

Coordination with other Hartford MPOs: CCRPA & MRPA

The Central CT Regional Planning Agency and Midstate Regional Planning Agency are the two other MPOs in the Hartford metropolitan area. We meet once or twice a year with them to discuss general coordination issues. We also meet with them more frequently on specific issues or projects of mutual concern, such as the ones discussed below.

Issue or Project in Common	Affected MPOs	Comment
ITS & Incident Management	CRCOG, CCRPA, MRPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three agencies support a common program for ITS & incident management • The Greater Hartford Incident Management Steering Committee (now called RESF-1) is a joint program of all 3 agencies. • All three agencies participated in the Capitol Region ITS architecture study. • The Capitol Region ITS Plan extends into MRPA and CCRPA to cover major freeway routes in those regions.
Congestion Management Process	CRCOG, CCRPA, MRPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three agencies support a common CMP for the Hartford metropolitan area. • The first congestion and traffic monitoring report was published in 2007.
Jobs Access	CRCOG, CCRPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRCOG and CCRPA support a common jobs access program. They serve on the same taskforce that manages the jobs access program that covers most of the Hartford metro area. • The agencies meet regularly as part of the Jobs Access Taskforce to manage the program services and budget. • MRPA participates in the New Haven area jobs access program since program boundaries are based on the CT Dept of Social Service regions, which are not based on metro areas.
Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan	CRCOG, CCRPA, MRPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three agencies support the development of a single plan for the entire metro area. The Plan was completed in 2007 and is now being updated. We solicit New Freedom projects jointly.
Freight Planning	CRCOG, CCRPA, MRPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All three agencies worked together on the freight planning study undertaken by CRCOG. CCRPA and MRPA were members of the Freight Planning Advisory Committee. • CCRPA & MRPA attended a freight planning workshop at CRCOG.
New Britain Busway	CRCOG, CCRPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The New Britain Busway is endorsed in the transportation plans of both agencies, and both agencies actively participate in joint planning activities with one another and the State DOT. • More recently, both agencies have had discussions about the Waterbury-Hartford Rail proposal and how that might affect the New Britain Busway project.

NHHS Commuter Rail	CRCOG, CCRPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRCOG and CCRPA both support this proposal & both participate on the advisory committee for the State’s NHHS commuter study.
STP Urban & Transit Enhancement	CRCOG, CCRPA, MRPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The three agencies coordinate the use and expenditure of STP Urban funds and transit enhancement funds.
Farmington Canal Multi-Use Trail	CRCOG, CCRPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRCOG and CCRPA both endorse this trail, and both work with their affected towns to advance funding for this trail that will extend from New Haven to Northampton, MA.

Coordination with Springfield MPO: PVPC

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission is the MPO for the Springfield MA area. Since the Springfield region abuts the Capitol Region, we have many common concerns. We meet on an annual basis (and on special occasions as needed) to review our planning programs and projects of mutual interest such as those listed below.

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Southern New England Transportation Issues	CRCOG, PVPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The executive directors of both agencies regularly consult with one another regarding transportation issues of importance to both regions and all of southern New England. Examples include co-sponsoring a summit on New England transportation problems and needs and on reauthorization of SAFETEA.
Transit	CRCOG, PVPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We sat on the consultant selection committee for PVPC’s transit study. • We coordinated with PVPC on a study of transit service between Springfield, MA and Enfield, CT • PVPC and CRCOG worked with Congressman Olver and Congressman Larson to change federal legislation to allow New Britain busway to proceed without delay due to HSR designation.
Commuter Rail	CRCOG, PVPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We regularly consult with PVPC regarding the New Haven – Hartford - Springfield rail project. • We coordinated with PVPC on the federal designation of the NHHS rail corridor as a High Speed Rail corridor. • At PVPC’s request, we testified at a special MA state hearing on transportation issues in western MA. We spoke about the NHHS Rail project. • We attended meetings on PVPC high speed rail study (New Haven to Boston). • We reviewed the proposed scope of work and served on the consultant selection panel for PVPC’s commuter rail study (New Haven to White River Junction, VT.)

Farmington Canal Trail	CRCOG, PVPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CRCOG and PVPC both endorse this trail, and both work with their affected towns to advance funding for this trail that will extend from New Haven to Northampton, MA.• We coordinate with PVPC on the completion of the Farmington Canal Greenway in the border towns of Suffield and Southwick.
Freight	CRCOG, PVPC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PVPC was included in our freight planning study as a member of the Advisory Board, and as a technical resource, since they had previously undertaken a similar study.• CRCOG participated in PVPC's Merrick rail yard study meeting as a member of their advisory committee.• PVPC attended a freight planning workshop at CRCOG.