

Civil and Environmental Engineering

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Metro Hartford TOD Project

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The Metro Hartford region is in an exciting time of opportunity and transformation. Newly reconstructed regional and local transit corridors are ripe for transit-oriented development (TOD) strategies along CTfastrak, the future CTfastrak East, and CTrail's Hartford Line. TOD is a mix of development within half a mile of quality public transportation, including housing, offices, retail, and other amenities.

The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), the governing body for 38-member towns, is working with Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. to engage anchor institutions and stakeholders. Anchor institutions are defined as those establishments that play a significant role in a community. They can vary in size from a large university campus to a small local business. The purpose of engaging these institutions is to understand the regional barriers to transit usage and transit-oriented development. Well-managed transit systems and vibrant places can catalyze investment in TOD, fostering potential to reinvigorate communities, to support equity, to draw more "feet on the street", and to promote investment along transit corridors. The mission of the year-long Metro Hartford TOD Project is to address the barriers and better communicate the benefits of transit and TOD locally. Visit the project website, www.metrohartfordtod.com, to learn more.

Seminar Program

Our visit with the Transportation Engineering seminar on December 3, 2018 will include a brief project introduction, followed by a focus group conversation. What do you consider barriers to transit and TOD in central Connecticut? What recommendations, tools, or programs could help address these barriers?

Monday, December 03, 2018
12:20 – 1:10 PM
EII Room 322

Emily Hultquist, AICP is the Director of Policy and Planning/Community Development at CRCOG in Hartford, CT. She has 13 years of professional experience in land use, transportation planning and urban design in Connecticut. Previously, she held a position as Associate Planner in the Connecticut office of the Regional Plan Association, the nation's oldest and most distinguished urban planning policy and advocacy group. Ms. Hultquist is Immediate Past President of the Connecticut Chapter of the American Planning Association. She holds an A.B. in Growth and Structure of Cities from Bryn Mawr College and a Masters in City and Regional Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. She was recently named to the 2018 Class of the Hartford Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Working Professionals in the Hartford Region. Contact Emily at ehultquist@crcog.org.

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