

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

A Cost Review Sub-Committee meeting will take place at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 27, 2022. 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)

The Towns of Simsbury and Bloomfield are requesting a LOTCIP funding increase of \$752,000 from \$1,517,400 to \$2,269,400 (49.5% increase). This increase, along with Bloomfield and Simsbury's previously volunteered shared local contribution of \$550,000 in construction funds would enable funding of the updated project cost, which has increased from \$2,067,400 to \$2,819,400 (36.4% increase). The increased project cost equals the low bid plus 20%.



Looking North Approaching Route 189 / Route 315 Intersection



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

After successfully completing LOTCIP design, the Towns were issued an Authorization to Advertise Letter on April 19, 2022 and held a public bid opening on May 26, 2022. The Towns received four (4) bid packages ranging from \$2,349,400 to \$2,990,724, considerably higher than the Engineer's estimate of \$1,743,000. The disparity between the engineer's estimate and the low bid pertain to the unit price increases. Specifically, the HMA costs increased from \$123 a ton to over \$200 a ton, increasing the total by \$110,000. Excavation costs, including ditch excavation, increased by \$109,000. The rockfall barrier, topsoil, and landscaping increased by \$156,000. Additionally, unit prices increased along with contingencies, incidentals, and increases associated with the higher bid numbers.

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 local funds towards the project's costs.

To allow the Towns to accept the lowest responsible bidder with costs that are substantially higher due to the increased unit prices, Staff recommends Committee approval of an additional \$752,000 of LOTCIP funding for State Route 189 Multi-Use Rail in Bloomfield/Simsbury, increasing its LOTCIP share from \$1,517,400 to \$2,269,400