

****Special Cost Review Sub-Committee Meeting****
CRCOG Offices, 241 Main Street, Hartford, CT 06106
Thursday August 16th, 2018

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Endorsed by
the
Committee

Name

Larry Baril
Chris Edge
Jon Colman
Patrice Carson
Todd Penney
Timothy Webb
John Cabibbo
Russ Arnold
Kirk Severance
Jim Ford
Sandy Fry
Jeff LaMalva
Peter Hughes
Rob Trotter
Gary Fuerstenberg
John Bossi
Jim Sollmi
Jeff Bord
Jeff Doolittle
Rick Zulick
Duane Martin
Derrick Gregor
Bob Jarvis
Mark Pellegrini

Organization

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Granby
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Hartford
Manchester
Marlborough
New Britain
Newington
Plainville
Rocky Hill
Somers
South Windsor
Stafford
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor Locks

Guests

Peter Falk
Karen Isherwood
Ted DeSantos
C.G. Bud Knorr, Jr.

Enfield
Bloomfield
Fuss & O'Neill
Somers

Staff

Rob Aloise
Sotoria Montanari

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1. **Roll Call** – Mr. Jon Colman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
2. **Public Forum**- No one chose to speak.

3. **Adoption of July 23rd, 2018 Subcommittee Meeting Minutes** - *A motion was made by Tim Webb, seconded by Bob Jarvis and approved unanimously.*

4. **STP-Urban and LOTCIP Funding Requests**

Mr. Rob Aloise explained that when the LOTCIP program was first initiated, towns were given the option of shifting funding of their STP-Urban approved municipal road projects to the LOTCIP program. Mr. Aloise presented the recent requests from the towns of Avon and Somers to shift the approval of the following STP-Urban approved projects to LOTCIP approvals for funding:

- **\$2,000,000 for Maple Street Bridge improvement Project, Somers**
- **\$1,794,750 for Old Farms Road Reconstruction Project, Avon**

Regarding the Somers project, it was explained that CRCOG had approved the project's use of \$2,000,000 of STP-Urban funds as part of a 2004 solicitation. The Project aimed to address the Maple Street bridge's roadside safety needs and reduce flooding. Project initiation and progress was delayed significantly first due to hydraulic constrictions issues and then due to a fire that damaged the bridge. These issues resulted in significant rescoping of the project and a request for LOTCIP funding had not been appropriate until recently. The estimated project cost is \$2,403,000. Mr. Aloise stated that the town would like to shift its approval of \$2,000,000 from STP-Urban to LOTCIP funding and requested approval of an additional \$403,000 as part of the 2018 solicitation.

Regarding the Avon project, it was explained that CRCOG had approved STP-Urban funds for the Avon Old Farms Road Reconstruction Project under a 2004 solicitation. Mr. Aloise explained that the scope of the project was modified significantly due to issues encountered through the NEPA environmental processes. The most recent rescoping of the project, estimated at \$3,378,000, addresses geometric issues and improves safety for pedestrians and motorist. Mr. Aloise stated that the town would like to shift its approval of STP-Urban funding in the amount of \$1,794,750 to LOTCIP funding and requests approval of an additional \$1,583,250 as part of the 2018 solicitation. There was discussion regarding the project exceeding CRCOG \$3 million-dollar initiation cap, however it was stated that an exception for this project could be considered due to the previous approval.

Peter Hughes of Marlborough made the motion to approve \$2,000,000 of LOTCIP funding for the Maple Street Bridge Improvement Project which was previously approved targeting utilization of STP-funding in the same amount, and to approve \$1,794,750 of LOTCIP funding for the Old Farms Road Reconstruction Project which was previously approved targeting utilization of STP-funding in the same amount. Tim Webb seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. **LOTCIP - 2018 Solicitation Draft Ratings and Rankings**

As detailed in the attached 2018 LOTCIP Draft Ratings memo, Ms. Sotoria Montanari reported on the LOTCIP solicitation preliminary rankings and recommendations. Ms. Montanari indicated that the selection policy discussed

reserving \$25.5 million for the solicitation with the following project splits: \$17,275,000 for Reconstruction, \$3,835,000 for Pavement Rehabilitation/Stand-Alone Sidewalks, \$1,400,000 million for Bike/Ped and \$3,000,000 for Rural Set-Aside. Ms. Montanari thanked the towns for submitting the projects for the solicitation.

In reviewing the three tables, Ms. Montanari indicated that the ratings/rankings of the projects were based on the selection criteria and category of the project. The reconstruction table 2 worksheet had a total of 120 points possible with a variety of criteria determined in the selection criteria. A line was drawn delineating 10 reconstruction projects to be funded at \$18.8 million. This total did not include the rural set-aside portion.

The pavement rehabilitation and stand-alone sidewalk ratings listed on table 3 had a total of 50 points possible. The line was drawn at \$4.5 million with a recommended 5 projects (3 pavement rehabilitation and 2 sidewalk). Ms. Montanari said a correction for the Wethersfield Highland Street Project was noted that the project limits were from Rocky Hill to Thornbush Road. On table 4, the bike/pedestrian category cumulative points totaled 50 with different set of criteria ratings. The amount designated was \$1.4 million for two projects. The rural set-aside projects were ranked separately, and three additional projects were recommended.

Ms. Montanari added that on table 1 was a listing of the preliminary recommendations by category for project funding, including the rural set-aside. She noted that the Coventry projects were capped at \$3 million (Swamp Road - \$1,419,600 and South Street at \$1,580,400). The staff recommended approval amount was for \$27,430,250 of additional new funding.

A motion was made by Russ Arnold, seconded by Patrice Carlson to approve \$27,430,250 for projects as detailed in the 2018 LOTCIP Draft Ratings memo. The motion passed unanimously.

The chairman, Mr. Jon Colman, asked staff to follow up and research possible funding sources for Andover Bridge Project. Additionally, Rick Zulick of the town of Stafford discussed the lack of funding for Leonard Road Bridge in Stafford. Mr. Colman asked staff to work creatively to help Stafford identify possible solutions to re-open the closed bridge.

6. Other Business

- The next Cost Review Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 at 11 am.**

7. Adjourn- The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am