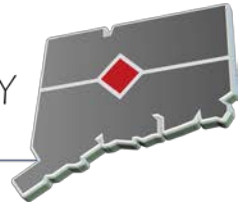


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Agency Board
FROM: Timothy Malone, Senior Planner
DATE: December 15, 2014
FOR AGENDA: December 16, 2014
SUBJECT: Farmington Canal Heritage Trail Project - Plainville “Gap”

At the November CCRPA board meeting, your board voted to advance an application to ConnDOT for a planning study that would explore options for closing the gap in the Plainville and Southington portions of the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FCHT). That study would be paid for primarily (80%) from CCRPA’s allotment of planning funds from the Federal Highway Administration. The state would pay 10% of the cost and the final 10% would need to come from a local source.

Traditionally, CCRPA pays the local match on expenditures from its transportation planning grant. Since CCRPA will not exist after December 31, 2014, it will not be around to cover this expense. To ensure that funds are available to pay for this study’s local match, CCRPA could transfer \$62,500 to the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), who will be managing the CCMPO until it is re-designated next year. This money would come from CCRPA’s balance of unexpended general funds. Any portion of this \$62,500 that is not spent at the end of this study could be returned to the seven towns that make up this MPO. Another way to handle this would be for the directly impacted towns to cover the local match when the project is ready to move forward.

On that basis, it is my

RECOMMENDATION

that your Board:

Authorize the Executive Director to transfer \$62,500 from the CCRPA General Fund to the Capitol Region Council of Governments.