

**To:** Cost Review Sub-Committee  
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**Subject:** 2022 LOTCIP Project Solicitation and CTDOT Coordination Update

### **2022 LOTCIP Project Solicitation**

A Request for Proposals (RFP) is anticipated be distributed in late September, with project proposals due in January and project selection approval anticipated in May 2022. As indicated in the Selection Policy, the appropriateness of the pavement treatment is a factor in how a pavement structural improvement will be rated. To assist municipalities with pavement treatment determination and categorization, CRCOG will be offering a voluntary pre-application pavement treatment opinion by a pavement expert pre-vetted by CTDOT (free to our communities!). Additionally, required pavement service life remains similar to prior solicitations, with CTDOT desiring a 20-year service life on all projects, but allowing 15 years for most minor pavement rehabilitation projects. Additional details will be forthcoming with the RFP.

### **CTDOT LOTCIP Coordination Update**

Considering the upcoming solicitation, the soon anticipated CTDOT LOTCIP guidelines update, and feedback from our communities, staff has been extensively coordinating with CTDOT to try to improve program efficiencies and address ongoing program challenges. In addition to other communications, CRCOG has requested and participated in the following meetings with CTDOT staff:

- Feb. 16: LOTCIP Unit – Initial discussion/request regarding upcoming CTDOT guideline revisions
- May 27: LOTCIP Unit – Discuss CRCOG staff program comments/suggestions
- June 29: LOTCIP Unit – Discuss general program efficiency
- July 8: Pavement Unit/LOTICIP Unit – Discuss CRCOG pavement concerns
- July 19: Pavement Unit/LOTICIP Unit – Brainstorm solutions to pavement concerns
- Sept. 3: Pavement Unit – Review CRCOG suggested Consultant Pavement Reviews
- Sept. 7: Right-of-Way Unit/LOTICIP Unit – Discuss ROW Timelines and Temporary Easements
- TBD: Districts/Traffic/LOTICIP Unit – Discuss traffic issues including Newington/District interactions

Progress has been made on a number of issues, including the following results:

- **Review Comments:** CTDOT addressing excessive detail and clarifying directives vs. commentary.
- **Pavement Service Life:** CTDOT desires 20 years but will accept 15 years for “minor rehabilitation.”
- **Pavement Treatment Guidance and Reviews:** Additional CTDOT treatment guidance is anticipated, in four treatment categories. Pavement treatment opinions by a consultant pre-vetted by CTDOT (utilizing LOTCIP funds / no cost to municipalities).
- **ROW Assistance:** Commitment to early interaction and determinations (rights to grade vs. easements).
- **CTDOT ROW Acquisition:** Commitment to providing timelines.
- **CTDOT-CRCOG LOTCIP Coordination Meetings:** To be held least quarterly.

Significant progress has been made with CTDOT, however, CRCOG staff has delayed the following potential asks that, if pursued, would require elevation of the issues to a higher level (at CTDOT or Legislature):

- **Eligibility:** Allowing work on non-federal aid roadways.
- **Elimination of CTDOT Oversight:** Region oversight only or no oversight (similar to Town Aid Road).