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Solicitation announcement

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Technical evaluation of Stamford east bus service

The Connecticut Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study Final Report identified the segment between Stamford and Norwalk (the Route 341 corridor) as one of the segments that could benefit most from improved bus service on the Route 1 Corridor between Port Chester, NY and New Haven, CT.

WestCOG seeks a technical evaluation of local bus service in this corridor, including CT Transit Stamford Routes 341, 344, and 345 to identify and quantify short-/medium-term improvements that can be made at low to moderate cost.

Factors to be considered should include;

- Stop location,
- Frequency,
- Routing, and
- Other factors as identified.

Please note that this is not a planning study, but technical assistance. The evaluation is expected largely to build on work already undertaken, including those studies and plans referenced above. The primary output of the evaluation should be a technical memorandum with clear findings and recommendations.

The project will be managed by WestCOG, with input from stakeholders in the local bus system and context as applicable. Two project meetings with the opportunity for the public to provide input and learn about the evaluation will be held; project materials will be shared via the WestCOG website, social media presence, newsletter, and e-mail, as well as at COG/MPO meetings.

Interested parties should submit a scope of work and timetable (2 pages maximum) to WestCOG at fpickering@westcog.org by 11:59 PM ET on Monday, February 25, 2019. Timetables must be realistic to ensure completion, including all invoicing, by June 30, 2019.

Resources:

- Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit Feasibility Study Final Report:
https://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/documents/dptransportation/route_1_brt_feasibility_study_final_report.pdf
- CT Transit Stamford route map:
https://www.cttransit.com/sites/default/files/maps/division/stam_MAR2018_local.pdf

Western Connecticut Rail station parking demand economic analysis

Multi-year wait lists at train stations in the region suggest that the demand for rail commuter parking permits exceeds the parking supply. To date, the market for parking on the rail station has not been quantified; parking largely has been priced without reference to demand or ability to pay.

WestCOG seeks an economic analysis of:

- The need for parking at rail stations, both permit (annual/monthly) and daily parking.
- At locations where parking demand is approaching or exceeds supply:
 - The prices that various types of parking could command.
 - The additional revenue that could be generated through changes to pricing structures and parking supply could create.
 - Other factors that may affect supply, demand, prices, and revenue.
 - As resources permit, estimates of social, environmental, and economic impacts of changes to parking supply and pricing could yield, such as decreases in vehicles, vehicles mile traveled, and waiting list length and duration, as well as increases in transit ridership.

The universe for this analysis is current passenger rail stations in the following municipalities:

- Darien
- Greenwich
- New Canaan
- Norwalk
- Stamford
- Westport
- Wilton

It is not expected that this analysis evaluate the constructability of additional parking; however, it should consider and appropriately reflect the relationship between supply, demand, and pricing.

Please note that this is not a planning study, but an analysis, with a primary focus on the economics of parking supply, demand, and pricing, to support planned future initiatives in regional and multimodal transportation planning. Proposed methodologies should reflect this orientation. No public meetings are expected. The primary output of the analysis should be an actionable economic report.

The project will be managed by WestCOG, with input from stakeholders in the parking system as applicable. project materials will be shared via the WestCOG website, social media presence, newsletter, and e-mail, as well as at COG/MPO meetings.

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Resources:

- 2018 Western Connecticut Commuter Parking Inventory: Individual Lot Summaries:
<https://westcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/Commuter-Parking-Individual-Lot-Summaries-Update.pdf>