

Agenda Item Summary

To: CRCOG Policy Board, CRCOG Transportation Committee

From: Kyle Shiel, Principal Planner

CC: Matt Hart, Executive Director

Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation

Meeting Date: September 18, 2024 (Transportation Committee: September 16, 2024)

Subject: Resolution: Regional Warehousing Land Use & Traffic Study

Background: CRCOG is initiating a Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study to help municipal and regional policymakers better understand the challenges and opportunities presented by growth in e-commerce and associated warehousing and distribution/logistics centers in the Capitol Region. The study will help provide critical data for assembling appropriate policy responses for transportation, land use planning, and economic development professionals. This resolution will allow CRCOG's Executive Director to execute an agreement with the selected consulting firm identified through the qualification-based selection process.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The study intends to assist member municipalities better understand the challenges and opportunities presented by the growth in e-commerce and associated logistics and warehousing centers. The study will include a best practice guide for municipalities considering such development proposals and will include recommendations to promote consistency across the region for the regulation and enforcement of agreements and design/building standards.

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

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

Recommendation: CRCOG staff recommend approval. The Transportation Committee will provide a recommendation at its meeting on September 16, 2024.

Attachments:

- Authorizing Resolution for Execution of an Agreement for the Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

**FOR EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE REGIONAL
WAREHOUSING LAND USE AND TRAFFIC STUDY**

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, federal transportation planning funds are made available through the Connecticut Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG identified the Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study 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 WSP as the most qualified to assist CRCOG in the development of the Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that CRCOG’s Executive Director, Matthew 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 WSP for the purpose of completing the Regional Warehousing Land Use and Traffic Study.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board at its meeting held on September 18, 2024.

BY: _____ DATE: _____

Jason Bowsza, Secretary