 12/18 – 7-8pm**; Register for this session [here](#).
- **Wednesday 12/19 – 8:30-9:30**; Register for this session [here](#).

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5. TIP Amendments

TIP Amendments (FFY 2021-2024 TIP)

For review by the CRCOG Transportation Committee on December 18, 2023

ID #	Funding Program	Proj. No.	Route or System	Town or Area	Description	Phase	Year	Total \$ (000s)	Fed \$ (000s)	State \$ (000s)	Local \$ (000s)	Comments
1	TAPH	0128-0158	CT 315	SIMSBURY	FCMT - CT 10/202 TO CURTISS PARK	CON	2024	1,820	1,456	364	-	NEW PROJECT

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6. Economic Analysis Consultant On-Call Selections (posted*)

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To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
From: Anaka Maher, Senior Transportation Planner
CC: Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning
Date: December 8, 2023
Subject: Infrastructure Related Economic Analysis On-Call List Selections

CRCOG issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an on-call list to pre-qualify consultants to perform infrastructure related economic analysis services, such as Benefit Cost Analyses (BCAs), for studies or grant applications. CRCOG staff performed a competitive Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) and identified the following three consultants as qualified for this on-call list:

Cambridge Econometrics

*Subconsultants: SLR, Autocase/Impact Infrastructure, Glen Weisbrod
Dan Hodge, Executive Vice President, dh@camecon.com, (413) 588-8816*

HDR

*Subconsultant: HR&A Advisors, Inc.
Pamela Yonkin, Project Manager, pamela.yonkin@hdrinc.com, (617) 357-7724*

WSP

*Subconsultant: Cheng Solutions, LLC
Charles Warren, Project Manager, charles.warren@wsp.com, (202) 557-3843*

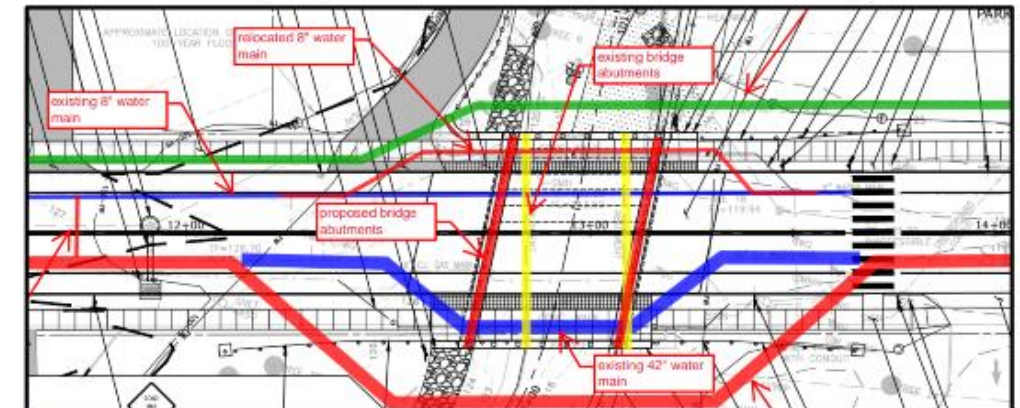
CRCOG staff is seeking Transportation Committee support for these selected consultants. Selected consultants will be available for 36 months for CRCOG and/or its municipalities to contract with. Upon Committee approval, the consultants and their contact information will be posted on CRCOG's website for municipalities to access. For a copy of the RFQ submissions please email Anaka Maher (am Maher@crcog.org).

To: Transportation Committee
From: Sotoria Montanari, LOTCIP Program Manager
Date: December 8, 2023
Cc: Duane J. Martin, P.E., Director of Community Development, West Hartford
Rob Aloise, CRCOG Director of Transportation Planning
Cara Radzins, CRCOG Deputy Director of Transportation Planning
Subject LOTCIP Funding Increase: West Hartford Fern Street Bridge Replacement (L155-0003)

A Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 12 noon on Monday, December 18, 2023. At the meeting, we will be discussing and acting on the following:

West Hartford Fern Street Bridge Replacement Funding Increase Request (L155-0003)

The Town of West Hartford is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of \$3,000,000 from \$3,000,000 to \$6,000,000 for the Fern Street Bridge Replacement Project, with a Town cost share of \$1,434,500, making the total project cost \$7,434,500 (engineer's estimate). The amount requested is \$500,000 over the Committee approved CRCOG LOTCIP program funding cap, so the Town is requesting an exception to the funding cap. **To help mitigate the requested funding increase, the Town has agreed to opt out of the 2024 LOTCIP Project Solicitation pending Committee approval of the funding increase. If approved, the funding increase will serve as a cap for this project, and it will not be eligible for additional LOTCIP funding increases in the future.**



The project was originally approved under the 2017 Bridge Phase 1 Solicitation and is currently in its Final Design phase. The requested funding increase is due to the unanticipated MDC requirement to replace and relocate a 42-inch water main that is currently located under the bridge abutments, amounting to \$1,720,000. The Town of West Hartford and its consultant, SLR, conducted utility coordination meetings prior to the preliminary design phase. At that time, MDC indicated the water main could remain its current location under the bridge abutments while the bridge is being replaced. During Final Design, however, MDC notified the Town that the water main needed to be relocated outside the bridge's footprint due to the age of the water main (1917) and risks involved during construction.

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