

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board; Transportation Committee

From: Roger Krahn, Principal Transportation Engineer

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

Meeting Date: June 26, 2023

Subject: Approval of Updated Regional Transportation Safety Plan

Background: The Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) has been updated to include the latest results of CRCOG's Regional Roundabout Screening Study, including input from member municipalities. The draft updated document is available for review at: https://crcog.org/rtsp_draft2023/.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The inclusion of the Roundabout Screening Study results in the RTSP will allow recommended roundabout locations to be candidate locations for USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) funding. The deadline for SS4A applications is July 10, 2023.

Financial/Operational Impact: SS4A federal funding under the "Implementation Grant" category will pay for 80% of all eligible design and construction costs; including design engineering, construction contract, right of way acquisition, NEPA document preparation, environmental permits, construction administration, construction inspection, and project management. In order to be eligible for funding, applicant projects must be included in a Safety Action Plan. Inclusion in CRCOG's RTSP satisfies this requirement for member municipalities who apply for funding under this program.

Project Schedule: Applications for SS4A funding are due July 10, 2023

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the updated RTSP.

Attachments:

- Resolution – Approval of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Capitol Region, Updated June 2023

RESOLUTION
APPROVAL OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY
PLAN, CAPITOL REGION, UPDATED JUNE 2023

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 amended by the Policy Board in July 2022; 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 the Regional Roundabout Screening Methodology dated June 24, 2022 and three lists of screened locations dated March 9, 2023 including 1) Top Ranked 100 locations, 2) Municipal Top 3 Ranked Locations, and 3) Municipal Suggested Locations; and

WHEREAS, the Roundabout Screening Methodology and three lists of screened roundabout locations are included in Appendix F of the June 2023 update of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Capitol Region Council of Governments does hereby approve the Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Capitol Region, updated June 2023.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Transportation Committee, acting as the Policy Board, at its meeting held on June 26, 2023.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Jason Bowsza, Secretary