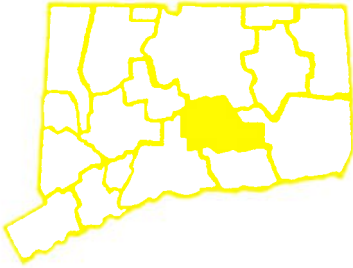


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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chief Elected Officials  
Town Planners

**FROM:** Robert Haramut, Jr. *RH*  
Transportation Planner

**DATE:** October 19, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Transportation Enhancement Program - Project Proposals

Midstate Regional Planning Agency is soliciting projects for the next round of funding under the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program. It is anticipated that this will be the only request for projects under the potentially forthcoming transportation legislation, provided that the program is continued to be funded in future years. The following activities are eligible for reimbursement of up to 80% of the project costs, provided they relate to the intermodal transportation system.

1. Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles
2. Provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrians and bicyclists
3. Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, including historic battlefields
4. Scenic or historic highway programs including provisions of tourist and welcome center facilities
5. Landscaping and other scenic beautification
6. Historic preservation
7. Rehabilitation and operation of historic transportation buildings, structures, or facilities including historic railroad facilities and canals
8. Preservation of abandoned railway corridors including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails
9. Inventory, control and removal of outdoor advertising
10. Archaeological planning and research
11. Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
12. Establishment of transportation museums

The Connecticut Department of Transportation in conjunction with the MPO's has developed a Statewide Transportation Enhancement Program Guide. This document provides information on eligibility, programming, and additional information. The guide and program application is enclosed. These materials may also be obtained from ConnDOT's and MRPA's websites at <http://www.ct.gov/dot/tep> and [http://www.midstaterpa.org/program\\_info\\_15.html](http://www.midstaterpa.org/program_info_15.html)

Enhancement projects under this solicitation will be considered for funding during federal fiscal years 2013 through 2016. The region will receive \$800,000 in federal funds for enhancement projects over this four year period and the minimum project funding level is \$300,000. Please submit two (2) hard copies and one (1) digital copy of the enhancement application to MRPA by December 22, 2011. The program application obtained online must be filled out and completed in its original format and layout and then may be printed to produce the hard copies. The projects will be prioritized at the January 3, 2012 regularly scheduled board meeting. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

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cc: Public Works Directors  
Middletown Transit District