

New Haven TMA Certification Review

RiverCOG
Meeting
1/22/25

Who **We** Are?

Federal Highway Administration - Connecticut Division

Hartford, CT

- Jennifer Brady - MPO Coordinator / Transportation Specialist
- Erik Shortell - Transportation Specialist

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Cambridge, MA

- Christina Mendoza - Community Planner

Why Are **We** Here?

- The Federal government is required to *review and certify* the transportation planning practices of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in areas with a population over 200,000
- No less than once every 4 years FHWA & FTA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process
- Ensure compliance with BIL and federal regulations
- The last certification review decision for the RiverCOG MPO was May 26, 2021

Why Are **You** Here?

- To provide input regarding transportation planning and decision-making processes administered by the RiverCOG MPO
- Examples include:
 - Availability of draft planning documents for public review and comment
 - Access and opportunity to participate in the planning process
 - Consideration of public input
 - Technical assistance and project selection
- The comments received will be taken into consideration and summarized in the final report

What is the Outcome of this Review?

- A certification determination will be made following the review and a report will be issued
- Determination categories:
 - Certified
 - Certified subject to corrective actions
 - Not Certified
- If 'Not Certified', funding restrictions may be put in place

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

What is the Planning Process?

A process by which transportation decisions are made and projects are planned, selected and prioritized for implementation within the region.

Why is it Important?

- *Decides how federal dollars are allocated within the region annually.*
- *Because of limited funding, the MPO must prioritize the regional needs and determine those projects that best meet performance goals and objectives and have the most public benefit.*
- *The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.*

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Who is involved?

- *RiverCOG and SCRCOG*
- *CTDOT*
- *Public Transportation Operators*
- *Federal Agencies (FTA & FHWA)*
- *Other stakeholders and the public*

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

Products of the Process

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Continuing - Cooperative - Comprehensive
Multimodal - Public Input

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Comments?

Questions?

Thank you for your participation!

Comments may also be submitted by March 28, 2025, to:

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