

## Agenda Item Summary

**To:** Policy Board; Transportation Committee

**From:** Michael Cipriano, Senior Transportation Planner

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

**Meeting Date:** June 26, 2024 (Transportation Committee: June 24, 2024)

**Subject:** Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP): Priority Projects

**Background:** The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) invited eligible applicants to submit proposals for projects to be funded under the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Eligible projects included: on-and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, multi-use trail projects, and safe routes to school projects. CRCOG staff received and reviewed seven (7) projects. On June 10, 2024, CRCOG held a Transportation Cost Review Sub-Committee Special Meeting where the municipalities who submitted proposals were given time to present their respective projects. At the conclusion of the municipal presentations, the Committee members ranked the projects based on Committee-approved criteria.

**Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG:** Priority projects, as ranked by the Cost Review Sub-Committee, are in Bloomfield, Simsbury, Hartford, Wethersfield, Glastonbury, and Berlin as well as a contingency project in Mansfield. *Note: While this solicitation assumed the continuation of current funding levels and project eligibility, future legislation will dictate the number and type of projects that will be initiated. Therefore, selection under this solicitation does not guarantee project eligibility or funding.*

**Financial/Operational Impact:** The federal funding allocation for the Hartford Transportation Management Area (TMA) is \$12,695,210, which results in \$15,869,013 of total project funding, inclusive of the required 20% non-federal match. Per an agreement among the Hartford TMA Councils of Government, and with the approval of the CRCOG Transportation Committee, it was anticipated that 75% of this funding would be used for CRCOG projects. However, neither RiverCOG nor NVCOG received projects. As a result, all the Hartford TMA funding will be allocated to CRCOG projects.

**Project Schedule:** Funding will be obligated in Federal Fiscal Years 2026 – 2030.

**Recommendation:** CRCOG Staff recommends approval of the priority projects for submission to CTDOT. The Transportation Committee will provide a recommendation at their meeting on June 24, 2024.

### Attachments:

- Transportation Management Area Project Priority Form

# Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program 2024 New TA Project Solicitation

## **TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT AREA PROJECT PRIORITY FORM**

Prior to filling out this form, the MPO's within the Transportation Management Area (TMA) should meet together to discuss the projects submitted for TA funding and collectively formulate a process to evaluate and determine project priority rankings for the TMA. The concurrence of each MPO Executive Director to the process and the priority rank of each project must be indicated below.

### **1.0 Name of the TMA** (One form is submitted for each TMA with the project applications)

TMA name: **Hartford**

### **2.0 TMA/Urbanized Area MPO's**

List MPO names: **Capitol Region Council of Governments, Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments, Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments**

### **3.0 Municipalities that are submitting projects as part of the solicitation**

List Municipalities: **Berlin, Bloomfield, Glastonbury, Hartford, Mansfield, Simsbury, Wethersfield**

### **4.0 Project Priority Ranking**

The MPO's in the TMA **must** collectively determine the priority ranking for the TA projects being submitted for this 5-year period of solicitation (FFY 2026- FFY 2031). Please indicate Project #1 as the TMA's highest priority rank with the #2 and #3 projects to follow in descending priority order. Additional priority ranking beyond #3 can occur if funding allows. **Please be advised if this form is not completed and projects are not ranked, the applications will be deemed incomplete and returned to the TMA/MPO.**

Has the TMA/ MPOs met to priority rank the projects listed below?  Yes  No

***\*\*The following priority ranking is based on anticipated TA Set-Aside funding levels from the new federal transportation bill for the Hartford TMA and a sub-regional allocation of TMA TA Set-Aside funds agreed to by CRCOG, NVCOG, and RiverCOG. This priority ranking may be modified by mutual consent of the Hartford TMA MPOs if the actual appropriation of TA Set-Aside funds to the Hartford TMA is different from the currently anticipated funding level.***

Project #1: **Bloomfield Greenway - Bloomfield**

Project #2: **Tariffville Greenway - Simsbury**

Project #3: **Hampton Street: Slow Street and Bicycle Boulevard – Hartford**

Project #4: **Wethersfield Sidewalk Gap Closure Project - Wethersfield**

Project #5: **Hebron Avenue Sidewalk Installation and Multi-Use Path Rehabilitation – Glastonbury**

Project #6: **Safe Routes to School Project - Berlin**

***In the event that projects #1 - #6 are unable to move forward, we off the following contingency project:***

CRCOG Contingency Project #1: **Southern Gateway Pedestrian Improvements - Mansfield**

**5.0 MPO concurrence with project priority rankings**

The undersigned agrees with the project priority ranking above.

MPO name: **Capitol Region Council of Governments**

*Signature of the MPO's Executive Director* \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MPO name: **Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments**

*Signature of the MPO's Executive Director* \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MPO name: **Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments**

*Signature of the MPO's Executive Director* \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_