



TO: SECOG Board of Directors

FROM: Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director

DATE: September 10, 2025

SUBJECT: Monthly Executive Director's Report

1) Financial and Management Matters

a) Grants/funding:

- i) Solid Waste: Waiting on CT DEEP decision re \$65,700 SMM grant for regional food waste diversion network scenario planning analysis and roadmap.
- ii) HB 5002 (Housing Omnibus): awaiting special session. SECOG will prepare regional buildout as part of our 2027 regional plan, which can serve as municipal housing capacity study as needed. Original bill called on COGs to provide services, but also included funding to support COG work.
- iii) RPIP: I have submitted a request to DECD to extend our current RPIP grant, which supports our code enforcement shared services, through FY 26 to enable all participating towns a full three years of support. RSG funding is also being used to supplement this program.
- iv) Defense: Tentative green light from OLDCC re \$5.8 million in DCIP funding to support improvements to Groton Utilities water infrastructure serving SUBASE communities. Participating in DECD-led EB partnership. Compatible Use Plan in early stages.

- b) Staffing: Dominic Anziano (Planner 1) and former Sustainable CT fellows Paige Booth and Avery Holzworth (fall interns) joined SECOG earlier this month. Planner 1 Taylor Lussier begins September 15.

2) Transportation

- a) Recreational Trails: CT DEEP staff will attend October SECOG meeting to brief members

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on Rec Trails, OSWA, and other land conversation/trails grant programs.

- b) Safety Action Plan: SECOG staff and consulting team (BETA) meeting individually with municipalities for early input. High Injury Network is being refined and locations for recommendations and road safety audits are being chosen. Over 550 surveys have been completed.
- c) Active Transportation Microgrant Program: CTDOT has notified SECOG that there will not be a fourth quarter round.
 - (a) 2024: Three grants finalizing purchases for closeout.
 - (b) 2025: Seven grants making purchases and third quarter is currently open to receive new applications with a two-application limit per COG.
- d) LOTCIP Funding Program: One consultant is reviewing two applications from 2025 round for submission to CTDOT. The second consultant is drafting 2026 solicitation and municipal resources to support the application process. Debra is meeting with municipalities to provide guidance.
 - (a) Projects Completed/Pending Closeout (CTF year: final expenditures)
 - (i) CTDOT conducting closeout review
 1. Norwich - Dunham Street (2018: \$1,693,238)
 2. Waterford - Cross Road (2018: \$1,871,502)
 - (ii) Municipality working on audit packet submission
 1. New London - Ocean Avenue (2016: \$1,870,505)
 2. Montville - Old Colchester Road (2016: \$499,769)
 3. Colchester - Halls Hill Road (2018: \$784,240)
 4. City of Groton - Poquonnock Road (2019: \$2,308,154)
 5. New London - Jefferson Avenue (2019: \$3,615,660)
 - (b) Under Construction/Punchlist and Acceptance (CTF year: CTF amount)
 - (i) Municipality finalizing documentation
 1. Ledyard - Gallup Hill Road/Col Ledyard Highway (2022: \$3,190,724)
 2. Colchester - Lebanon Avenue Phase III (2023: \$1,068,196)
 - (c) In Design/Received Commitment to Fund (CTF year: CTF amount)

- (i) Municipality working on Right-of-Way submission
 - 1. Bozrah - Fitchville Road (2022: \$1,582,800)
 - 2. New London – Williams/Broad Streets (2022: \$4,088,399)
 - 3. Preston - Poquetanuck Road Phase I (2023: \$2,850,578)
 - 4. East Lyme - East Pattagansett Road (2024: \$3,329,200)
 - 5. Lisbon – River Rd/Route 12 (2024: \$3,670,400)
 - 6. Norwich/Montville - New London Turnpike (2024: \$2,910,400)
- (ii) Municipality received notice to proceed with design
 - 1. Stonington - Taugwonk Road Bridge (2025: \$2,628,000)
 - 2. New London - Vauxhall Street (2024: \$4,678,380)
- (d) Applications (solicitation year: estimate)
 - (i) SECOG preparing for endorsement
 - 1. Stonington – Route 1 (2025: \$1,141,200)
 - 2. Waterford – Niantic River Rd (2025: \$1,430,670)
 - (ii) Municipality developing application for submission
 - 1. Windham – multiple sidewalk gaps (2025: \$907,200)
 - 2. Preston – Route 2A (2025: \$2,723,595)
- e) Senior/Disabled Vans: CTDOT finalizing 5310 awards.
- f) Corridor Studies:
 - i) Norwich: SECOG received follow up comments on Norwich and is working to provide CTDOT with requested data.
 - ii) New London: CTDOT is proceeding with programming New London Route 32 recommendations.
 - iii) East Lyme: SECOG consultant preparing additional information requested by CTDOT.
- g) Transit: SEAT and City of NL working with CTDOT re Smart Ride Funding. SECOG will advance a New London-only transit study with PL funds.
- h) Freight: SECOG updating Freight Profile (existing conditions). SECOG issued Letter of Support to CT Port Authority grant request on behalf of Buckeye Fuel Terminal to ensure continued over-water shipping of fuel to region.

3) Regional Planning

- a) Resilient Yantic River: SECOG & project team presented proposals for three flood risk reduction strategies- removal of the Upper Falls Dam, voluntary retreat, and river channel widening in Norwichtown. SECOG exploring funding opportunities for project design.
- b) Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (adoption 2027). SECOG developing work plan for 2026 public engagement and baseline research.
- c) Housing: See above re HB 5002.
- d) Regional Emergency Management: REPT CEO Council approved budgets for training, shared equipment. SECOG's Deb Pierce co-chairing revamped RESF-1, Transportation, and met with partners earlier this month.
- e) Stormwater: Next stormwater collaborative meeting 9/25 (hybrid).
- f) Drinking Water: WUCC met 9/3 to approve service area boundary changes.
- g) SECOG and seCTer hosting AdvanceCT program at SECOG Tuesday, September 23rd.
- h) Human Services Coordinating Council: Will reconvene October 17.
- i) Brownfields: SECOG finalizing grant documents for EPA Coalition grant. DECD-funded assessment projects are nearing completion.

4) Municipal Services

- a) 2025 Legislation: SECOG (Lindo) prepping 2025 Legislative Summary for September distribution.
- b) Permitting software: SECOG to support Bozrah, Preston in onboarding IPS permitting system.
- c) GIS: With the support of state ARPA funds, SECOG is working with member town GIS contacts and consultants to improve the quality and consistency of municipal parcel/CAMA data. David Cook is working with vendors on tasks.