

Agenda Item Summary

To: CRCOG Policy Board; CRCOG Transportation Committee

From: Caitlin Palmer, Director of Regional Planning & Development

CC: Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning

Meeting Date: January 27, 2026 (Transportation Committee: January 26, 2026)

Subject: Endorsement of the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study Final Report

Background: This study was initiated by the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) with a kickoff meeting in February 2023 to identify a feasible route alignment to close the “gaps” in the East Coast Greenway (ECG) between Simsbury, Bloomfield, Hartford, and East Hartford, Connecticut. The study area for this project was an estimated 12-mile gap in the ECG between the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FCHT) in Simsbury to the Charter Oak Greenway in East Hartford. The study was conducted in collaboration with the study's Advisory Committee that included the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (CT DEEP), East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA), representatives from each study area community, iQuilt, National Park Service (NPS), and Riverfront Recapture and included other stakeholder coordination. The Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study results in one Preferred Alignment and includes conceptual design, renderings, and cost estimates. Study deliverables will allow for segments to seamlessly progress into design and construction following the conclusion of this study.

The Draft Final Report was published in June 2025 and presented to the Transportation Committee, acting as Policy Board, at their July meeting. During the 53-day public comment period, which closed on August 15, 2025, the Study was made available on the CRCOG website, sent to stakeholders and interested parties, advertised along trails with “yard signs,” shared at seven “pop-up” community events throughout the study area, presented to municipal Planning & Zoning Commissions in Hartford and East Hartford, and an in-person information session was held in Hartford as well as a virtual information session. Minor public comments were received during the public comment period as well as several additional CTDOT comments, which were integrated as applicable. The Bloomfield Town Council was presented to and endorsed the Study at their meeting on August 25, 2025, East Hartford Town Council on September 2, 2025, and City of Hartford’s Planning, Economic Development, and Housing Committee was presented to on December 16, 2025 and a subsequent approval by City Council on January 12, 2026. Approval by East Hartford Town Council necessitated minor changes to the document to reflect their approval of the alignment except for the proposed culvert under Roberts Street, which they prefer cross at the existing intersection at Roberts Street and Silver Lane. (Note: the alignment for the portion in Simsbury was previously approved by Policy Board on January 24, 2024.)

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: This Study identifies a feasible alignment for a greenway that is a priority of the region and state, which now has consensus of the CTDOT and the study area municipalities. All told, the final preferred alignment represents a 16.75-mile recreational and

utility connection through multiple CRCOG communities and the larger ECG network, extending all the way to Maine and Florida. Nearly all the alignment has been proposed off-road with minimal on-road portions, creating a safe facility for all users regardless of age or ability. Completing the greenway also presents important economic opportunities for development along and in proximity to this major asset.

Financial/Operational Impact: The Study identifies a total project cost of \$78.2 million, which equates to an average cost of \$4.7 million per mile. The Study identifies potential segments to fund this project in phases depending on funding sources and opportunities. When constructed, it is anticipated that municipalities would be responsible for routine maintenance, including snow removal, and CTDOT would be responsible for larger capital costs, as is typical for these types of facilities in other parts of the state.

Project Schedule: November 2022 (contract execution) – January 2026

Recommendation: CRCOG staff recommends endorsement of the Final Report for the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study by the Transportation Committee at its meeting on January 26, 2026 and adoption by the Policy Board at its meeting on January 27, 2026. Once adopted, the report documents will be considered final, and the recommendations therein can be incorporated into future updates of CRCOG’s Metropolitan Transportation Plan and other planning documents. The Transportation Committee will make a recommendation at their meeting.

Attachment:

- Resolution for Endorsement of the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study
- Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study – Final Plan (to be posted on the [study website](#) prior to Transportation Committee meeting on January 26, 2026)
- Bloomfield Town Council Resolution
- East Hartford Town Council Resolution
- Hartford City Council Resolution

RESOLUTION

FOR ENDORSEMENT OF THE CAPITOL REGION EAST COAST GREENWAY STUDY

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments worked with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), Town of Simsbury, Town of Bloomfield, City of Hartford, Town of East Hartford, and other stakeholders to undertake the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study; and

WHEREAS, the study identifies a feasible, predominantly off-road alignment through the study area that will close the gap in a priority greenway of the Capitol Region and State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, the study identifies a total of 16.75 miles of trail to be completed – excluding the proposed construction and efforts related to the Joe Marfuggi Riverwalk by others – and includes a variety of trail types through parks and “rail with trail”, creates connections to destinations and neighborhoods, and creates opportunities for economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Study Advisory Committee, which included representatives from CTDOT, CT DEEP, East Coast Greenway Alliance (ECGA), each study area community, iQuilt, National Park Service (NPS), and Riverfront Recapture, met throughout the study to provide input; and

WHEREAS, the public had opportunities to offer input via a study website and interactive maps, information meetings and other presentations, Advisory Committee meetings, newsletters and e-blasts, community “pop-up” events, and a 53-day comment period on the Draft Study Report; and

WHEREAS, the Bloomfield Town Council, Hartford City Council, and East Hartford Town Council have reviewed the study, found its recommendations to be reasonable, and accepted the effort, and any comments and conditions of approval have been suitably incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the recommendations for Simsbury were previously approved by the Town of Simsbury Board of Selectman and adopted by the CRCOG Policy Board in January 2024; and

WHEREAS, the CRCOG Transportation Committee has reviewed the study, has found its recommendations to be reasonable, and has endorsed the effort;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Capitol Region Council of Governments does hereby endorse the recommendations of the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study as described in the Final Report. Furthermore, study documents may be marked FINAL and dated January 2026, and study recommendations may henceforth be incorporated into agency planning documents.

CERTIFICATE

I certify the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Policy Board at its meeting held on January 27, 2026.

BY: _____ DATE: _____
Rodney Fournier, Secretary

Memorandum

To: Angelica Candelaria, Interim Town Clerk
CC: Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager
Sharron Howe, Deputy Town Manager
Andrew Crumbie, Town Attorney
From: India M. Rodgers, Clerk of Council
Date: August 26, 2025
Re: **REVISED** - Approved Town Council Motions – August 25, 2025

Hi Angelica:

Here are the approved motions and votes taken at the last Town Council Meeting held August 25, 2025:

Mr. Alvin D. Schwapp, Jr., Town Manager, opened the meeting and called for a vote for the Election of Mayor.

ELECTION OF MAYOR

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Councilor Merritt to elect Anthony C. Harrington as the Mayor for the Town of Bloomfield for remaining Council term ending November 2025.

VOTE: AYE: A. Harrington, C. Lloyd, M. Oliver, T. Cooper, J. Merritt, E. Waterhouse
 NAY: S. Mahon
 ABSTAIN: None

The motion passes, 6-0-1.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councilor Waterhouse, seconded by Councilor Merritt and Oliver, and voted unanimously to elect Cindi A. Lloyd as the Deputy Mayor for the Town of Bloomfield for remaining Council term ending November 2025.

VOTE: AYE: A. Harrington, C. Lloyd, M. Oliver, , J. Merritt, E. Waterhouse
 NAY: S. Mahon
 ABSTAIN: T. Cooper

The motion passes, 5-1-1.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

FY 2026-08: Consider and Possible Action on Resolution regarding Municipal Approval of the East Coast Greenway Study

It was moved by Councilor Merritt, seconded by Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution regarding Municipal Approval of the East Coast Greenway Study (see attached).

FY 2026-09: Consider and Take Action regarding Appointments to the Economic Development Commission/Development Authority (EDC/DA)

It was moved by Councilor Merritt and seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd and voted unanimously to appoint the following individuals to the Economic Development Commission/Development Authority (EDC/DA):

- Vivian Nabeta, (D) 264 Duncaster Road
- Tricia Martin, (R), 6 Sweetbrier Rd, Granby, CT (Bloomfield Business owner)

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded Councilor Waterhouse and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), and many municipalities within Connecticut have been working to complete the East Coast Greenway (ECG) through the region; and

WHEREAS, the ECG in Connecticut is part of a larger 3,000-mile off-road vision stretching from Florida to Maine that collectively hosts 50 million rides, runs, and walks annually for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG initiated the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study (CRECG Study) in November 2022 to complete a planning study to identify the preferred alignment for the off-road ECG route through the communities of Bloomfield, Hartford, and East Hartford where there is a combined, estimated 12-mile gap in off-road greenway facilities; and

WHEREAS, the CRCOG Study builds off prior planning efforts in the Town of Bloomfield, such as the “Bloomfield Cross Town Trail Study” and the “Bloomfield Greenway: Cross-Town Bicycle/Pedestrian Connectivity Project”; and

WHEREAS, the CRCOG Study recommends a 6.2-mile route consisting of new multi-use shared paths, rail-with-trail segments, and sidepaths as well as key connections to other bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and destinations; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG has provided various opportunities for residents and stakeholders to submit feedback and attend information meetings during a 45-day public comment period; and

WHEREAS, following local endorsement and approval by the CRCOG Policy Board, stakeholders can use the Study deliverables to more readily identify and apply for funding opportunities to implement the route recommendations detailed within the Study; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Town Council hereby approves the recommendations of the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study for the Preferred Alignment through the Town of Bloomfield.

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EAST HARTFORD TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

2025 SEP -5 AM 9:49

September 2, 2025

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

PRESENT Chair Richard F. Kehoe, Vice Chair Don Bell Jr., Majority Leader Sebrina Wilson, Minority Leader John Morrison, Councilors Angie Parkinson, Travis Simpson (via Teams), Thomas Rup, Awet Tsegai, and Harry Amadasun Jr.

ABSENT

ALSO Mayor Connor S. Martin
PRESENT Ekaterine Tchelidze, Chief of Staff (via Teams)
Laurence Burnsed, Director of Health and Human Services
Sarah Morgran, Library Director (via Teams)
Steve Hnatuk, Deputy Development Director
Caitlin Palmer, Director of Regional Planning and Development, CRCOG
Newt Brainard, Vice President, Acquisitions and Development, The Simon Konover Company
Kristine Victor Nelson, Assistant Vice President, Acquisitions and Development, The Simon Konover Company (via Teams)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kehoe called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. The Chair stated that this meeting was also available to the public through the "Teams" platform.

The Chair announced the exit locations in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes §29-381, after which the Council joined him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Martin wished all a good evening and provided the following updates:

- The ribbon cutting for the rebranded East Hartford Community Center was well attended.
The Community Center now houses the Town-operated food pantry which recently opened and has had a number of residents use the service.
- The Town has installed secure AED boxes at 10 different locations in partnership with the Board of Education. The boxes have access to Narcan and "Stop the Bleed" kits. Residents who call 911 in an emergency will be provided with a code for access and instructions on proper use of the items available.
- A breach of contract notice has been sent to SiFi Networks. At this point the Town will move forward to terminate the contract and seek reimbursement for damages to property that has not been fixed. No town dollars were used in the SiFi project.
- The Rivermeade Housing Development has completed installation of two new fire service lines and two hydrants along High Street to service the neighborhood.

- A final shared services draft report with the City of Hartford has been completed. The report lists a number of opportunities for shared programs and staff positions that can provide for improved services.
- As of September 7th, Town Hall's pilot hours will become permanent. Town Hall will have extended hours until 5:30 pm on Thursdays and close at 12:30 pm on Fridays.
- The Summer Meals program has distributed over 33,000 meals over the summer through several school sites, parks and summer camps to East Hartford residents. The program is in partnership with the Board of Education, Sodexo, Foodshare, the USDA, and the CT Dept. of Education.
- An engineering and design contract for the McCartin School development project has been awarded to Freeman Companies.
- The Town has met with Antinozzi Associates to update drawings based on the new scope of renovations to the Veterans' Memorial Clubhouse. The project will then be put out to bid in the coming months.
- The Concourse Park project has faced some delays regarding the amount of public funding required for the project and whether it can be grant funded vs. a loan. CRDA hopes to have a bid out for infrastructure in the fall with construction to begin in Spring of 2026.
- A formal dedication of the houses built by Habitat for Humanity on Burnside Avenue is scheduled for November 7th.
- Stamford Wrecking Company was the low bidder for the demolition on the Port Eastside site, which came in under the Town's planned budget for the project. The developers plan to come before the Town Council in October with a more detailed presentation of the feasibility and tax ramifications of the development.
- Bissell Street has been restriped and the portion of the road as approved by Town Council has been closed as of September 2nd.
- Revised RFP's will be sent out in the Fall for the refurbishing of historical buildings at Martin Park now that the town has received state funding thanks to the state legislative delegation.
- Renovations at Hockanum Hall are now complete, including the roof and drainage improvements.
- The Town continues to work with the Department of Transportation on the reconfiguration of Prospect and Governor Streets where the new Noble Gas Station will be located. Plans will allow for motor vehicles to proceed along Governor Street in both directions through the current intersection with the I-84 onramp.
- The Nova Trampoline Park located at 940 Silver Lane is now open.
- The former Pizza Hut building located on Silver Lane has been acquired. The Mayor shared that a new fish fry restaurant will be moving into the location.
- Lower Goodwin Street is in the process of being repaved with support from the Department of Transportation. A public information meeting with updated traffic counts will be held on October 23rd at 5:00 pm at Town Hall.

RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

Greenway, a 3,000 mile off road route from Maine to Florida. The 12 mile gap in the Capitol Region of Connecticut is between the Farmington Canal Trail and the Charter Oak Greenway which is located in East Hartford. The purpose of the study is to identify an alignment that safely closes the gap and creates local connections to the proposed trail.

The study included resident engagement on route options, including a number of presentations to the public over the summer in Hartford, Bloomfield and East Hartford. CRCOG's recommended route crosses into East Hartford over the Founders Bridge, leveraging the trails of Great River Park to East River Drive before heading eastward parallel to Interstate 84 north of Silver Lane before joining the existing Charter Oak Greenway Trail east of Simmons Road.

The study recommends decommissioning the on-ramp from Silver Lane to Route 15 prompting concern from the Council regarding how closing the access ramp would impact traffic flow. The study also proposes a culvert tunnel underneath Roberts Street at Silver Lane due to the amount of traffic and width of the road at the intersection. Several councillors expressed concern about the safety and attractive nuisance that such a tunnel would pose. The report estimates the cost to build out the roughly 3.6 miles of trail at \$13.3 million that could potentially be funded through grants or other funding sources.

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by Tom Rup

to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), and many municipalities within Connecticut have been working to complete the East Coast Greenway (ECG) through the region; and

WHEREAS, the ECG in Connecticut is part of a larger 3,000-mile off-road vision stretching from Florida to Maine that collectively hosts 50 million rides, runs, and walks annually for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG initiated the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study (CRECG Study) in November 2022 to complete a planning study to identify the preferred alignment for the off-road ECG route through the communities of Bloomfield, Hartford, and East Hartford where there is a combined, estimated 12-mile gap in off-road greenway facilities; and

WHEREAS, the CRECG Study recommends a 3.6-mile route in East Hartford consisting primarily of new multi-use shared paths and sidepaths as well as key connections to other bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and destinations; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG has provided various opportunities for residents and stakeholders to submit feedback and attend information meetings during a 53-day public comment period; and

WHEREAS, following local endorsement and approval by the CRCOG Policy Board, stakeholders can use the Study deliverables to more readily identify and apply for funding opportunities to implement the route recommendations detailed within the Study;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the East Hartford Town Council approves the recommendations of the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study for the Preferred Alignment through the Town of East Hartford, provided the proposed tunnel under Roberts Street should be eliminated with continued access through the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Roberts Street and Silver Lane.

On call of the vote, the motion carried 9/0

Grant Applications

CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' (DMHAS) 2025-2027 Local Prevention Council Grant

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
 seconded by John Morrison

to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' (DMHAS) Prevention and Health Promotion Division, in collaboration with Amplify, who serves as the Regional Behavioral Health Action Organizations (RBHAOs), annually funds the Town of East Hartford to implement substance use prevention strategies; and

WHEREAS, the East Hartford Local Prevention Council (LPC) serves as a community-based coalition that is established to provide recommendations and guidance on the use of grant funds allocated by Amplify for substance use prevention strategies to reduce problem behaviors and associated negative outcomes for all ages;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Connor S. Martin, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of this municipality a grant application in an amount not to exceed \$7,141.55 per year for two years with the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to support the activities of a local alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse Local Prevention Council, and to execute and file any contracts, amendments or reports as may be required to successfully complete the terms of the grant contract for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

On call of the vote, the motion carried 9/0

Scripps Family Fund for Education and the Arts Library Funding Initiative

MOTION By Awet Tsegai
 seconded by

to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS; the Scripps Family Fund for Education and the Arts has made funds available by invitation to selected libraries in Connecticut to promote literacy, reading, and the community's engagement in local libraries; and,

WHEREAS; the East Hartford Public Library wishes to use these funds to purchase furniture for each branch to create comfortable reading spaces;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED; that Connor S. Martin, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to make application to, and execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all documents, contracts, and amendments as may be required by the Scripps Family Fund for Education and the Arts as they pertain to these funds.

On call of the vote, the motion carried 9/0

Recommendation from Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee re: Donation of Land Parcel at 341 East River Drive by Simon Konover, LLC

MOTION By Angie Parkinson
 seconded by Tom Rup

to **accept** the donation of land as described as 'Lot 3, Land to be Deeded to the Town of East Hartford +/- 19.72 acres' on a Subdivision Map entitled 'Proposed Subdivision, 341 East River Drive, East Hartford Connecticut, Sheet 2.11' produced by Kevin Solli, P.E. dated "revised August 7th, 2025," as detailed in a memo from Mayor Connor S. Martin to Town Council Chair Richard F. Kehoe dated August 14th, 2025 and approved at the September 2, 2025 Real Estate Acquisition and Disposition Committee Meeting.

Motion carried 9/0

Referral to Ordinance Committee re: Commercial Vehicle Parking in Residential Areas

MOTION By Sebrina Wilson
 seconded by John Morrison

to refer to the Ordinance Committee regulation of commercial vehicle parking in residential areas as requested in a memo from Mayor Connor S. Martin to Town Council Chair Richard F. Kehoe dated August 26, 2025 and return with its recommendations, if any.

Motion carried 9/0

Amusement Permit Application re: Bless Back Jam Down Missions Inc. 5th Anniversary & Jerk Festival

MOTION By Harry Amadasun
 seconded by John Morrison

to **approve** the outdoor amusement permit application for the event entitled "Bless Back Jam Down Missions Inc. 5th Anniversary & Jerk Festival" as submitted by Mack Hawkins, Chief of Police, scheduled for Saturday September 20, 2025 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at Martin Park Pavilion located at 307 Burnside Avenue; subject to compliance with adopted codes and regulations of the State of Connecticut, the Town of East Hartford, and any other stipulations required by the Town of East Hartford or its agencies.

Motion carried 9/0

OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DIRECT QUESTIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATION

Councillor Bell asked if there is any formal action required for the Town to include the land donated as part of Great River Park. *The Mayor will follow up with the Council regarding potential next steps.*

Councillor Tsegai asked for an update on Church Corners Inn. *The Mayor stated that project is still being designed by Chris Williams Architects.*

The Councillor requested that the Fees Committee review the Town's fee structure for use of Town facilities for private events, notably space at the Senior Center. *The Mayor shared that the administration is reviewing the Town's rental policy to allow for additional Town owned spaces for community use, including the Town Green and Bissell Street as options.*

Councillor Morrison asked for an update on the Veteran's Memorial Clubhouse renovations. *The Mayor had provided Council with a revised scope of the project earlier in the day based on the additional \$500,000 in grant funding made available.*

COUNCIL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTERS

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

Mercedes Perez, 167 Handel Road, made note of a development project for new housing that will be presented at an upcoming Planning and Zoning Commission. The resident shared her belief that the plans include a proposal to open Handel Road cul-de-sac to connect to the project site. The resident is concerned that the reconfiguration would add a great deal of traffic to the neighborhood and be a detriment to the residents' privacy. *The Mayor encouraged the resident and others to attend the upcoming Planning and Zoning meeting where the project will be discussed. The Mayor confirmed for the Council that the area of the project has recently been rezoned to allow for rental apartments.*

Julie McCormick, 50 Chapman Place, discussed numerous topics regarding local and broader societal issues.

Gary Roy, 61 Matthew Road, stated that the World War II Legacy Foundation's formal ribbon cutting for the museum will be held on September 6th at 2:00 pm

Councillor Simpson confirmed that the Planning and Zoning Commission did a zone change for the vacant land along Brewer Street from R2 to R3 which matches the

Majority Office Room 221 / Microsoft "TEAMS"

BUDGET COMMITTEE

September 9, 2025

TO: Councillors Sebrina Wilson and John Morrison

FROM: Donald Bell Jr., Chair

RE: September 9, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 1-225a, the Budget Committee meeting is accessible through Microsoft "Teams" via this link: [Join the meeting now](#) or by calling 929-235-8441 Conference ID: 794 393 594#

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. December 2, 2024
3. OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK
4. OLD BUSINESS
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Administration Fleet Presentation
 - B. Capital Infrastructure and Bonding
6. ADJOURNMENT

c: Town Council
Connor Martin, Mayor
Melissa McCaw, CAO / Finance Director
Alex Trujillo, Director of Public Works
Doug Wilson, Town Engineer

Court of Common Council



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John Q. Gale, Councilman
Joshua Michtom, Councilman
Alex Thomas, Councilman

Eric T. Lusa, Town and City Clerk

January 13, 2026

This is to certify that at a hybrid meeting of the Court of Common Council, January 12, 2026, the following RESOLUTION was passed.

INTRODUCED BY: Arunan Arulampalam, Mayor

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), and many municipalities within Connecticut have been working to complete the East Coast Greenway (ECG) through the region; and

WHEREAS, the ECG in Connecticut is part of a larger 3,000-mile off-road vision stretching from Florida to Maine that collectively hosts 50 million rides, runs, and walks annually for people of all ages and abilities; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG initiated the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study (CRECG Study) in November 2022 to complete a planning study to identify the preferred alignment for the off-road ECG route through the communities of Bloomfield, Hartford, and East Hartford where there is a combined, estimated 12-mile gap in off-road greenway facilities; and

WHEREAS, the CRECG Study builds off prior planning efforts in the City of Hartford, such as the city's Complete Streets Plan and the Bicycle Master Plan, and current trail development efforts such as the Keney Park Connectivity Project and the Joe Marfuggi Riverwalk; and

WHEREAS, the CRECG Study recommends a route consisting of two paths through the city, referred to as the "Park Route" and the "Downtown Route," totaling nearly 7 miles of new trail via new and improved multi-use trails, rail-with-trail segments, and side paths; and

WHEREAS, following local endorsement and approval by the CRCOG Policy Board, stakeholders can use the Study deliverables to more readily identify and apply for funding opportunities to implement the route recommendations detailed within the Study; and

WHEREAS, CRCOG has shared its recommendation with the City of Hartford Planning & Zoning Commission at its meeting July 22, 2024 and provided various opportunities for residents and stakeholders to provide feedback during a 45-day public comment period; now therefore be it

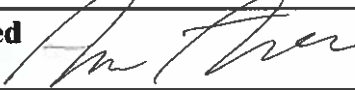
RESOLVED, that The City of Hartford Court of Common Council hereby approves the recommendations of the Capitol Region East Coast Greenway Study.

Attest:



**Eric T. Lusa
Town & City Clerk**

Mayor's Action

Approved	
Disapproved	
Arunan Arulampalam, Mayor	

1/16/26