

## **Agenda Item Summary**

**To:** Policy Board

**From:** Elizabeth Sanderson, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Coordinator

**CC:** Matt Hart, Executive Director; Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation

**Meeting Date:** May 22, 2024

**Subject:** Acceptance of Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC-RAA) Grant

**Background:** In September 2023, the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced availability of \$100 million for the Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC-RAA) discretionary grant program. CRCOG, in collaboration with EVGO Services LLC (“EVGo”), the private entity responsible for preventative and corrective maintenance of the electric vehicle charging station at the Cumberland Farms host site located at 471 New Park Avenue, West Hartford, CT, applied for \$684,800 in Federal funding to replace the inoperable charging station and bring the site into compliance with Federal regulations 23 CFR 680. In January 2024, FHWA selected CRCOG as one of 24 awardees to receive a grant.

**Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG:** The project will improve access to high-quality electric vehicle charging stations in the region, which will increase confidence in the nation’s electric vehicle infrastructure and reduce reliance on imported energy sources.

**Financial/Operational Impact:** The total project cost is estimated to be \$856,000, with \$684,800 to be funded by FHWA, and the 20% non-Federal cost share (local match of \$171,200) to be split with EVGo contributing \$155,200 in cash, and CRCOG contributing \$16,000 from RSG or Regional Funds. CRCOG will serve as the grant's direct recipient and administered by CRCOG staff, with consultation with EVGo and procured contractors. CRCOG is budgeted to receive \$64,000 for grant administrative services.

**Project Schedule:** CRCOG has initiated the process to add the project to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and will then execute a grant agreement with FHWA, followed by execution of a contract agreement with EVGo. The project will take approximately thirty (30) months to complete.

**Recommendation:** In order to receive the funds for this project, staff recommends that the Policy Board approve the attached Resolution.

### **Attachments:**

- Resolution authorizing acceptance of the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Association (FHWA) Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC-RAA) Grant

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGER RELIABILITY AND ACCESSIBILITY ACCELERATOR (EVC-RAA) GRANT**

**WHEREAS**, on November 13, 2023, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) applied for a discretionary grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program to replace an inoperable electric vehicle charging station at the Cumberland Farms at 471 New Park Avenue, West Hartford, CT (the “Project Site”); and

**WHEREAS**, the total cost to bring the charging station into compliance with Federal regulations 23 CFR 680 is estimated to be \$856,000; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2024, FHWA selected CRCOG as one of 24 entities to receive a grant in the amount of \$684,800 with a non-Federal cost share (local match) of \$171,200 required; and

**WHEREAS**, EVGo Services LLC (“EVGo”) is the responsible entity for preventative and corrective maintenance of the charging stations at the Project Site, and committed to contribute \$155,200 in cash towards the local match; and

**WHEREAS**, CRCOG will contribute \$16,000 of the local match from either the Regional Services Grant or the Regional Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the project will improve access to reliable electric vehicle charging stations in the region.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Policy Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director to act on behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments to commit CRCOG to act as the direct recipient for any related funding award and to execute and amend grant agreements, other documents, including sub-contracts and consultant contracts, related to the acceptance and administration of the FHWA EV Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program.

**CERTIFICATE**

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Capitol Region Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Capitol Region Council of Governments Policy Board, on May 22, 2024.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Bowsza, Secretary