

April 4, 2022

The Honorable Ned Lamont  
Governor  
State of Connecticut  
State Capitol  
210 Capitol Ave  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont:

The nine regional councils of governments, representing all 169 Connecticut cities and towns and their respective chief elected officials, would like to convey to you our strong support for the competitive grant process utilizing our COGs in the preparation and evaluation process for IIJA utilization that you and Commissioner Boughton outlined during your municipal briefing on Monday, March 28. We want you to know that we are fully committed to utilizing our collective expertise and resources to ensure the success of the program. The process proposed mirrors the very successful Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) now in place through the Department of Transportation. This proven process is one that the COGs have full familiarity with and the adoption of a similar approach under IIJA will, we believe, work well for our state.

Each of the COGs have already begun preliminary work on IIJA with the identification of potential regional projects; some of which will involve multiple regions and other states. We are now ready and prepared to work in whatever constructive way with your office, Commissioner Boughton and the rest of the Administration to make IIJA in Connecticut a success.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you going forward.

Respectfully,



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Capitol Region Council of Governments



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Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments



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cc: Commissioner Mark Boughton