

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board; Transportation Committee

From: Michael Cipriano, Senior Transportation Planner

CC: Matt Hart, Executive Director

Caitlin Palmer, Director of Regional Planning and Development

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

Subject: Resolution: Capitol Region Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network Plan

Background: CRCOG, in coordination with CTDOT and the region's 38 member municipalities, is initiating a study to develop a Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Network Plan. The study is intended to identify regionally significant gaps in the bicycle and pedestrian network, and aims to create facilities that are either off-road, or physically separated from vehicular traffic. The study will build off previous efforts such as the Capitol Region Complete Streets Plan and East Coast Gap Closure Study. This resolution will allow Matt Hart on behalf of CRCOG to execute an agreement with the consulting firm found most qualified to assist CRCOG in the development of this plan.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The study intends to benefit both recreational and utility users while serving CRCOG communities in identifying active transportation arterials that connect to local bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure.

Financial/Operational Impact: CRCOG's Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP) for FY2024-2025 has allotted \$400,000 for the completion of this plan, including for the contracting of a Consultant.

Project Schedule: Once a consultant is under contract, the study is expected to take about 18 months to complete.

Recommendation: CRCOG Staff recommend approval.

Attachments:

- Resolution

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

FOR EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MOST QUALIFIED CONSULTANT FOR THE CAPITOL REGION BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY NETWORK PLAN

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Hartford metropolitan area, is required by federal regulations to conduct a continuing and comprehensive transportation planning program, and

WHEREAS, the Federal funds are made available through the Connecticut Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, CRCOG identified the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network Plan within its Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP) for FY2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, CRCOG has conducted a qualifications-based selection process and identified the consulting firm Toole Design as the most qualified to assist CRCOG in the development of the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that CRCOG's Executive Director, Matt Hart, is authorized to act on behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments in negotiating, executing, and amending all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments with Toole Design for the purpose of completing the Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Network Plan.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board at its meeting held on June 26, 2024.

BY: _____ DATE: _____

Jason Bowsza, Secretary