

To: Transportation Committee
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Subject: LOTCIP Funding Increase Request: Route 189 Corridor Multi-Use Trail Project in Bloomfield/Simsbury (L128-0001)

A Transportation Committee meeting will take place at 12 PM on Monday, December 14, 2020. At the meeting, we will be discussing and acting on the following funding increase request:

Route 189 Corridor Multi-Use Trail Project in Bloomfield/Simsbury (L128-0001)

Based on additional requirements following CTDOT District and Traffic Unit Reviews, the estimated construction cost has increased from \$1,570,000 to \$2,067,400 (31.7%). The towns of Bloomfield and Simsbury have agreed to split a town share of \$550,000 to supplement the approved LOTCIP funds. As a result, the towns are requesting the approval of a LOTCIP funding increase of \$497,400 from \$1,020,000 to \$1,517,400 (48.7% increase). The project was originally approved under the 2015 LOTCIP Solicitation by the Transportation Committee as a multi-use project, incorporating both bicycle and pedestrian improvements for \$700,000 with a subsequent funding increase of \$320,000 (for rock excavation and guiderail) on September 25, 2017. The project is advancing through the final design.



Looking South on Route 189 Near the Bloomfield / Simsbury Town Line



Looking North Approaching Route 189 / Route 315 Intersection

Based on CTDOT Districts' and Traffic Unit reviews, additional requirements were included related to roadway improvements at the State Routes 315/189 intersection. Specifically, these included: geometric improvements, widening the intersection, and adding a bypass lane at an estimated cost of \$40,000 to provide better traffic flow for the crossing of the proposed trail at the intersection.

Traffic signal modifications and replacement of existing storm drainage facilities, which will limit gutter flow spread, will also be added to the project at an additional cost of \$185,000. Rock slope scaling and a rockfall barrier in the existing rock cut will provide protection on the trail, and landscaping in lieu of a barrier separating the existing roadway from the multi-use path are included in the project at a cost of \$110,000. Additional incidentals and contingencies, as well as police protection during construction, amount to \$162,400.

The trail project, located alongside State Route 189, is part of the East Coast Greenway route which is prioritized for completion by CRCOG. Additionally, the project represents a unique joint effort by two CRCOG towns to address a regional

priority, with both contributing significant town funds towards the project's costs.

To incorporate CTDOT's requirements for the LOTCIP State Route 189 multi-use trail in Bloomfield/Simsbury, staff recommends the approval of an additional \$497,400 of LOTCIP funding for the project, increasing its LOTCIP share from \$1,020,000 to \$1,517,400.