

Agenda Item Summary

To: Policy Board; Transportation Committee

From: Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning
Cara Radzins Deputy Director of Transportation Planning

CC: Matt Hart, Executive Director

Meeting Date: December 17, 2025 (Transportation Committee: December 15, 2025)

Subject: Authorizing Resolution: Execution of an Agreement for the Development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Background: Each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to maintain a long-range (20+ year) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which provides an overview of the anticipated major transportation improvements and investments within the region. The MTP must be updated every four years in conformance with federal transportation regulations. CRCOG staff will utilize consultant assistance to develop the 2055 MTP in order to address comments from CRCOG's federal certification review, ensure robust public and stakeholder outreach, and incorporate performance measures.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The MTP outlines a long-range vision for transportation improvements in the region. This plan is a requirement for CRCOG's role as an MPO, which allows CRCOG to receive federal transportation funding.

Financial/Operational Impact: This effort will cost up to \$350,000, comprised of \$130,000 in federal transportation planning (PL) funds and \$220,000 from CRCOG's Regional Fund.

Project Schedule: A Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for consultant assistance will be released in early 2026. The MTP must be finalized and approved by CRCOG's Policy Board by April 5, 2027.

Recommendation: CRCOG Staff recommend approval of the attached resolution. The Transportation Committee will make a recommendation at their meeting.

Attachments:

- Authorizing Resolution: Execution of an Agreement for the Development of the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
FOR APPROVAL OF THE USE OF REGIONAL FUNDS AND
EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE
2055 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

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

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration provide federal funds for CRCOG through the Connecticut Department of Transportation to conduct such a program, and

WHEREAS, CRCOG identified the development of its 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) within its FY2026-2027 Unified Planning Work Program, and

WHEREAS, CRCOG has budgeted \$130,000 of federal transportation planning (PL) funding towards the \$350,000 needed for consultant assistance to develop the 2055 MTP including addressing comments from CRCOG’s federal certification review, ensuring robust public and stakeholder outreach, and incorporating performance measures, and

WHEREAS, CRCOG staff will conduct a qualifications-based selection process to identify the most qualified consultant to assist in the development of the 2055 MTP;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CRCOG’s Executive Director, Matthew W. 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 the selected consultant, including the use of up to \$220,000 from CRCOG’s Regional Fund to augment federal funding, for the purpose of developing the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board at its meeting held on December 17, 2025.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Jason Bowsza, Secretary