

To: Cost Review Sub-Committee
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c: Transportation Committee
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Subject: LOTCIP Funding Increase – West Hartford Trout Brook 6 Multi-Use Trail (L155-0001)

A Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting will take place at 11 AM on Monday, November 15, 2021. At the meeting, we will be discussing and acting on the following:

West Hartford Trout Brook Phase 6 Multi-Use Trail Project (L155-0001)

This project was originally approved for \$355,200 in the 2014 Solicitation, with a subsequent funding increase approval in 2017, making the total project cost estimate \$512,400.



The project has currently progressed through the final design phase. Based on the most recent engineer's estimate, the Town of West Hartford is requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of \$370,800 from \$512,400 to \$883,200 (72% increase).

The Multi-Use Trail is proposed on property owned by (DEEP), so the Town has also been working with DEEP since 2019 towards an easement and maintenance agreement.

During the 2019 permit review, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) determined that the existing and proposed retaining walls were an obstruction to the floodway, therefore, the town modified them to alleviate their concerns. The design change increased the cost by \$102,000 thus increasing the total project cost to \$614,400.

The easement and maintenance agreement with DEEP were recently approved, which will allow the town to proceed to bidding and construction of the trail. Due to the delays in obtaining an easement and maintenance agreement, and considerable price increases across the board due to industry supply chain and labor shortages, the cost of the project unit prices has increased overall to \$883,200 in 2021. Additionally, the Town has recently received bids on an adjoining trail project to substantiate the increase.

The Staff recommends committee approval of an additional \$370,800 of LOTCIP funding for the West Hartford Trout Brook Phase 6 Multi-Use Trail Project (L155-0001), increasing the funding approval from \$512,400 to \$883,200.