

To: Cost Review Subcommittee
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Date: July 12, 2019
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Transportation Committee
Russ Arnold, Town of Farmington
Subject: Farmington Funding Request for proposed Roundabout at Colt Hwy and South Rd

A Cost Review Subcommittee meeting will take place at 11:30 AM at **CRCOG, 241 Main Street, 3rd floor Hartford, CT** prior to the Transportation Committee meeting on Monday, July 22, 2019. At the meeting, we will be discussing and acting on the following:

- A Town request for approval to transfer \$955,200 of LOTCIP funding from previously awarded Colt Highway (Rte. 6) Improvements at Reservoir Road under CRCOG's 2015 LOTCIP Solicitation to fund the proposed subject project.

Background

The Colt Highway (Rte. 6) at Reservoir Road application was originally approved under CRCOG's 2015 LOTCIP solicitation as a safety improvement project that included a new signal light and dedicated left turn lanes. OSTA subsequently denied the addition of the signal and in June 2019, CTDOT suggested that the Town consider withdrawing the Colt Highway (Rte. 6) application (L051-0003). Without the signal, the remaining necessary safety additions could be made when CTDOT overlays this area within the next 8 to 10 years.

Proposed Roundabout at Intersection of Colt Highway, South Road & 2 Mile Rd Project

The Town of Farmington is proposing to utilize the previously approved LOTCIP funding for a proposed safety and operational improvement project at the intersection of Colt Highway, South Road, and 2 Mile Road. The project proposes a roundabout which is a suggested outcome of the Farmington/Hartford Transportation Safety and Improvement Study. Study accident data showed 16 reported crashes at this location within a three-year period, exceeding a typically significant threshold of 5 in a year.



The Town has discussed the roundabout with CTDOT's Mark Carlino, who supports a project which will also mitigate the congestion exacerbated by the recent site improvements at the UConn Health Center. The town is currently considering a proposed development at the corner of Munson Road and South Road, which will add traffic volume and exacerbate safety concerns. The Town previously completed improvements to South Road in 2018 (L051-00010), funded by a LOTCIP grant. Its terminus ended just shy of the subject intersection, and therefore the roundabout would be an extension of the completed South Road Project. A cost estimate for the roundabout project is comparable to the Colt Highway (Rte. 6) at Reservoir Road Project.

Next Steps

Staff recommends committee consideration of approval of the LOTCIP funding transfer of \$955,200 from Colt Highway (Rte. 6) at Reservoir Road Intersection Project to a new project, to construct a Roundabout at the Intersection at Colt Highway, South Road & 2 Mile Road Project. Staff recommends the Town complete a new LOTCIP application for CTDOT's approval.