

December 29, 2017

Mr. Hugh Hayward, Principal Engineer  
Department of Transportation  
2800 Berlin Turnpike  
PO Box 317546  
Newington, CT 06131-7546

Subject: LOTCIP funding

Dear Mr. Hayward:

Our communities are concerned over news that many state transportation funding programs, including the Local Transportation Capital Improvements Program (LOTICIP), are facing serious funding cuts, or worse, discontinuation. Our chief elected officials have been apprised of the situation, and CRCOG will have Commissioner Redeker attend our January Policy Board meeting to discuss these issues directly. Additionally, CRCOG plans to correspond with the Office of Policy and Management soon regarding the importance of the transportation investments in jeopardy, with specific emphasis on LOTICIP funding.

Per the *Current State of the Special Transportation Fund, December 2017* (OPM/CTDOT), the no-action scenario indicates that LOTICIP projects would remain 100% state funded in 2018, but would be revised to STP-Urban in 2019-2022 at 80% federal, 20% non-federal. Because our communities have benefited from the stream-lined LOTICIP project delivery process, feedback from CRCOG communities has been consistently in favor of the use of LOTICIP funding in lieu of the more time consuming STP-Urban federal funding. To assure a healthy capital expenditures program, and for as many projects to utilize LOTICIP funding as possible, CRCOG requests that:

- The Northwest Drive Project in Plainville be issued a Project Authorization Letter (or Final Design comments)
- The Route 10/202 Sidewalk Project in Granby be issued Authorization to Award letter in a timely manner after receiving bid analysis paperwork from CRCOG / the town
- CTDOT reserve the balance of all bonded LOTICIP funding to date for projects that have secured LOTICIP Commitment to Funds letters, even if these projects are delivered beyond 2018 and ensure reviews and paperwork are in place to facilitate timely advertising and construction
- CTDOT requests bonding of the additional budgeted LOTICIP funds for FY2017, at a minimum, and continue to issue Commitment to Fund letters in support of this amount

In the interim, understanding that LOTICIP funding may be reduced or eliminated, CRCOG would like to work with you on a funding strategy including the possible utilization of STP-Urban funds to process municipally initiated projects. We expect that our region will not entertain new CTDOT initiated projects until such time as the LOTICIP funding issues are resolved. That being said, if LOTICIP projects are to be transitioned to STP-Urban, CRCOG would like to work with CTDOT to identify ideal candidate projects for transitioning to federal funding. CRCOG would

also like CTDOT's consideration in having our on-call LOTCIP review consultants (CME, BETA, and CHA, all under contract until July 2019) assist with STP-Urban administration, and we look forward to working with CTDOT on solutions that provide timely project delivery.

Specific to the CRCOG LOTCIP program we attached general financial and project summaries. It is our understanding that CRCOG's share of monies already bonded is approximately \$45M (FY2014-2016), with an additional \$56M of budgeted funding (FY2017-2019) that is not yet bonded. We would be interested in meeting with you to also talk about maximizing expenditures and continuing to advance municipally initiated projects of regional significance.

Please contact myself or Jennifer Carrier at 860-724-4215 or [jcarrier@crcog.org](mailto:jcarrier@crcog.org) to coordinate further regarding these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lyle D. Wray".

Lyle D. Wray,  
CRCOG Executive Director

cc: Ms. Jennifer Carrier, CRCOG Director of Transportation Planning  
Ms. Sotoria Montanari, CRCOG Program Manager

## CRCOG LOTCIP Program (December 2017)

### Current Revenue

Bonded to date (FY 2014-FY 2016)	\$	45,413,300
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### Current Expenditures (Committed)

Administrative (CRCOG and On-Call Consultants)	\$	1,293,960
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Studies	\$	880,000
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Projects (Constructed or Going to Construction)	\$	20,078,043
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Projects (To be Advertised / Bid Soon)	\$	1,475,400
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DOT Commitment to Fund (In Design)	\$	23,539,803
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Total Committed Funds	\$	47,267,206
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<b>Amount Over/Under Programmed</b>	\$	(1,853,906)
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Note: Bids have been coming in 12.4% on average below engineer's estimate

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### Future Revenue

2017 LOTCIP Budgeted Amount (Not Bonded)	\$	20,720,000
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2018 LOTCIP Budgeted Amount (Not Bonded)	\$	17,360,000
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2019 LOTCIP Budgeted Amount (Not Bonded)	\$	17,920,000
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	\$	56,000,000
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### Future Expenditures

LOTICIP Projects at DOT (awaiting Commitment to fund)	\$	16,979,160
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CRCOG Approved LOTICIP Projects (not yet sent to DOT)	\$	22,420,350
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Future Administration and Studies	\$	2,000,000
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CRCOG Solicitation (currently on-hold)	\$	25,500,000
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	\$	66,899,510
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**CRCOG LOTCIP Program (December 2017)**

Projects Ready for Authorization to Advertise					
LOTICIP #	Town	Route / Road	Commitment to Fund	Status	Amount
L055-0001	Granby	Route 10/Route 202	2/18/2014	PAL received on 11/15	\$ 510,000
L109-0002	Plainville	Northwest Dr. Pavement Rehabilitation	7/20/2017	FD submitted 11/16/17	\$ 965,400
					<b>\$ 1,475,400</b>

Projects in Design (In receipt of CTDOT Commitment to Fund Letter)					
LOTICIP #	Town	Route / Road	Commitment to Fund	Estimated Final Design	Amount
L011-0001	Bloomfield	Granby Street	2/18/2014	waiting for FD revisions from town	\$ 1,292,000
L076-0003	Manchester	Tolland Turnpike Pavement Rehab	2/24/2017	December 2017	\$ 998,400
L053-0001	Glastonbury	Hebron Avenue	2/26/2016	December 2017	\$ 1,111,200
L164-0004	Windsor	Day Hill Rd. Reconstruction	9/18/2017	January 2018	\$ 1,830,000
L132-0003	South Windsor	Avery Street - C		January 2018	\$ 2,259,400
L132-0002	South Windsor	Buckland Road	2/8/2016	January 2018	\$ 1,280,200
L077-0001	Mansfield	Eastwood Rd Walkway Sidewalks	1/23/2017	January 2018	\$ 387,600
L053-0002	Glastonbury	House St/Western Blvd	1/27/2016	January 2018	\$ 782,400
L155-0001	West Hartford	Trout Brook Trail final; easement	2/2/2015	February 2018	\$ 512,400
L066-0001	Hebron	Church Street Sidewalks	10/12/2016	February 2018	\$ 880,400
L165-0001	Windsor Locks	Route 75	2/17/2017	March 2018	\$ 1,022,400
L047-0001	Ellington	Middle Butcher Road	4/7/2017	May 2018	\$ 799,200
L088 - 0002	New Britain	East Main St. and Myrtle St.	7/14/2017	December 2018	\$ 3,416,000
L131-0001	Southington	Jude Lane	6/17/2016	December 2018	\$ 591,300
L1228-0001	Bloomfield/ Simsbury	Route 189 Multi-Use Trail	10/4/2017	TBD	\$ 1,020,000
L142-0001	Tolland	Old Cathole Rd Reconstruct	10/24/2017	TBD	\$ 2,108,600
L155-0002	West Hartford	Albany Ave. at Mountain Rd.	9/18/2017	June 2019	\$ 1,552,400
L042-0001	East Hartford	Brewer Street (Phase III) (CTDOT)	11/4/2015	July 2019	\$ 1,695,903
					<b>\$ 23,539,803</b>

**Total of Suggested Projects to Advance (with Bonded FY14-FY16 monies) \$ 25,015,203**