

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board

From: Pramod Pandey, Principal Planner II

CC: Rob Aloise, Director of Planning

Meeting Date: May 22, 2024

Subject: Resolution: Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study Final Report

Background: The Capitol Region Council of Governments, in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and the Town of Windsor Locks, recently completed the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study, which started in October 2022. The purpose of the study was to investigate and analyze existing roadway and traffic conditions, land use and development, pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure, and transit routes within the study area in Windsor Locks and develop a comprehensive transportation and land use plan to create a multimodal transportation system and land use strategy that supports continued social and economic growth. At the onset of the study, a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was formed to guide the study. The TAC included representatives from Windsor Locks Planning and Zoning Commission, Windsor Locks Public Works, Windsor Locks Police, local businesses, town residents, CTDOT, and other stakeholders. The DRAFT Final Report was completed in April 2024 and was posted on the CRCOG website at <https://crocog.org/rt20> as well as shared with the Transportation Committee at its March meeting. As part of a 30-day public comment period, which closed on April 22, 2024, the DRAFT Final Report was made available on the CRCOG website and sent directly to study stakeholders and interested parties. There were no additional comments received during the public comment period. The Windsor Locks Board of Selectmen reviewed the DRAFT Final Report and accepted it at their meeting on May 7, 2024.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: This report identifies important safety and roadway improvements for the Route 20 corridor. It includes near-term, mid-term, and long-term recommendations as well as priority projects that the Town may consider implementing in order to improve traffic safety, circulation, and alternative modes of transportation.

Financial/Operational Impact: The Final Report recommends various improvement projects for the corridor that could be funded through various sources. The project costs varies from \$200,000 to \$20 million. These improvements would enhance safety of road users as well as traffic flow in the corridor.

Project Schedule: October 2022 – May 2024

Recommendation: CRCOG staff recommends endorsement of the Final Report for the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study by the Transportation Committee at its meeting on May 20, 2024 and adoption by the Policy Board at its meeting on May 22, 2024. Once adopted, the report documents will be considered final, and the recommendations therein can be incorporated into future updates of CRCOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan and other planning documents.

Attachment:

- Resolution for Endorsement of the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study, Windsor Locks

**RESOLUTION
FOR ENDORSEMENT OF THE
ROUTE 20 TRANSPORTATION and LAND USE STUDY,
WINDSOR LOCKS**

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and the Town of Windsor Locks to undertake the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study; and

WHEREAS, the study developed a comprehensive transportation and land use plan for the Route 20 Corridor in Windsor Locks to create a multimodal transportation system and develop land use recommendations that support continued social and economic growth in the Route 20 corridor; and

WHEREAS, the study analyzed existing roadway and traffic conditions, land use and development, pedestrian and bicyclist infrastructure, and transit routes within the study area along Route 20, Route 75, and other roadways in the Town of Windsor Locks; and

WHEREAS, the Route 20 Study Advisory Committee, which included representatives from Windsor Locks Planning and Zoning Commission, Windsor Locks Public Works, Windsor Locks Police, local businesses, town residents, CTDOT, and other stakeholders, met throughout the study to provide input; and

WHEREAS, the public had numerous opportunities to offer input via a study website, public information meetings and Advisory Committee meetings, emailed newsletters, a presentation of the draft recommendations, and a 30-day public comment period on the DRAFT Final Report; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Windsor Locks Board of Selectmen has reviewed the study, has found its recommendations to be reasonable, and has accepted the effort; 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 recommendations of the Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study as described in the Final Report. Furthermore, study documents may be marked FINAL and dated May 2024, 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 May 22, 2024.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Jason Bowsza, Secretary