

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board; Transportation Committee

From: Christopher Henchey, Transportation Planner

CC: Matt Hart, Executive Director; Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning; Cara Radzins, Deputy Director of Transportation Planning

Meeting Date: April 26, 2023 (Transportation Committee: April 24, 2023)

Subject: Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) Project Priority List

Background: On November 10, 2022, CRCOG released a solicitation for projects to be considered for funding under the Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CTDOT) Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP). Under this solicitation, CRCOG may submit up to four (4) projects to CTDOT for funding consideration. CRCOG received seven (7) applications, and CRCOG Staff scored each project application using rating criteria that had been approved by the Transportation Committee in October 2022. The following projects received the highest scores:

1. Stafford: Levinthal Run Multi-Use Path Construction Project
2. Coventry: Various Pedestrian Safety Improvements
3. Andover: Hendee Road Improvements
4. Hebron: Jones Street Improvements

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The TRIP program offers state funding to rural communities for transportation projects, such as road improvements and bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Financial/Operational Impact: There is no financial impact to CRCOG.

Project Schedule: CRCOG Staff will submit the top-ranked projects to CTDOT for consideration and ranking against other statewide projects by April 28, 2023. Please note that submission to CTDOT does not guarantee funding of any or all CRCOG projects.

Recommendation: CRCOG Staff recommends endorsement of the listed projects for submission to CTDOT for consideration under the statewide TRIP solicitation. The Transportation Committee will provide a recommendation at their meeting on April 24, 2023. Following Policy Board endorsement, CRCOG's Executive Director, Matt Hart, may sign the attached COG Prioritization and Concurrence Form.

Attachments:

- Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) – COG Prioritization and Concurrence Form

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Prior to filling out this form, the Council of Government (COG) should in consultation with the COG's elected officials meet together to discuss the proposed infrastructure projects being submitted to the DOT for funding to evaluate and determine the project priorities in the region. The concurrence of the COG Executive Director and the priority ranking of the projects must be indicated below.

1.0 Name of the COG (One form is submitted for each COG with the project applications)

COG's name: Capitol Region COG

2.0 Municipalities that are submitting projects as part of the solicitation

List Municipalities: Stafford, Coventry, Andover, & Hebron

3.0 Projects Priority Ranking

The COG **must** indicate the priority ranking for the projects being submitted for this solicitation. Please indicate Project #1 as the COG's highest priority rank with the #2 and #3 projects, etc., to follow in descending priority order.

	Municipality	Project Name	Requested Funding Amount
Project #1			
Project #2			
Project #3			
Project #4			
Project #5			
Project #6			
Project #7			
Project #8			
Project #9			
Project #10			

4.0 COG concurrence with project priority rankings

The undersigned agrees with the project priority ranking above.

Signature of the COG's Executive Director _____

Date: _____