

Project Selection & Programming

Special emphasis on

ARRA & STP Urban

MPO Certification Review

July 14, 2009

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Management of programs like STP Urban is a priority

- We devote 1-2 staff members to these activities
- Our long-term commitment has given us the experience & skills needed to select, program, & manage project advancement to construction
- We also have a core of town engineers experienced in designing & managing federal projects
- This experience was extremely valuable for meeting ARRA programming requirements

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Prior to Endorsement by President Obama:

- CRCOG researched legislation
- Determined potential legislative stipulations:
 - 120-day advertising limitation
 - Best case / Worst case financials
- Conducted municipal project solicitation
 - “Shovel-ready” : design plans
 - permits in place
 - meet federal design standards

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"Shovel-ready" Projects

Goal:

Successfully program and spend all available monies meeting legislative requirements (Title 23) and time-frames

Approach:

- Consider projects that require minimal DOT review time and no permits (i.e. milling and paving projects)
- Consider projects that have semi-final / final plans developed
- Consider town's experience and ability to deliver

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Approach (continued):

- Solicit input from ConnDOT officials (Project Concept and Consultant Design)
- Develop short-list of recommended projects for Transportation Committee / Policy Board endorsement

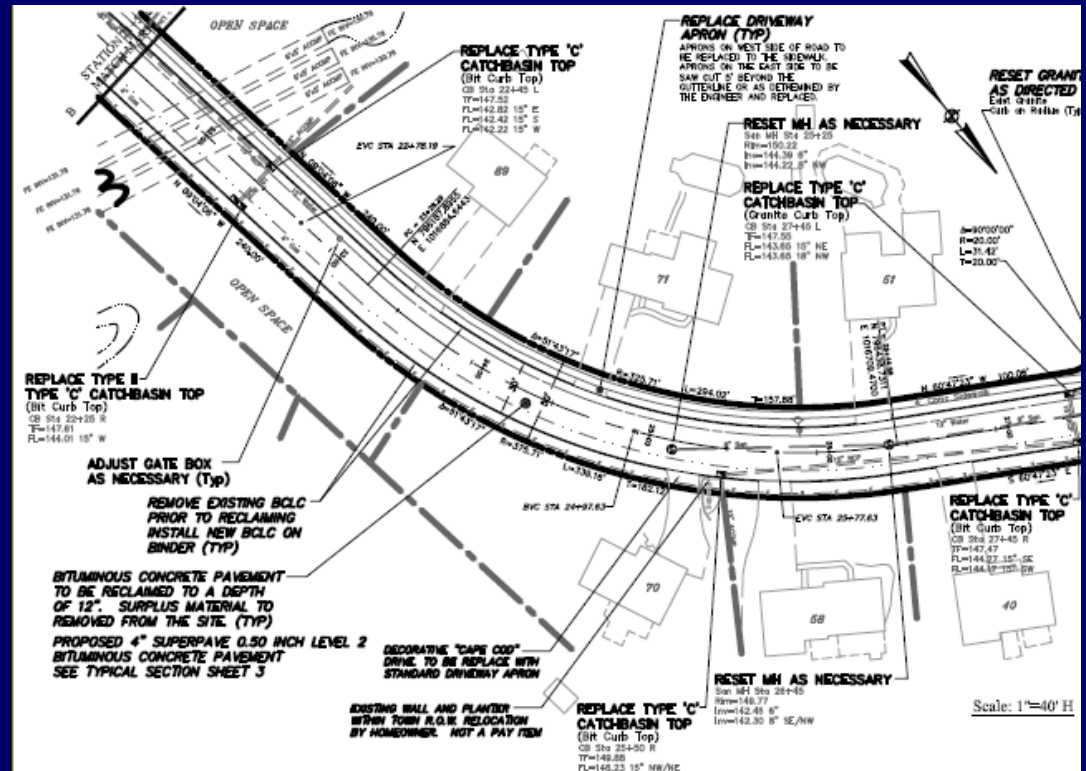
Candidate Projects for Economic Stimulus Program - Capitol Region		
Ranking By Category	Town / Agency	Project Name
Group 1 - Recommended Transit Projects (Shovel-Ready)		
1	GHTD	Union Station Elevator ADA Upgrade - Replacement of three passenger elevators and two hydraulic systems, replacement will ensure ADA compliance
2	GHTD	Lighting Replacement at Union Station - Includes lighting replacement along Spruce Street and the Asylum St entrance to Union Station
Group 2 - Recommended Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects (Shovel-Ready)		
1	Canton	Farmington River Trail Phase III
2	West Hartford	Quaker Lane Sidewalks
Group 3 - Recommended Roadway Projects (Shovel-Ready)		
1	Manchester	Buckland Hills Drive / Hale Road Pavement Rehab
2	South Windsor	Buckland Road Pavement Rehabilitation Phase 2
3	Windsor	Day Hill Road Pavement Rehabilitation
4	Rocky Hill	Old Main St pavement rehabilitation
Group 4 - Potentially Ready (Undergoing further review by CRCOG staff)		
Arranged Alphabetically	East Hartford	Arterial Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project
	Enfield	Proj. 48-189 Freshwater/Cranbrook Safety Improv. (Move from LRAR Program)
	Farmington	Middle Road reconstruction and drainage
	Glastonbury	Main Street (North) Pavement Rehabilitation
	Hartford	Pope Commons Streetscape
	Hartford	Arterial Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project
	Newington	Fenn Road Pavement Rehabilitation (7,200 lf)
	Newington	Proj. 93-169 Pavement Rehab. Church & Kelsey Sts (Move from STP Urban Program)
	Suffield	Proj. 139-106 Suffield St. Bridge over Stony Brook (Move from Local Bridge Program)
	Wethersfield	Goff Road pavement rehabilitation and drainage
Group 5 - Projects Requiring Additional Design Development		
Arranged Alphabetically	Avon	Arch Road / Darling Drive Connector
	Bloomfield	Woodland Avenue Reconstruction
	Bolton	East Coast Greenway
	Ellington	Pinney Road Reconstruction
	Enfield	Weymouth Road Reconstruction
	Granby	Granby Center Pedestrian Improvement Project
	Marlborough	Reconstruction of North Main Street
	Simsbury	Tariffville Connection - Farmington Valley / East Coast Greenway
	Tolland	Old Stafford Road
	Vernon	Prospect Street and Gaynor Street
	Windsor Locks	Improvements to the Route 20 / Route 75 Intersection

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Project Advancement:

- Provide Project Concept Unit with project details immediately (PCI data, PS&E) for their processing
- Partnership and commitment

- ➔ Manchester
- ➔ Rocky Hill
- ➔ South Windsor
- ➔ Windsor
- ➔ ConnDOT
- ➔ CRCOG



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Project Advancement (continued):

- Held joint meetings between ConnDOT and municipal ARRA towns to discuss:

Reporting Requirements

Contracts

Inspection

- CRCOG Project Monitoring / Website Updates

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

- [State of Connecticut Recovery Webpage](#)
- [Federal Recovery.gov](#)
- [National Association of Regional Councils Webpage](#)
- [Federal Highway Administration Webpage](#)
- [Federal Transit Administration Webpage](#)
- [Connecticut Department of Transportation Webpage](#)
- [City of Hartford Webpage](#)

- [Federal Stimulus Resources](#)
- [Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#), prepared by the Office of Senator Christopher J. Dodd, February 2009
- [ARRA Grants Guidebook](#) from the Office of the Speaker of the House

CRCOG TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

Latest information:

The Capitol Region is slated to receive approximately \$17.5 million under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for transportation projects. CRCOG has worked closely with Transportation Committee members and alternates over the past few weeks to evaluate numerous transportation projects as they relate to project readiness and project merit. A total of 7 ARRA projects, in the towns of Canton, East Hartford, Hartford, Manchester, Rocky Hill, South Windsor and Windsor, have been endorsed by CRCOG's Policy Board.

- [Link to information on specific projects](#)

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February / March 2009

(following endorsement by President Obama)

Researched legislation (~\$17.6M; 1-yr to program)

Established Project Selection Process

- ✓ Project Readiness
- ✓ Project Merit

Allowed towns an opportunity to present their project to Subcommittee

Projects where rated and ranked

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The Results....

Able to fund an additional 2.8 projects

Identified 'Backup' projects and evaluated other funding source options

<i>Town</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>ARRA \$</i>	<i>Potential STP-Urban \$</i>
<i>Supplemental ARRA Projects Approved by CRCOG's Policy Board March 25, 2009</i>			
Hartford	Pope Commons Streetscape	\$3,565,000	\$0
East Hartford	Arterial Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project	\$2,260,000	\$0
Canton	Farmington River Trail Phase III	\$1,800,000	\$400,000
		\$7,625,000	
<i>"Backup" Projects Approved by CRCOG's Policy Board March 25, 2009</i>			
Farmington	Middle Road Reconstruction and Drainage		\$3,030,000
Vernon	Phoenix Street Bridge		\$1,125,000
Wethersfield	Goff Road Pavement Rehabilitation and Drainage		\$1,520,000
Suffield	Suffield Street Bridge over Stony Brook		\$2,421,000

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**Status... All 7 Projects are Advancing
Bids are lower than estimated**

<i>Town</i>	<i>Project Description</i>	<i>Estimated Project Cost</i>	<i>ARRA Monies</i>	<i>STP-Urban Monies</i>	<i>Construction Start Date</i>	<i>Low Bid</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Rocky Hill	Mill and overlay Old Main St from Glastonbury Ave to south of Goff Brook	\$1,952,000	\$1,952,000	\$0	July 2009	\$840,702	Advertised 5/30/09 Pre-Bid Conference 6/10/09 Bids Open 6/24/09
South Windsor	Mill and overlay Buckland Rd from Manchester town line to 4,400 feet north	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$0	Sept / Oct 2009	TBD	Advancing Advertising 8/26/09
Windsor	Mill and overlay Day Hill Road from Blue Hills Avenue to 1,900 feet east	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000	\$0	October 2009	TBD	Advancing Advertising 9/9/09
Manchester	Mill and overlay Buckland Hills Dr & Hale Rd between Buckland St & Deming St	\$3,410,000	\$3,410,000	\$0	October 2009	TBD	Advancing Advertising 9/9/09
Hartford	Pope Commons Streetscape	\$3,565,000	\$3,565,000	\$0	Fall 2009 / Spring 2010	TBD	Advancing Advertising 8/26/09
East Hartford	Mill and overlay Main Street, School Street and Tolland Street	\$2,260,000	\$2,260,000	\$0	Spring 2010	TBD	Meetings with ConnDOT held 4/14/09 and 5/12/09; Public meeting held 6/11/09
Canton	Farmington River Trail Phase III	\$2,200,000	\$1,800,000	\$400,000	October 2009	TBD	Advancing Advertising 9/9/09

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Discussion