

Priority Pathways Plan:

A Bicycle and Pedestrian Network for the Capitol Region

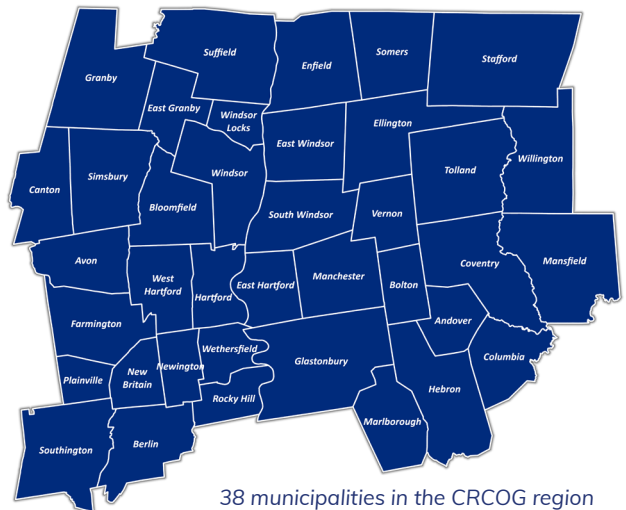


Project Overview

The Priority Pathways Plan builds off existing bicycle and pedestrian plans and policies to develop a robust and comprehensive regional network and implementation plan for the Capitol Region Council of Government's (CRCOG) 38 municipalities. The network will identify gaps in existing infrastructure for people walking and bicycling, improve connections to the most popular destinations, and outline infrastructure recommendations for people who need to and choose to ride or walk. Considerations include:

- Where are you already walking and bicycling in the region?
- Where are you likely to walk and bike in the region?
- Which groups or communities would see the greatest impact of more bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in their communities?
- Where can bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure be improved and/or strengthened to increase safety and comfort?

Community input informs this plan to ensure the network serves all users (utility, transportation, and recreational). The project team seeks ideas and suggestions on regional destinations, new or revised policies for consideration, and recommendations for infrastructure priorities and investments.



38 municipalities in the CRCOG region

Timeline

Phase 1: Listen & Learn (Now - Summer 2025)

We're collecting data and speaking with you! We will be conducting walk audits, holding public meetings, and hosting pop-ups at different community events across the region.

Phase 2: Plan & Propose (Summer - Fall 2025)

Using the existing conditions data and what we've learned from you, we will draft an initial plan for a regional bicycle and pedestrian network.

Phase 3: Amend & Finalize (Winter 2025 - 2026)

We will share the network plan with the community for comments at public meetings and events. Based on your feedback, the plan will be updated and finalized.



Relevant Plans and Studies

CRCOG is working on two additional plans that may feed into the Priority Pathways. The **Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study** (in Simsbury, Bloomfield, Hartford, and East Hartford) is identifying locations for closing the remaining 12 miles of a 3,000-mile route that extends from Florida to Maine, and passes through the Capitol Region.

The **CRCOG Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP)** Update kicked off in 2024 with funding from the US DOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant. Aligning the Safety Plan with the USDOT federal requirements will allow for future implementation funding opportunities (such as projects that are recommended by Priority Pathways).

Other efforts relevant to Priority Pathways include the **Complete Streets Plan** and the **Greater Hartford Mobility Study**.

Get Involved!

Visit <https://crocog.org/priority-pathways/> or scan the below QR code to follow along for project updates, upcoming public meetings, and pop-ups throughout the region.

To receive these updates directly to your inbox, join the “interested parties” listserv on the project page.

