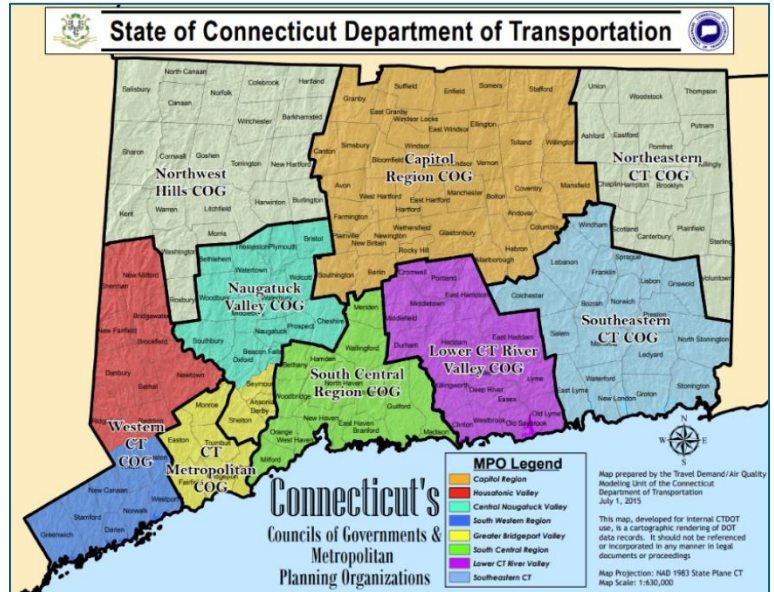


MPO 101

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Metro Hartford region. But **what is an MPO?**

MPOs were established in 1962 to give elected officials more input into transportation planning. Their formation was largely a response to the construction of the Interstate Highway System and the planning of routes through and around urban areas. Connecticut has assigned the responsibilities of MPOs to its Regional Councils of Governments (COGs). As shown in the map, seven COGs undertake the responsibilities of eight MPOs.

MPOs are responsible for carrying out federal requirements related to transportation planning and the programming of federal transportation funds. CRCOG's Policy Board, consisting of our 38 Chief Elected Officials or their designees, plus a representative from each of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and the Greater Hartford Transit District (GHTD) are the MPO's voting members.



What Do MPOs Do?

- Provide local entities with a voice in programming federal transportation funds
- Develop regional transportation plans, allocate funds, coordinate planning efforts, and set performance targets
- Follow a continuing, collaborative, and comprehensive (3C) planning process
- Establish a clear transportation vision and goals
- Program transportation projects in conformance with established goals
- Convene and coordinate with Local, State, and Federal agencies on transportation interests

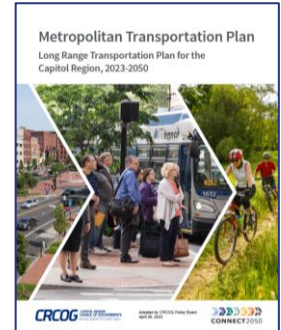
No single agency is solely responsible for constructing, operating, or maintaining the entire transportation system. Therefore, MPOs are tasked with actively engaging all relevant stakeholders in the transportation planning process. This includes members of the public, municipal leaders, State and Federal agencies, and other interested parties.

The next page highlights CRCOG's core plans and how you can contact us!

CRCOG's Core Plans

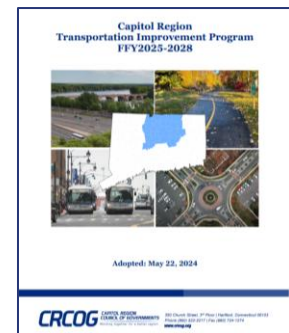
Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

- Establishes a long-term transportation (20+year) vision
- Identifies major projects and regional goals
- Revenues and costs must balance
- Must meet air quality conformity standards
- Updated every four years



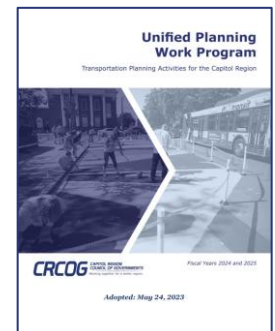
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- List of projects using federal funding during current TIP cycle
- Contains MPO and CTDOT priorities/programming
- Includes project funding and scheduling information
- Must be consistent with the MTP and air quality standards
- Updated every four years



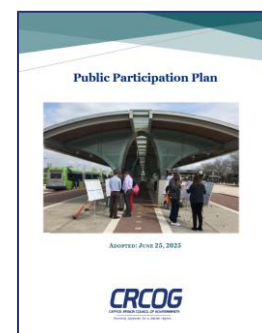
Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

- Outlines planning and programming work tasks for MPO staff
- Includes details about MPO funded studies
- Summarizes federal transportation planning financials
- Used to evaluate MPO performance
- Updated every two years



Public Participation Plan (PPP)

- Serves as a guide for citizens to engage in transportation planning and decision-making processes
- Describes procedures to ensure all members of the public have access to information
- Provides CRCOG staff with direction on required actions and timelines for public outreach and meaningful public engagement
- Updated every four to five years



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