

To: Cost Review Subcommittee
From: Sotora Montanari, Program Manager
Date: February 6, 2018
c: Transportation Committee
Rob Aloise, Principal Transportation Engineer
Jennifer Carrier, Director of Transportation Planning
Subject: LOTCIP – Bridge Solicitation Eligibility

In July of 2017, the Cost Review Subcommittee and Transportation Committee selected seven (7) bridge projects under CRCOG's 2017 LOTCIP \$10 million bridge solicitation. It has come to CRCOG'S attention that two (2) of the projects selected may not be eligible for funding because of their connection to the State or Federal Local Bridge (LBP) program.

The two towns, Granby and Southington were selected as LOTCIP bridge projects in the amounts of \$2.5M and \$1.1M respectively. According to CTDOT, Granby was slated to receive federal Local Bridge Program (LBP), and Southington was slated to receive state LBP funding, making them ineligible for the LOTCIP funding. The two towns have submitted letters (included) requesting action by the Cost Review Subcommittee and Transportation Committee as it relates to eligibility flexibility and the advancement of their projects under the LOTCIP program.

The following information provides a summary of the town letters:

- The cost estimate of the Moosehorn Road Bridge replacement for the town of Granby, totals \$2.5 million. The bridge is structurally deficient with a sufficiency rating of 47.1%. Recently, the town was notified that another bridge, Griffin Road Bridge, needed to be shut down for necessary repairs estimated at \$550,000. If the Moosehorn Bridge is allowed to continue to advance under the LOTCIP program, the town proposes to address needed improvements on both bridges.
- The town of Southington's Marion Avenue Bridge replacement is estimated at \$1.1 million. The bridge is structurally deficient and has not been inspected since 1991. At that point, the lifespan of the bridge was projected for 2006, which currently exceeds the lifespan by twelve years. A screening inspection was completed, noting cracks, rusting and overall deterioration. Additionally, the town's interpretation was that the project was withdrawn from the LBP prior to being selected for the LOTCIP program.

The towns will be available on Monday, February 12 at the Cost Review Subcommittee and Transportation Committee for discussion. CRCOG staff feels it is most appropriate for the Cost Review Subcommittee and Transportation Committee to decide if eligibility flexibilities under the LOTCIP program should be extended.



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CRCOG Cost Review and Schedule
Subcommittee and Transportation Committee
241 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06106
Attn: Chairman Jon Colman

Dear Mr. Colman:

It has recently been brought to our attention that our Moosehorn Road Bridge, selected under CRCOG's 2017 LOTCIP bridge solicitation, may not be eligible for funding under LOTCIP because of the bridge's connection to the federal local bridge program. As a rural community, we are asking for the Subcommittee and Transportation to assist us in understanding funding options for addressing needed improvements to bridges. We would also like the Subcommittee to take into consideration that, per CRCOG's February 3, 2017 Bridge Condition Memo, Granby displayed more deficient bridges than any other CRCOG community.

The Moosehorn Road Bridge is estimated to cost approximately \$2.5 million for a complete replacement. The bridge is structurally deficient, its sufficiency rating is 47.1%, and its deck is rated in need of immediate corrective action. Since the LOTCIP solicitation, DOT brought to our attention an immediate need for repairs associated with a bridge on Griffin Road. The Griffin Road Bridge has been shut down and it is estimated to cost approximately \$550,000 to repair it, the bridge is on a local road.

We are asking for the Subcommittee and Transportation Committee to provide eligibility flexibility to the town as we would prefer to keep the Moosehorn Road Bridge in LOTCIP instead of the federal local bridge program. The LOTCIP program will allow us to deliver the project more quickly and cost-effectively. The savings realized by advancing the Moosehorn Road under LOTCIP will be applied to fund a portion of the Griffin Road improvements. This approach will allow our community to address needed improvements on two bridges by leveraging savings from advancing one of those projects under LOTCIP.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and will be available to discuss this in more detail at the upcoming February 12th meetings.

Sincerely

Kirk Severance
Granby Public Works Director

cc: John Ward, Town Manager

Town of Southington

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CRCOG
Chairman Jon Colman
Cost Review and Schedule Subcommittee and
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241 Main Street
Harford, CT 06106

Dear Mr. Coleman

It has recently been brought to our attention that the replacement of Southington's Marion Avenue bridge, selected under CRCOG's 2017 LOTCIP bridge solicitation, may not be eligible for funding under LOTCIP because of the bridge's connection to the state local bridge program (LBP). We are asking for the Subcommittee and Transportation Committee to support advancing this bridge project under LOTCIP as it was the town's interpretation that the project had been withdrawn from the LBP prior to being selected for LOTCIP funding.

The Marion Avenue bridge project is estimated to cost approximately \$1.1M for a complete replacement. The bridge is structurally deficient and has not been inspected since 1991. Included in the 1991 inspection report, however, was an indication that the remaining bridge life was for fifteen (15) years (2006), which currently exceeds the lifespan by twelve (12) years. Also, a screening inspection was completed in 2016, noting cracks, rusting and overall deterioration.

We are asking for the Subcommittee and Transportation Committee to provide eligibility flexibility to the town as we felt the project had been withdrawn from the LBP and would prefer to keep the Marion Avenue bridge in LOTCIP. We appreciate your consideration of this request and will be available to discuss this in more detail at the upcoming February 12th meetings.

Respectfully,

Mark J. Sciota
Town Manager
Southington, CT 06489