

September 18, 2023

Welcome to a CRCOG Hybrid Meeting



Cost Review Sub-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 www.CRCOG.org



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Transportation Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting

Monday, April 24, 2023

11:00 AM

Meeting held remotely via Zoom

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Until Endorsed
by Committee

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Larry Baril	Avon
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Jon Colman	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Ken Radziwon	Ellington
Dylan Reilly	Farmington
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Steve Sopelak	Rocky Hill
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
Annette Turnquist	Southington
Kevin Vincens	South Windsor
Devin Cowperthwaite	Stafford
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield

Guests

Jonathan Thiesse	Bloomfield
David Nourse	Southington

CRCOG Staff

Robert Aloise, Matt Hart, Chris Henchey, Roger Krahn, Sotoria Montanari, Cara Radzins, Elizabeth Sanderson, Karen Stewartson

This record includes a summary of each agenda item and a timestamp of the beginning of the discussion. The audio recording of this meeting is available at www.crcog.org.

- 1. Roll Call – 0:00** – The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by the Acting Chair Patrice Carson from the Town of Bolton. Cara Radzins reminded the Committee that the Zoom participant list will be used for attendance and for the meeting minutes.
- 2. Public Forum – 2:32** – No one chose to speak.
- 3. Adoption of Minutes: Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting on March 20, 2023 – 2:52** – Larry Baril from the Town of Avon made a motion, seconded by Frank

4. Draft 2024 LOTCIP Project Selection Policy

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To: Cost Review Sub-Committee
From: Sotoria Montanari, LOTCIP Program Manager
Date: September 8, 2023
Cc: Rob Aloise, CRCOG Director of Transportation Planning
Cara Radzins, CRCOG Deputy Director of Transportation Planning
Transportation Committee

Subject Draft 2024 LOTCIP Project Selection Policy

Attached is the **DRAFT 2024** Project Selection Policy that describes the process of selecting new projects for funding in CRCOG's Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP). For the 2024 Solicitation, staff is proposing to review this document in detail at the September Sub-Committee meeting for potential approval in September or October.

Based on discussions at the July Transportation Committee meeting, below are DRAFT funding allocations for the 2024 LOTCIP solicitation for Committee consideration. Currently, staff is proposing to select approximately \$42,000,000 in LOTCIP projects, which approximates the amount that is anticipated to be budgeted for the CRCOG Region by the State over the next two years.

DRAFT Funding Allocations

The 2024 Project Selection Policy proposes to include the following categories:

<u>Project Categories</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Max per Project</u>
<i>Reconstruction Projects</i>	<i>\$ 29.0M</i>	<i>\$ 4.0M</i>
<i>Pavement Rehabilitation/Stand-Alone Sidewalk Projects</i>	<i>\$ 6.3M</i>	<i>\$ 1.2M</i>
<i>Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects</i>	<i>\$ 2.5M</i>	<i>\$ 1.2M</i>
<i>Projects in Rural Communities</i>	<i>\$ 4.2M</i>	<i>\$ 4.0M</i>
Total	\$42.0M	

Maximum Funding

Each municipality may submit no more than two (2) project proposals. Projects must have a minimum construction cost of \$300,000 per CTDOT Guidelines, and CRCOG limits individual project construction costs to \$4 million at the initial application phase. The total funding limit for each municipality is \$4 million. For LOTCIP, the \$4 million project cap is intended only to apply at initial selection/approval, with flexibility going forward subject to further Transportation Committee approvals in accordance with our Cost Increase policies.

Schedule (Approved at June 2023 Transportation Committee Meeting)

If standard procedures are followed, the following project selection schedule is anticipated:

<i>June 26, 2023</i>	<i>CRCOG TC Meeting: Review Draft Schedule</i>
<i>July 24, 2023</i>	<i>CRCOG TC Meeting: Review Financials and Funding Allocations</i>
<i>September 18, 2023</i>	<i>CRCOG Sub-Committee and TC Meetings: Review Financials, Funding Allocations, and DRAFT Project Selection Policy; approve selection policy or table to October's TC meeting</i>
<i>October 23, 2023</i>	<i>CRCOG TC Meeting: Approve Project Selection Policy</i>
<i>Nov./Dec. 2023</i>	<i>Issue Letter to Municipalities for 2024 LOTCIP Solicitation</i>
<i>February 2024</i>	<i>Municipal Project Application Proposals Due to CRCOG</i>
<i>May 2024</i>	<i>CRCOG Sub-Committee Meeting: Review Draft Project Ranking Results</i>
<i>May 2024</i>	<i>CRCOG TC and Policy Board Meetings: Endorse Project Rankings</i>
<i>Summer 2024</i>	<i>CRCOG works with municipalities to submit final applications to CTDOT</i>

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II. Project Rating Criteria

Each project proposal is ranked using the criteria listed below for each project type. **It is up to each applicant** to provide a description and explanation of how they meet any of these criteria. Proposals will be rated based on a point system, with the maximum number of possible points assigned to the criteria reflecting the relative importance of the criteria. Points are awarded on the basis of how well the project meets the criteria. For example, a reconstruction project that provides a major traffic operations, safety and geometric improvement will be awarded the maximum 26 points for that criterion. A project with no traffic safety or operational improvement will be given a score of zero on that criterion. CRCOG staff will review each application and determine the number of points warranted for the benefits described by the applicant.

ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION/MAJOR REHABILITATION

<u>Rating Criteria</u>	<u>Max. Points</u>
1. Structural Improvement (Pavement, Drainage, Culvert)	14
2. Traffic Operations, Safety, Geometrics	26
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Operations (5 points)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Safety (16 points)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Geometry (5 points)	
3. Traffic Volume or Transit Ridership	15
4. Regional Significance	17
<input type="checkbox"/> Benefit to Regional Public Facilities (10 points)	
<input type="checkbox"/> TOD Supportive (5 points)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development (2 points)	
5. Environmental	12
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Infrastructure (4 points max.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Justice (8 points max.)	
6. Complete Streets	16
<input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable Users	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pedestrian Supportive (3 points max.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycle Supportive (3 points max.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Zones (2 points max)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Calming (5 points max)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Transit Supportive (3 points max)	
7. Derived from CRCOG Planning Documents	5
8. Municipal Road	10
9. Leveraging of Other Finances	5
10. Municipality has not recently secured LOTCIP funding	5
TOTAL Possible Points	125

1. Structural Improvement: Pavement, Drainage, Bridge/Culvert (14 points)

The structural improvement rating provides an indication of the extent to which the project will help correct or reduce a structural problem with a road or a culvert. The culvert improvement will need to be included in the overall roadway improvement. A municipality must provide documentation of: (1) the existing structural problems, and (2) how the proposed project will correct the problem. The municipality should provide any available deficiency ratings such as the municipality's own pavement condition inventory. Photographs would also be helpful. The municipality should also describe how the project will address each of the deficiencies it identifies.

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For pavement projects, please attach core or test pits data to provide a representative sample of the existing roadway conditions (if available and prior to submittal to CTDOT). If varying pavement conditions exist along roadway indicating the possibility of different pavement conditions, a core/test pit should be performed in each roadway section. Pavement thickness and type, subbase thickness and type, and the presence of fines and/or groundwater should be noted.

CRCOG staff will review the documentation on each project. They will then rate each project based on their professional judgment, the general criteria listed below, and the municipality's documentation.

- General criteria:** indicate existing conditions & conditions after improvement
- Roadway Pavement:** pavement condition rating (e.g., PCI or RSR)
- Roadway Drainage System:** adequacy of subsurface drainage system (water in base?)
adequacy of surface drainage system (icing or ponding?)

When assigning a project rating, staff will consider the range of existing problems (pavement, drainage, culvert), the severity of the problems, and the degree to which the problem will be reduced.

2. Traffic Operations, Safety, and Geometry (26 points)

The application should describe the existing problems related to traffic operations, safety and roadway geometry and describe the anticipated improvement resulting from the proposed project.

The applicant must provide a 3-year summary of fatal and serious injury crashes within the proposed project area. The use of the UConn Connecticut Crash Data Repository is suggested: <https://www.ctcrash.uconn.edu/>. A map or diagram showing crash locations should be provided.

Using the suggested design criteria in the table below will assist CRCOG staff in their review.

	Existing Problem	Proposed Improvement	Suggested Design Criteria
Traffic Operations 5 points	Describe the existing delay, congestion, or traffic operations problem. What is the severity of the travel time delays?	Describe how the project will reduce the delay, congestion or operational problem.	Describe the existing and proposed Level of Service (LOS). Use conventional capacity analysis for signalized intersection improvements.
Safety 16 points	Provide crash data as described above. Identify if the project location is included as a Top Crash Intersection, Top Crash Corridor, or is noted in the municipal report in Appendix A, of the CRCOG Regional Transportation Safety Plan, 2020 (updated 2023).	Identify if the proposed improvement is one of FHWA's Proven Safety Countermeasures https://highways.dot.gov/safety/proven-safety-countermeasures Describe how the proposed improvement will reduce fatal and serious injury crashes.	Describe the expected reduction in crashes. The use of AASHTO Highway Safety Manual procedures showing Crash Modification Factors (or crash reduction percentage). The FHWA Proven Safety Countermeasure fact sheets, also can be used to calculate anticipated crash reduction percentages.

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MINOR PAVEMENT REHABILITATION & PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECTS

<u>Rating Criteria</u>	<u>Max. Points</u>
1. Structural Improvement (Pavement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavement/Roadway structural deficiencies are addressed by treatment appropriate relative to PCI, RSR or observed conditions • Addressing drainage issues such as ponding, shoulder rutting or culvert drainage problems • Heavy truck traffic may also be used as a rating criterion 	20
2. Traffic Volume or Transit Ridership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADT/PHV Volumes • Bus routes; transit ridership numbers 	10
3. Complete Streets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Narrower vehicle lanes to accommodate bike lanes • Create bike lane on roadway • Install sidewalks/ADA compliance (ramps) 	15
4. Regional Significance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Benefit to Regional Public Facilities (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development (2 points) 	5
5. Environmental Justice	5
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TOTAL Possible Points	60

Minor Pavement rehabilitation projects will be evaluated on, but not limited to, the following criteria: structural deficiencies including existing roadway issues, appropriate treatment relative to pavement deficiencies, and above surface drainage issues (such as ponding); traffic volumes based on average daily traffic (ADT), peak hour volume of traffic (PHV), or transit ridership; regional significance including how widespread or localized the benefits of the project are (including the facilities it will benefit, and economic development); project location in relation to environmental justice areas; and whether the municipality has recently secured LOTCIP funding. In support of complete streets, considerations should be given to the viability of reducing vehicle lane widths (for example from 12' to 11'), where appropriate, to provide additional shoulder width for cyclists.

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BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROJECTS and STAND-ALONE SIDEWALK PROJECTS

<u>Rating Criteria</u>	<u>Max. Points</u>
1. Improves Mobility (including filling gaps/connecting destinations) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• High Density or Town Center• Access to Transit• Connects gaps• Destination or transportation alternative (library, park and ride, public buildings, senior housing)	20
2. Improves Safety (including volume of conflicting traffic) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addresses crash history• ADT• Quality of bike facility; level of protection (barrier, width)	25
3. Vulnerable Users (up to 1/2 mile from project area)	5
4. Environmental Justice	5
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Bicycle and Pedestrian projects and Stand-alone Sidewalk projects will be primarily rated on their ability to improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety. These projects will be evaluated on, but not limited to, the following criteria: whether or not the improvement fills a gap or connects destinations; the effectiveness in providing alternatives to driving; safety benefit to the community; if there are especially vulnerable users (i.e. elementary school children, handicap individuals, teenagers, elderly); the project's location in relation to environmental justice areas; and whether the municipality has recently secured LOTCIP funding.

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Acting on Behalf of the Policy Board
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Zoom Meeting

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Yousheng Mao	Hartford
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David Corcoran	Tolland
David Smith	Vernon
Greg Sommer	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Paul McNamara	GHTD

<u>Guests</u>	
Mike Fisher	BL Companies
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Jennifer Carrier	FHWA-CT Division
Andrew Guo	FHWA-CT Division
Chuck Harlow	Fuss & O'Neill
Emily Nacco	GHTD
Erika Lindeberg	Jacobs
Paul Dickson	Newington
Adam Kessler	Simsbury
James Kulpa	VHB
Lesley Beland	Way to Go CT

4. Staff Report

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 - **CRCOG Vision Zero Task Force Suggestions**
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- **Complete:** Draft CRCOG – FHWA agreement
- **Complete:** Draft CRCOG – City of New Britain subaward agreement
- **October 2023:** Anticipate CRCOG – FHWA agreement fully executed
 - **CRCOG \$608,000 federal funds for Region Transportation Safety Action Plan (RTSP)**
 - **New Britain \$350,000 federal funds for New Britain Safety Action Plan**
- **October 2023:** CRCOG Vision Zero Task Force Resolution to Transportation Committee and Policy Board

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CRCOG Vision Zero Task Force needed for oversight and implementation of RTSP

- VZ Task force will be appointed by the Policy Board
- VZ Task force will make recommendations to the Policy Board/MPO through the Transportation Committee
- Potential Membership (suggested 11-15 members)
 - Police Chiefs or designee
 - Educators
 - Outreach / publicity
 - Transportation Committee Members
 - Equity/ underserved populations
 - Vulnerable Users, Bicyclists, Pedestrians
 - Local Traffic Authorities
 - UConn Safety Circuit Rider Staff
 - General Public
 - CRCOG staff
 - CTDOT
 - FHWA

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Funding Opportunities for Municipalities

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This edition includes the following upcoming funding opportunities:

- U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program
- U.S. DOT Thriving Communities Program
- U.S. DOT Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program
- U.S. DOT Bridge Investment Program
- U.S. DOT Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)
- U.S. DOT FTA Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Pilot Program
- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Carbon Utilization Procurement Grants
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Year 2023 Discretionary Funding Opportunities

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U.S. DOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program

Application deadline: October 10, 2023



U.S. DOT STRENGTHENING MOBILITY AND REVOLUTIONIZING TRANSPORTATION (SMART) GRANTS PROGRAM

- * **Program Purpose:** To conduct demonstration projects focused on innovative solutions that make transportation systems safer and more efficient.
- * **Application Deadline:** October 10, 2023
- * **Apply Online @ [ValidEval](#); [Program Website](#).**
- * Partnerships are encouraged!

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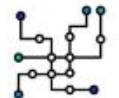
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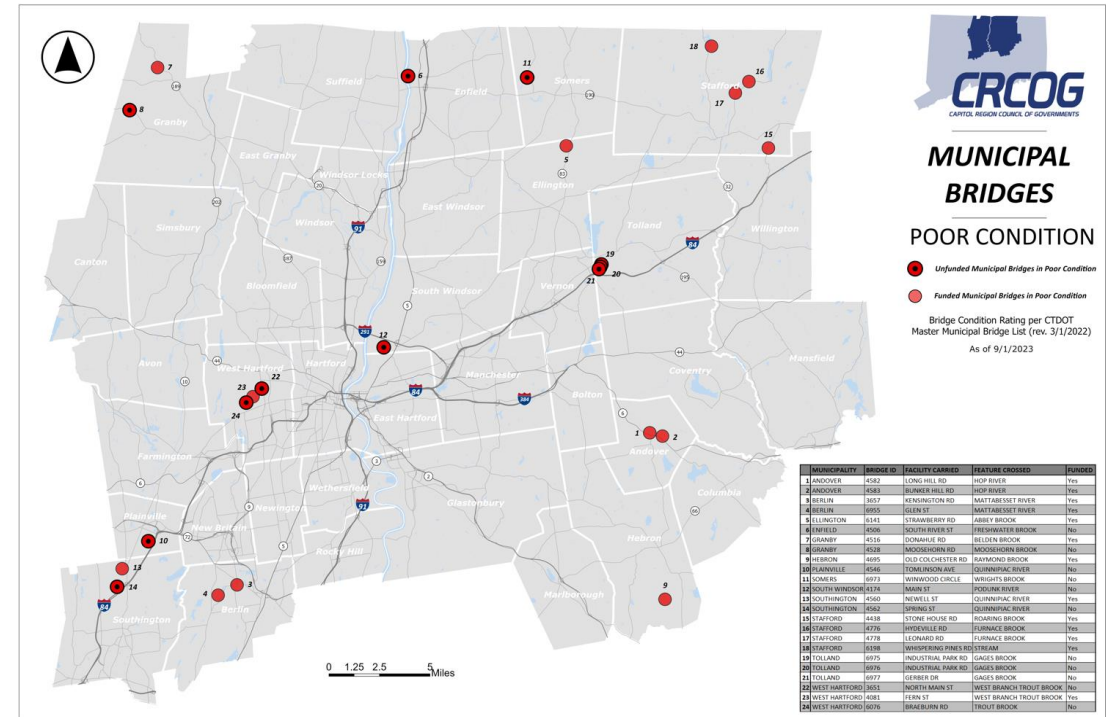
U.S. DOT THRIVING COMMUNITIES PROGRAM

- * **Program Purpose:** A Technical assistance and Capacity Building program to support disadvantaged, rural, and Tribal communities with navigating the federal funding process. Up to \$22M is available to support national or regional organizations with becoming Capacity Builders. Communities interested in receiving support from selected Capacity Builders must submit a Letter of Interest by November 15, 2023.
- * **Grant Application Deadline:** November 28, 2023.
- * **Apply Online @ [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov); [Program Website](#).**

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To solve a problem, you must first define it. Using data from the [CT DOT Master Bridge List](#), CRCOG has mapped state and local bridges in the region that may be eligible for funding from the U.S. DOT Bridge Investment Program (BIP).

The maps are available to view on [CRCOG's BIL Webpage for the BIP](#).

Although the BIP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has not been published yet, the maps can be used to guide decisions and plan investments, taking advantage of once-in-a-generation funding while it is available.

If you are interested in applying for federal funding through the BIP, then please contact [Elizabeth Sanderson](#).

Links to view [three static maps](#) and an [interactive online map](#)

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BIL Workshop Series

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Siting, Permitting and Construction Electric Utility Services Funding Opportunities

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18
8:30 - 11:30 AM
CRCOG BOARD ROOM
241 MAIN ST., 3RD FLOOR
HARTFORD, CT

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Join us for an informational seminar to learn more about electric vehicle charging stations. We will review best practices in siting, design, permitting, and construction as well as explore potential funding sources and incentive programs.

Presentations by industry experts will begin at 9 am. Light refreshments will be provided.

4. Staff Report

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 - Thriving Communities
 - Bridge Investment
 - EV Charging Stations Seminar
 - **CTDOT EV Workshop**
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CTDOT National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program Webinars

Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Time: 8 am or 7 pm

Location: Online on Zoom

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is preparing to open a grant solicitation for Phase 1 of Connecticut's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program. Phase 1 grants will award funding to applicants working to expand Connecticut's electric vehicle charging network by building a strong, reliable, and accessible fast-charging network along the state's interstate highways.

[Register Here for 8am Session](#)

[Register Here for 7pm Session](#)

Two informational webinars will provide stakeholders with guidance about applying for grants. These pre-solicitation webinars will outline the application process, identify the state's criteria for grants, and provide time for Q&A.

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To: CRCOG Transportation Committee
From: Caitlin Palmer, Director of Regional Planning and Development
CC: Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning
Cara Radzins, Deputy Director of Transportation Planning
Date: September 8, 2023
Subject: Enfield Transportation Impact Study Update

The Enfield Traffic Impact Study (TIS) is nearing completion. The study began in 2021 with the goal of evaluating traffic, congestion, safety, and roadway implications for a potential future redevelopment of the Enfield Square Mall.

The Study first evaluated existing safety and capacity deficiencies for 15 intersections, the majority of which are along Route 190 (Hazard Avenue) and Route 220 (Elm Street) corridors. Potential future development options were then identified through a Market Analysis as well as a Visual Preference Survey. The Market Analysis identified a mix of residential, entertainment, retail, and medical office uses as an economically viable redevelopment opportunity. The Visual Preference Survey gathered feedback on desirability of potential uses and development by asking participants to rate images reflecting themes of Building Density, Site Layout and Parking, Building Architecture, Building Heights, Residential Use, Entertainment Use, and Bicycle/Pedestrian Amenities. These results were used to model a potential future development traffic scenario for the Traffic Impact Study.

Potential improvement opportunities identified include reducing access points to the Enfield Mall, revising traffic signal timings, improving transit facilities such as bus shelters, and adding off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities near Route 220.

A public meeting will be held on October 3 from 6-7pm at Enfield Town Hall, Scitico Room. In advance of that meeting, the Enfield TIS final draft report will be available by end-of-day September 22 on the project website: <https://crcog.org/enfield-traffic-impact-study/>. The public comment period will be open from September 23 to October 26. The final report will incorporate feedback from these meetings.

We anticipate seeking endorsement of the Enfield Traffic Impact Study and its recommendations by the Transportation Committee and Policy Board on November 13 and November 15, respectively. Once endorsed, study documents will be finalized by December 31, 2023 and study recommendations may be incorporated into CRCOG's planning documents.

If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Palmer at cpalmer@crcog.org.

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SEPT. 19 2023 **STEP BY STEP,
LANE BY LANE**

ActiveCT Vision Zero Webinar

9:00am - 10:00am EDT

bit.ly/VZActiveCT

Hosted By
CRCOG **DPH**

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CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

POLICY STATEMENT

POLICY NO. EX.O-44

Date: August 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Complete Streets Controlling Design Criteria

It is the policy of the Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CTDOT)'s to provide a safe and accessible intermodal transportation network for all users. To further implement the CTDOT Complete Streets policy included in Policy No. EX.O.-31, CTDOT shall establish three (3) new Controlling Design Criteria and associated design guidance for 1) pedestrian facilities, 2) bicycle facilities, and 3) transit provisions on applicable CTDOT projects.

Together, these Controlling Design Criteria shall be collectively referred to as "Complete Streets" Controlling Design Criteria, and are defined as follows:

Pedestrian facilities may include sidewalks, shared use paths or side paths. *Pedestrian facilities* shall be provided on both sides of a roadway if any of the following apply:

- For all roadways in urbanized areas, urban clusters, rural town centers, or pedestrian safety zones, where pedestrians are legally allowed.
- For bridges on Urban Federal-Aid Highways or on rural routes carrying more than 1,000 ADT, where pedestrians are legally allowed and where the scope of work is beyond bridge cyclic maintenance or condition-driven maintenance as identified in the AASHTO Guide to Bridge Preservation.
- For all State Routes with a high likelihood for pedestrian use.

Bicycle facilities may include paved outside shoulders, bicycle lanes, buffered bicycle lanes, separated bicycle lanes, side paths, or shared use paths. Facilities may provide service in a single direction of travel ("uni-directional") or two directions of travel ("bi-directional"). *Bicycle facilities* shall be provided and shall provide service for each direction of vehicular travel:

- For all roadways where bicycles are legally allowed, *except* roadways classified as local.
- For bridges on Urban Federal-Aid Highways or on rural routes carrying more than 1,000 ADT, where pedestrians are legally allowed and where the scope of work is beyond bridge cyclic maintenance or condition-driven maintenance as identified in the AASHTO Guide to Bridge Preservation.

Transit provisions may include crosswalks or other means of facilitating accessible pedestrian access within proximity of existing or proposed transit stops, and a shelter or bench at all transit stops with a threshold number of boardings per day along a transit route. For the purposes of this criterion, a *transit route* is any fixed-route service operated under contract by CTDOT or by a Transit District.

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CRCOG and SCRCOG will be reconvening the CTfastrak/Hartford Line Corridor Advisory Committee.

- First Elected Officials from communities along CTfastrak and CTrail Hartford Line
- Meetings to be held twice/year, alternating hosting by CRCOG and SCRCOG
- Discussion topics include: Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), CTDOT updates, service planning, capital improvements, ridership, etc.
- Next meeting: October 20, 2023, 9am

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 - **UConn CLEAR Webinar: A New Stormwater Quality Manual for CT**

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UConn CLEAR Webinar: A New Stormwater Quality Manual for CT

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

(UTC-04:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Host

David Dickson, UConn CLEAR

Agenda

In this webinar, we'll cover an overview and history of the Manual from 2004 to this new revision, the 'big picture' changes to expect, their impacts on the CT DEEP general stormwater permits and best management practices, potential impacts to local land use regulations, and guidance on using and navigating the manual.

[Register Here](#)

5. TIP Amendments

TIP Amendments (FFY 2021-2024 TIP)

For review by the CRCOG Transportation Committee on September 18th, 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	STPH	0088-0196	HIGH STREET	New Britain	REHAB BR 04247 o/ CT 72	CON	FYI	5,300	4,240	1,060	-	MOVE FROM FY24 to FYI
2	STPSP	0164-0242	CT 159	Windsor	REHAB BR 06574 (CULVERT) O/ MILL BROOK	CON	2024	1,000	800	200	-	NEW PROJECT
3	STPA	0171-0481	I-291	District 1	REPLACE SIGNS & SUPPORTS ON I-291 IN VIC. CT187/CT189 INTERCHANGE	CON	2024	6,600	6,600	-	-	NEW PROJECT
4A	BRFP	0171-0501	CT 72	New Britain/Plainville	REHAB 4 BRIDGES - B/O of 171-492 - AC ENTRY	CON	2024	-	-	-	-	MOVE FROM FY23 TO FY24. CHANGE IN SCOPE
4B	BRFP	0171-0501	CT 72	New Britain/Plainville	REHAB 4 BRIDGES - B/O of 171-492 - AC CONVERSION	CON	2024	50,000	40,000	10,000	-	MOVE FROM FY23 TO FY24. CHANGE IN SCOPE
5	BRFP	0170-5041	I-91	STATEWIDE	CONCRETE SEALER PROGRAM FOR NBI BRIDGES	CON	2024	3,800	3,040	760	-	NEW PROJECT

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6. LOTCIP Funding Increase / Scope Modifications Requests (*posted**)

Hebron

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To: Transportation Committee
From: Sotoria Montanari, LOTCIP Program Manager
Date: September 8, 2023
Cc: Rob Aloise, CRCOG Director of Transportation Planning
Cara Radzins, CRCOG Deputy Director of Transportation Planning
Mr. Andy Tierney, Hebron Town Manager
Subject LOTCIP Funding Increase: Main St Wall St Intersection Improvements Project (Lo66-0002)

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

Hebron Main Street Wall Street Intersection Improvements Project (Lo66-0002)

The Town of Hebron is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of \$602,094.60 from \$1,036,800 (engineer's estimate) to \$1,638,894.60 (58%), based on the competitive low bid of \$1,365,745.50. The low bid plus 10% incidentals and 10% contingencies total \$1,638,894.60. The project was originally approved under the 2015 Solicitation.



After successfully completing its LOTCIP design process, the Town was issued an Authorization to Advertise Letter on March 31, 2023, and held two bid openings on June 8 and August 24, 2023. At the first bid opening, the Town only received one bid, so they rebid the project and subsequently received two (2) bid packages of \$1,365,745.50 and \$1,417,135 (not including incidentals and contingencies).

The disparity between the engineer's estimate and bid prices is due to inflation, increases in a variety of unit prices, and higher bid prices due to previously unforeseen traffic logistics. Traffic will be maintained through this busy intersection during construction which will make this project more challenging to construct. Specifically, this has resulted in higher bids for "Full Depth Roadway Pavement", representing an increase of \$164,696, and "Trafficperson (Municipal Police Officer)", representing an additional \$29,000. The bid for "Mobilization and Project Closeout" was \$103,448 more than the estimate. Other unit price increases amounted to \$85,000.

The additional unit costs combined with increases to percentage based estimating items resulted in the total estimated cost increase of \$602,094.50.

To allow the Town to accept the lowest responsible bidder with costs that are substantially higher due to increased unit prices, staff recommends Committee approval of an additional \$602,094.50 of LOTCIP funding for the Hebron Main Street Wall Street Intersection Improvement Project (Lo66-0002), increasing the funding approval from \$1,036,800 to \$1,638,894.50

6. LOTCIP Funding Increase / Scope Modifications Requests (*posted**)

Suffield

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To: Transportation Committee
From: Sotoria Montanari, LOTCIP Program Manager
Date: September 13, 2023
Cc: Mr. Colin Moll, Town of Suffield First Selectman
Rob Aloise, CRCOG Director of Transportation Planning
Cara Radzins, CRCOG Deputy Director of Transportation Planning

Subject LOTCIP Scope Modification: Suffield Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (L139-0003)

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

Suffield Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Project (L139-0003)

This project was approved in the 2022 LOTCIP Solicitation and received a Commitment to Fund Letter (CTF) for \$1,278,400 in March 2023. The Town of Suffield is requesting a LOTCIP scope modification that will increase the length of the trail improvements from 4,700 feet to 6,550 feet. Based on feedback from the CTDOT Office of the Rail, the Town will eliminate the proposed replacement of a triple 72" drainage culvert with a pedestrian bridge. These scope modifications (increasing the trail length and retaining the culverts) would result in an overall reduction in project costs from \$1,278,400 to \$730,000.



The Town had initially requested a funding increase which was approved by the Transportation Committee in March 2023 for the costs associated with replacing the culvert with a pedestrian bridge. Because the Town holds a license agreement with the Office of Rail, the Town was required to coordinate its plans with the Rail Officer after receiving the CTF letter. CTDOT's Office of Rail expressed concerns with the planned culvert replacement.

Specifically, the Rail Officer indicated that if the culvert were replaced with a bridge, it would need to be designed to support a return of future rail use. Also, CTDOT is concerned that an existing fiber optic line along the trail may conflict with any proposed bridge abutments. The Town deemed a rail bridge cost prohibitive with the existing LOTCIP budget. Based on these concerns, the Town decided to forego the culvert removal and installation of the pedestrian bridge and instead proposes to expand the project limits north to encompass the entire trail within Suffield.

Staff recommends committee approval of the Suffield Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Project (L139-0003) LOTCIP scope modification request to expand the length of the trail improvements from 4,700 feet to 6,550 feet, and eliminating the replacement of the culvert with a pedestrian bridge, resulting in an overall decrease in project cost from \$1,278,400 to \$730,000.

7. Draft 2024 LOTICIP Project Selection Policy (posted*)

To: Cost Review Sub-Committee
From: Sotoria Montanari, LOTICIP Program Manager
Date: September 8, 2023
Cc: Rob Aloise, CRCOG Director of Transportation Planning
Cara Radzins, CRCOG Deputy Director of Transportation Planning
Transportation Committee
Subject Draft 2024 LOTICIP Project Selection Policy

Attached is the **DRAFT 2024** Project Selection Policy that describes the process of selecting new projects for funding in CRCOG's Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP). For the 2024 Solicitation, staff is proposing to review this document in detail at the September Sub-Committee meeting for potential approval in September or October.

Based on discussions at the July Transportation Committee meeting, below are DRAFT funding allocations for the 2024 LOTICIP solicitation for Committee consideration. Currently, staff is proposing to select approximately \$42,000,000 in LOTICIP projects, which approximates the amount that is anticipated to be budgeted for the CRCOG Region by the State over the next two years.

DRAFT Funding Allocations

The 2024 Project Selection Policy proposes to include the following categories:

<u>Project Categories</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Max per Project</u>
<i>Reconstruction Projects</i>	\$ 29.0M	\$ 4.0M
<i>Pavement Rehabilitation/Stand-Alone Sidewalk Projects</i>	\$ 6.3M	\$ 1.2M
<i>Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects</i>	\$ 2.5M	\$ 1.2M
<i>Projects in Rural Communities</i>	\$ 4.2M	\$ 4.0M
Total	\$42.0M	

Maximum Funding

Each municipality may submit no more than two (2) project proposals. Projects must have a minimum construction cost of \$300,000 per CTDOT Guidelines, and CRCOG limits individual project construction costs to \$4 million at the initial application phase. The total funding limit for each municipality is \$4 million. For LOTICIP, the \$4 million project cap is intended only to apply at initial selection/approval, with flexibility going forward subject to further Transportation Committee approvals in accordance with our Cost Increase policies.

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**RESOLUTION
FOR ENDORSEMENT OF THE TRANSIT-ORIENTED
DEVELOPMENT (TOD) ROLES, VISIONING, VIABILITY, AND
TOOLS ANALYSIS**

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) to undertake the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Roles, Visioning, Viability, and Tools Analysis; and

WHEREAS, a Technical Advisory Committee comprised of representatives of CTDOT, municipalities along the CTfastrak and CTrail Hartford Line corridors, and other regional stakeholders met throughout the study effort to provide input; and

WHEREAS, the Technical Advisory Committee has reviewed and accepted the recommendations of this study; and

WHEREAS, the CRCOG Transportation Committee has reviewed the study, has found its recommendations to be reasonable, and has endorsed the effort;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Capitol Region Council of Governments does hereby endorse the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Roles, Visioning, Viability, and Tools Analysis. Furthermore, study documents may be marked Final and dated September 2023, and study recommendations may henceforth be incorporated into agency planning documents.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board at its meeting held on September 27, 2023.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Jason Bowsza, Secretary

**8. Endorsement of
TOD Roles,
Visioning, Viability,
and Tools Analysis
(*posted**)**

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9. Authorizing Resolution for FHWA Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant (*posted**)

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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

FOR EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR THE USDOT 2022 SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL GRANT AWARDED TO CRCOG

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), was selected as the Recipient to receive a Fiscal Year 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for all (SS4A) Grant for the Supplement to the Regional Transportation Safety Plan for the Capitol Region; and

WHEREAS, a grant Agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has been prepared for execution with a federal funds share of \$958,000, recipient share of \$239,500, for a project total of \$1,197,500 being awarded to CRCOG; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG is the recipient of \$608,000 in federal funds to develop a comprehensive safety action plan for the Capitol Region Council of Governments, and the City of New Britain is the designated Subrecipient of \$350,000 in federal funds to create a comprehensive safety action plan for the City of New Britain; and

WHEREAS, the recipient share will include \$152,000 of CRCOG funds from the Regional Service Grant or Regional Fund, and \$87,500 of City of New Britain local funds; and

WHEREAS, Safety Action Plans that are developed to reduce fatal and serious injury crashes and meet the mandated criteria of the SS4A grant program can be used to apply for anticipated future funding of implementation projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Agency's Executive Director is authorized to act on behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments in negotiating, executing, and amending all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments associated with the USDOT Grant Agreement under the Fiscal Year 2022 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program awarded to CRCOG.

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Jason E. Bowsza, Secretary

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Next Meeting:
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