

To: Policy Board
Transportation Committee

From: Jennifer Carrier, Director of Transportation

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cc: Chief Administrative Officials, Town Engineers, Department of Public Works Directors, Town Planners, Sotoria Montanari – CRCOG LOTCIP Program Manager

Subject: Staff Recommendations – 2018 LOTCIP Fast Tracking Projects

In response to CRCOG’s request to fast track up to \$5 million in Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) projects we offer the following for your consideration, discussion and action at the upcoming July 23, 2018 Transportation Committee meeting (acting on behalf of the Policy Board).

CRCOG staff is pleased with the overwhelming commitment from 14 towns to accelerate designs in a compressed timeframe for over \$24 million in projects. These commitments assist us with our overall goal of programming LOTICIP funds within our region during Fiscal Year 2019. The following summarizes the specific towns that expressed an interest and commitment to fast tracking their projects:

Table 1

Municipality	Project	Amount
Avon	Old Farms Road Improvements	\$3,378,000
Berlin	Pmt Improv. (Burnham, Porter's, Christian, Deming, Massirio)	\$2,972,400
Bloomfield	Blue Hills Avenue Complete Streets	\$939,600
Blmfd / Simsbury*	East Coast Greenway	\$1,020,000
Coventry	South Street Roadway / Pedestrian Improvements (Part I)	\$1,484,000
Hartford	Road Resurfacing and Bridge Membrane Replacement	\$1,368,000
Hartford	Traffic Signal Improvements at Washington & Wethersfield Ave	\$1,521,600
Newington	Complete Streets Upgrade Robbins Ave & Maple Hill Ave	\$1,696,800
Rocky Hill	Dividend Road Pavement Rehabilitation	\$967,200
Somers	Maple Street Bridge Rehabilitation	\$2,403,000
South Windsor	Avery St Pavement Rehab (Talcott Ridge Rd to Dart Hill Rd)	\$872,400
Vernon	Rockville Center Complete Streets and Multi-Use Trail	\$696,400
Wethersfield	Highland St Pmt Rehab (Rocky Hill Town Line - Thornbush Rd)	\$640,800
Windsor	Archer Road Rehabilitation	\$994,800
Windsor	Deerfield Road Rehabilitation	\$936,000
Windsor Locks	Windsor Locks Downtown Complete Streets Improvements (Ph II)	\$2,567,600
Total		\$24,458,600

* Future consideration contingent on guidelines established

CRCOG staff assessed each of the submitted projects for purpose and need and a municipality's ability to adhere to an accelerated design schedule. The following table summarizes CRCOG staff LOTCIP fast track project recommendations. These recommendations fit within our original framework to advance up to \$5 million under the fast tracking initiative.

Table 2

Projects <i>(in alphabetical order)</i>	General Project Overview and Notes	Amount
Hartford - Road Resurfacing & Bridge Membrane Replacement	Main Street segment (between Charter Oak Avenue and Arch Street) requires rehabilitation and Boce Barlow Way bridge requires repairs to bridge structure and existing pavement; City commits to a design completion no later than March 2019	\$1,368,000
Newington - Complete Streets Upgrade	Robbins Avenue and Maple Hill Avenue pavement improvements and provision of bicycle lanes for entire length of project; Average daily traffic volumes (2018): 8,700, 11,600; In house pavement cores and design; first complete street project in Newington; Town commits to completing the project design by May 1, 2019 or sooner	\$1,696,800
Rocky Hill - Dividend Road	Dividend Road rehabilitation; Urban collector; Continuance of 2017 Old Forge Road LOTCIP project; In-house design and inspection; PCI ranges 61-64; Advanced a similar project through LOTCIP design process in 5 months and has a few other positive examples of streamlined project delivery	\$967,200
Windsor - Deerfield Road	Deerfield Road rehabilitation; Urban collector; Heavy truck volumes; PCI as low as 63; Will restripe to accommodate 2- 5 foot wide designated bicycle lanes on both sides of the roadway; Pavement cores have been taken and survey can be completed and the design completed well before the May 1, 2019; In-house design	\$936,000

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A couple of supplemental items that the Transportation Committee / Policy Board may want to understand as we consider endorsement: (1) Hartford and Newington have not received LOTCIP money under previous solicitations and have expressed sincere commitments to advancing quickly; (2) Rocky Hill and Windsor have a successful track record of advancing projects in an efficient, streamlined manner.

Recommendations

CRCOG staff recommends that we endorse the Hartford, Newington, Rocky Hill and Windsor projects (referenced in Table 2) for fast tracking and work to immediately move them into LOTCIP. If endorsed, CRCOG staff will work with these municipalities to immediately complete any LOTCIP application gaps and gather supplemental information (e.g. pavement cores). Following this, CRCOG will work to transmit these applications to CTDOT requesting commitment to fund letters by September 30, 2018.

CRCOG staff further recommends that we remove these projects from the latest solicitation and rankings. Shortly after endorsement of fast tracked projects, CRCOG staff will release preliminary rankings for the balance of projects for further discussion and action. Given that we received over \$24m in letters from towns wanting to accelerate designs, CRCOG staff will work to understand how we can advance other projects in a streamlined manner.

Finally, CRCOG will continue assessing our regional LOTCIP funding and innovative ways to program funding and continue ramping up expenditures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself (jcarrier@crcog.org) or Sotora Montanari (smontanari@crcog.org).