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To: Policy Board
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Subject: STP-Enhancement Program – Project Rankings, Staff Recommendation

The Transportation Committee is scheduled to act on the CRCOG Staff recommendations for prioritizing STP-Enhancement Projects at its January 23rd meeting. Two days later, you will be asked to act on the Transportation Committee recommendations at the January 25th Policy Board meeting. Details of the STP-Enhancement solicitation, prioritization, and Staff Recommendations are included below.

Per recent ConnDOT policy, CRCOG was requested to solicit for up to three (3) STP-Enhancement projects totaling up to \$3,070,220 in federal funds for inclusion in FFY2013 through FFY2016 programming. The region recently solicited and received five (5) candidate projects from municipalities.

At the Thursday, January 5, 2012 special meeting of the Transportation Committee, the STP-Enhancement projects were presented and Committee members ranked each project. The final ranking for each proposal was calculated by averaging the individual rankings given to the proposal by Committee members. Table 1 summarizes the results in order of priority based on their average ranking.

Table 1: STP-Enhancement Project Ranking Results

Priority Ranking	Town	Project	Project Cost		Average Project Ranking
			Total	Federal	
1	West Hartford	Trout Brook Multi-Use Trail (Phase 2)	\$836,000	\$668,800	2.1
2	Bloomfield	Bloomfield Greenway Section 1: Phases B & C	\$1,212,000	\$881,600	2.8
3	Manchester	South Main Street (Rt 83) Enhancements	\$1,116,010	\$892,808	3.0
4	Rocky Hill	Streetscape Improvements: Silas Deane Highway (Rt 99) and Elm St/Glastonbury Ave (Rt 160)	\$1,698,111	\$1,358,489	3.1
5	Enfield	Northgate Streetscape Improvements (Rt 5)	\$1,019,146	\$815,315	4.1

Staff Recommendation

The total cost for the top three (3) ranked STP-Enhancement projects is approximately \$784,000 (\$627,000 federal) short of the region's FFY2013 - FFY2016 allocation. Not considering the three project limit, the fourth ranked project could only be partially funded using the shortfall.

In order to fully expend the region's STP-Enhancement allocated funding, it is CRCOG staff's recommendation that the Bloomfield, Manchester, and Rocky Hill projects be selected for funding under the STP-Enhancement program, and that the West Hartford STP-Enhancement project be funded by including it in the STP-Urban program.