

May 20, 2024

Welcome to a CRCOG Virtual Meeting



Transportation 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 CRCOG.org



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Transportation Committee Meeting
Monday April 22, 2024
12:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Eric Anderson	Andover
Larry Baril	Avon
Chris Edge	Berlin
Daniel Carter	Bloomfield
Patrice Carson	Bolton
Neil Pade	Canton
Todd Penney	Coventry
Doug Wilson	East Hartford
Leonard Norton	East Windsor
Tom Modzelewski	Ellington
Donald Nunes	Enfield
Russ Arnold	Farmington
Frank Dellaripa	Hartford
Owen Deutsch	Hartford
Mao Yousheng	Hartford
Jeff LaMalva	Manchester
John Carrington	Mansfield
Peter Hughes	Marlborough
Rob Trottier	New Britain
Steve Sopolak	Rocky Hill
Todd Rolland	Somers
Annette Ellis	Southington
Jeffrey Doolittle	South Windsor
Bill Hawkins	Suffield
David Corcoran	Tolland
David Smith	Vernon
James Brennan	West Hartford
Derrick Gregor	Wethersfield
Suzanne Choate	Windsor
Paul McNamara	GHTD

<u>Guests</u>	
Casey Hardin	AECOM
Michael Ahern	Berlin
Kevin Burnham	CTDOT
Ahmed Kadhim	CTDOT
Grayson Wright	CTDOT
Doug Holcomb	GHTD
Emily Nacco	GHTD

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 by Committee

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CRCOG Vision Zero Task Force

- Meeting #2 held 4/25/24
 - Discussed a 15-year target goal to zero fatal crashes
- Next Meeting: 6/18/24
- 15 members, including TC representatives
 - Hartford – Owen Deutsch
 - Southington – Annette Ellis
 - Andover – Eric Anderson
 - West Hartford – Greg Sommer

Consultant Assistance

- FHI Studio selected as consultant
- CRCOG staff reviewing draft scope, which includes:
 - Crash Analysis
 - Engagement with Towns, public, stakeholder groups
 - Strategies and Project Selection
 - Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan document

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Funding Opportunities for Municipalities

May 2024

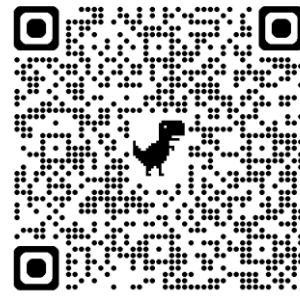
Sign up for our newsletter

In This Newsletter

This edition includes the following upcoming events and funding opportunities:

- CRCOG BIL Workshop: May 31, Sustainable Stormwater Management
- CRCOG Annual Meeting: June 5
- CT Green Bank Workshop: May 23, Greening School Buses and Municipal Facilities
- U.S. DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All
- U.S. DOT Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program
- CT DOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program
- U.S. DOT Bridge Investment Program for Bridge Project Grants
- EPA Environmental & Climate Justice Community Change Grant Program
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- CT DECD Community Investment Fund
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Discretionary Funding Opportunities

Contact esanderson@crcog.org for information
Link to sign up for the BIL/IIJA
Newsletter: <https://crcog.org/newsletters/>



Link to May
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BIL Workshop Series: Sustainable Stormwater Management

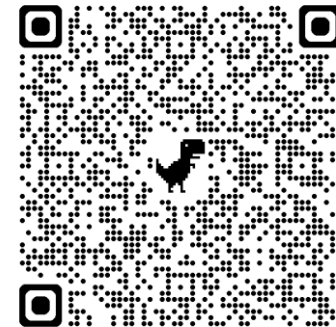
Date: May 31, 10:30 am - 1 pm

Location: CRCOG's new office, 350 Church St., Hartford, CT

CRCOG is pleased to collaborate with Weston & Sampson and other industry experts and invite you to this informative seminar about [Stormwater Management and Green Infrastructure](#). Learn about innovative approaches to managing stormwater using nature-based solutions that will promote resiliency in our communities.

Lunch will be provided at this in-person event.

Enrollment is limited for this free event, so please register now or by **May 24**.



Learn More and Register

https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/n84nxsu/lp/d851627a-5954-4256-982b-1afdc516559d?source_id=58bd41eb-61d6-4c76-9dfb-7196b3ceb2cf&source_type=em&c=

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Highlights from the May Newsletter:

- **Safe Streets and Roads for All** (US DOT) - next deadline: **August 29** for Planning & Demonstration Grants.
- **Community Investment Fund** (CT DECD) - applications are due **June 21**.
- **Bridge Investment Program** (US DOT) - applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, with the next due dates as follows:
 - Large Bridge (Over \$100M): August 1
 - Planning Grant: October 1
 - Bridge Project (up to \$100M): November 1, 2024
 - View [CRCOG's Interactive Online Map](#) for project ideas.

Recently Announced:

- **SMART** (US DOT) - The Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation grant program returns for another round. Applications are due **July 12**. Learn more [here](#).

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Commuter Parking Lot Utilization

	Spring 2024	Fall 2023	Spring 2023	Fall 2022	Spring 2022
# Vehicles	980	1,182	1,118	1,044	978
Percent Full	15.3%	18.2%	17.7%	16.5%	15.4%

	2020-2021 Average	2017-2019 Average
# Vehicles	445	2,020
Percent Full	7.0%	31.9%

**Capacity has varied over time due to closures, openings, and changes in lot size. The percentages for each count are based on the total capacity at that time.*

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Transportation Alternatives Program

- Received seven (7) applications
- Staff is reviewing proposals. Applicants will be notified of their shortlist status by May 24th.
- Special TC Meeting to rank projects to be held on June 10 at 10am (virtual)

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Envisioned selection of one On-Call Traffic Engineering Consultant for each of the following:

1. Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Services, including:
 - Assistance with designations allowing eligibility
 - Preparation of required ATESD Plan
 - Traffic Safety Analysis
 - Required Outreach & Equity Analysis
 - Identification of Locations
 - Related NEPA and/or Reporting assistance
2. General Traffic Engineering Analysis and Design Services related to:
 - Traffic Signals, Pavement Markings, Signage, Speed, Safety, Reporting, Peer Reviews, etc.

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 - **Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study RFQ**

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Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study

- RFQ Released: <https://crcog.org/rfp-rfq/>
- Deadline: Friday, June 14th
- Study will include economic analysis, land use considerations, and traffic assessment related to warehousing development
- Establishing a Project Advisory Committee
 - Interested municipal staff should reach out to Kyle Shiel – kshiel@crcog.org

5. TIP Amendments

ID #	Funding Program	Proj. No.	Route or System	Town or Area	Description	Phase	Year	Total \$ (000s)	Fed \$ (000s)	State \$ (000s)	Local \$ (000s)	Comments
1	TAPH	0128-0158	CT 315	SIMSBURY	FCHT - CT 10/202 TO CURTISS PARK	CON	FYI	1,820	1,456	0	364	MOVE FROM FY24 TO FYI
2	STPA	0172-0513	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 2	REPLACE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS	CON	2024	4,500	3,600	900	0	NEW PHASE
3	STPA	0174-0448	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 4	REPLACE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS	CON	2024	6,100	4,880	1,220	0	NEW PHASE
4	DIGR	0155-XXXX	VARIOUS	WEST HARTFORD	EVGO REPLACEMENT OF CONNECTICUT SITE- EVC-RAA GRANT (FHWA)	ALL	2024	856	685	0	171	NEW PROJECT

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6. Resolution: Route 20 Transportation and Land Use Study Final Report (posted*)

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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

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BY: _____ DATE: _____
Jason Bowsza, Secretary

RESOLUTION

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE FFY2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)**

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Capitol Region; and

WHEREAS, the metropolitan planning regulations issued by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) require a multi-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); and

WHEREAS, the metropolitan planning regulations require that transportation improvement projects be included in the regional TIP as a condition of eligibility for federal funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the Region were provided an opportunity to comment on the draft FFY2025-2028 TIP for a minimum of 30 days, from April 3-May 6, 2024 and also at public information meetings on April 24, 2024 (11am and 7pm); and notice of the meetings was given in newspapers, in Town Clerk offices, and on the CRCOG website;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CRCOG Policy Board endorses the four-year (FFY2025-2028) program of the Capitol Region Transportation Improvement Program.

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7. Resolution: FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (posted*)

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8. Resolution: Conformity with the Clean Air Act (Ozone) (posted*)

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RESOLUTION CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT (OZONE)

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if: 1) the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions; 2) the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures; and 3) the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of CRCOG that the plans and programs approved today, May 24, 2024, and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Greater Connecticut Ozone Nonattainment Area (Litchfield, Hartford, Tolland, New London and Windham Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in this Ozone Nonattainment Area (Air Quality Conformity Determination February 2023); and

WHEREAS, CTDOT's assessment has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emissions guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A),

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CRCOG finds that the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2025-2028 TIP and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450), and Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the Air Quality Conformity Determination dated February 2024, contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

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9. Resolution: Annual Urban Planning Certification (posted*)

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RESOLUTION ANNUAL URBAN PLANNING CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Capitol Region,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the CRCOG Policy Board certifies that the urban transportation planning process has been conducted in accordance with the terms and provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303 and the metropolitan planning regulations at 23 CFR 450, and that all applicable provisions relative to the involvement of public and private providers of mass transit, Civil Rights, involvement of minority business enterprises, special efforts for elderly and disabled persons, the Clean Air Act, 23 USC and 49 USC, and 23 CFR 450.334(a) have been satisfied.

Dates of adoption of key planning documents:

- FY2024-2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): May 24, 2023
- FFY2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP): May 22, 2024
- 2050 Capitol Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP): April 26, 2023

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10. Resolution: Authorizing a Transportation Committee to Act as Policy Board (posted*)

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AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

FOR THE CRCOG TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO APPROVE ACTION ITEMS ON BEHALF OF THE CRCOG POLICY BOARD

WHEREAS, the regular monthly Policy Board meeting schedule does not include meetings in July or August, and the Transportation Committee has scheduled meetings over the summer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Policy Board empowers the Transportation Committee to act on its behalf to approve time sensitive action items at any meeting following June 26, 2024, until the CRCOG Policy Board's next regular meeting on September 18, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Policy Board members shall be notified in advance of any meeting, and that the action items shall be provided to Policy Board members in advance of said meetings.

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**11. Presentation: Safety Circuit
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Safety Circuit Rider Program

*CRCOG Monthly
Meeting
May 20, 2024*



Connecticut Training and Technical Assistance

Safety Circuit Rider Team

Melissa Evans – Safety Circuit Rider

Jason Hughes – Safety Technical Associate

Lisa Knight – Educational Program Coordinator





Many ways we can help!

- ▶ Technical Assistance – Meet to discuss your road safety needs and help you develop your new Local Road Safety Plan
- ▶ Road Safety Assessments (RSAs)
- ▶ Crash Data Illustrations and Analysis
- ▶ Training & Roundtable Discussions
- ▶ Technical Resources
- ▶ Coffee & Conversations on Hot Topics

Free Equipment Loan Program

- Sign Retro-reflectometer
- Traffic Counters (Radar)
- Ball Bank Indicators
- Speed Feedback Signs
- Range Finders
- Radar Guns
- NEW Pavement Marking Retro-reflectometer

Equipment Loan Program

The equipment loan program is designed to provide tools, at no cost, to local agencies to assist them in improving local road safety. We offer a range of equipment, including those that support initiatives that assist in reducing crashes and improving traffic management. Our program aims to promote safer road environments by ensuring that the necessary equipment is accessible to municipalities across Connecticut.

We empower communities and road safety advocates to make an impact without the financial burden of purchasing expensive equipment. Whether it's collecting traffic counts, implementing a speed management program or ensuring your road signs meet retroreflectivity guidelines, our program supports your goals of fostering a culture of road safety, ultimately saving lives and promoting responsible driving behavior.



Online Request Form

s.uconn.edu/t2-equip-request

Available Equipment



ADA Compliance Toolkit
Determine first-hand whether or not your community is accessible. Toolkit includes simulation tools and equipment.



Ball Bank Indicator
A Ball Bank Indicator can be used to determine advisory speed limits.



Digital Level
The level can be used for estimating road and sidewalk grades and cross slope.



Manual Traffic Counter
Manual intersection traffic counters can be used to count turning movements.



Pavement Marking Reflectometer
Measure the retroreflectivity of pavement markings to ensure they are in compliance.



We Promote Safety



TECH BRIEFS **T2Center**
UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Driver Responsibility at Inoperable Traffic Control Signals

Tech Brief 2023-2
Connecticut Public Act 21-61

According to the **Federal Highway Administration**, the purpose of a traffic control signal is to safely assign the right of way to avoid conflicts. Traffic signals are designed to maintain an orderly flow of traffic for vehicles, pedestrians, and other roadway users. This goal is accomplished by reducing conflicts between vehicles and other roadway users that arrive at an intersection from different approaches. To assist in meeting this goal, drivers in Connecticut are required to know the rules of the road prior to obtaining their driver's license. **The State of Connecticut Driver's Manual** advises drivers what to do when encountering the following traffic signals:



Green traffic lights mean you can go through the intersection. You must yield to emergency vehicles and others as required by law. If you are stopped and then the light turns green, you must allow crossing traffic to clear the intersection before you go ahead. If you are turning left, a steady green traffic light means you may turn, but only when safe to do so. If you are turning right, yield to pedestrians crossing the street.



Yellow traffic lights mean the traffic light is about to change to red. You must stop if it is safe to do so. If you are in the intersection when the yellow light comes on, do not stop—continue through the intersection.

*Safety Matters
Coffee &
Conversation*



Training and Technical Assistance Center

**Connecticut
Transportation
Institute**

*Vision Zero
Legislation:
A Conversation
with CTDOT*

E-LEARNING OPPORTUNITY

WEBINAR



Safety Matters: ADA Compliance Kit

One of the most popular Safety Circuit Rider Program resources is our [equipment loan program](#). Many of you are familiar with this and have used the ball bank indicators, traffic counters and speed display signs to assist you with traffic safety in your municipalities. Did you know that we also have an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Compliance Toolkit that can be instrumental in helping you determine if your community is accessible to all? The toolkit provides equipment for people to understand the difficulties faced by visually impaired people as well as those who are wheelchair-bound. Anyone who is involved in the planning, design, construction and maintenance of infrastructure in a municipality can experience first-hand the barriers that can be faced if their community is not accessible to all. The toolkit and the information a municipality can gain from using it can also be instrumental in developing an ADA Transition Plan. For more information, [click here](#).



If you have any questions about local road safety concerns, you can contact:
Melissa Evans, Safety Circuit Rider
(860) 486-5847 or melissa.evans@uconn.edu

Become a Connecticut Safety Champion

Some of our Training Topics:

- Low-Cost Safety Improvements
- ADA Self-Assessments and Transition Plans
- Safe Transportation for Every Pedestrian (STEP)
- Speed Management
- Roundabouts in CT
- Sign Installation and Maintenance
- Road Safety Assessments



Connecticut Safety Examples Repository

Web Library of Safety Examples from
Connecticut Municipalities and CTDOT

Countermeasures By Type & By Municipality
Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Enhancements
Planning and Policies
Roadway Improvements



Let us Help!





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