

May 12, 2020

Commissioner Joseph Giuliatti  
Department of Transportation  
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Subject: Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program

Dear Commissioner Giuliatti:

On behalf of the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG), I would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for your efforts in continuing to manage and support the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP). Specifically, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Consultant Design Local Roads Unit, including Mr. Hugh Hayward, Mr. Bill Grant, and their dedicated staff. Through budget uncertainties, a wide variety of municipal project types and challenges, and the current unexpected pandemic, these CTDOT employees continue to manage the program efficiently while maintaining a high level of professionalism and an excellent work ethic at every level of interaction.

As you are aware, LOTICIP provides between \$45 and \$74 million of State funds annually to municipal governments through regional Councils of Government for transportation projects. Compared to federal funding sources, the program has led to significant project cost savings, expedited project delivery, and reduced administrative oversight costs. For example, recent analysis of CRCOG's LOTICIP program has revealed typical construction phase cost savings on the order of 25% (low bids reduced by about 10% and construction incidentals more than halved); project design phase durations reduced from multiple years to an average of less than 20 months; and agency administrative costs, including design reviews, reduced to a mere 4% of total expenditures (1% for CTDOT plus 3% for CRCOG). Most importantly, our municipalities have embraced the program as a more streamlined and flexible alternative to other transportation funding sources.

I again offer our thanks to the Department, and CRCOG looks forward to continuing to work with you to provide significant transportation capital improvement projects, cost effectively and expediently.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Mark Rolfe, P.E., CTDOT Deputy Commissioner & Chief Engineer  
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