



TO: SECOG Board of Directors
FROM: Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director
DATE: December 10, 2025
SUBJECT: Monthly Executive Director's Report

1) Financial and Management Matters

- a) Grants/Funding: HB8002 was signed into law as PA 25-2 and includes an additional \$400,000 annually for each COG to add housing and stormwater/solid waste capacity. See more below.

<u>Active</u>	<u>Pending/Applied</u>	<u>On Horizon</u>
USDOT- SS4A Regional Safety Action Plan	US EPA HMGP- Yantic	CT DCRF- Yantic
CT DECD- Brownfields x4		UConn TAB- Regional Brownfields Inventory
US EPA- Brownfields		
DOD- Utilities Design		<u>Recent Nos</u>
DOD- Utilities Infrastructure		CT DEEP- Sustainable Materials Management
DOD- Compatible Use Plan		(Regl Strategy)
CT DEEP- Materials Management		CT DEEP- Trees for Communities (NL)
Infrastructure (Windham)		

- b) Staffing: Two transportation planners will join the team in early January, replacing Debra Pierce and expanding SECOG's capacity to advance projects. Currently hiring for Resiliency/Sustainability Coordinator to partially replace Emily Bigl. On the horizon: two staff to cover housing and stormwater tasks.
- c) New member orientation: SECOG will hold a new member orientation via TEAMS and is scheduling one-on-one meetings with each new member in early January.

2) Transportation

- a) Safety Action Plan: SECOG staff and consulting team (BETA) completed current phase of walk audits with final walk in Norwich.
- b) Active Transportation Microgrant Program: CTDOT has notified SECOG that there will

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not be a fourth quarter round but it is anticipated that this program will return in early 2026.

- c) LOTCIP: Preliminary Scoping (Phase 1) Current solicitation pre-applications were due November 14th. A new SECOG LOTCIP project manager will be announced in January. Status as of 9/30/25.

(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, target Final Design)

1. Bozrah - Fitchville Road (2022: \$1,582,800) FDS 11/25
2. New London – Williams/Broad Streets (2022: \$4,088,399) FDS 1/26
3. Preston - Poquetanuck Road Phase I (2023: \$2,850,578) FDS 12/25
4. East Lyme - East Pattagansett Road (2024: \$3,329,200) FDS 10/25
5. Lisbon – River Rd/Route 12 (2024: \$3,670,400) FDS 5/26
6. Norwich/Montville - New London Turnpike (2024: \$2,910,400) FDS 10/25
7. Stonington - Taugwonk Road Bridge (2025: \$2,628,000) FDS 9/26

8. New London - Vauxhall Street (2024: \$4,678,380) FDS 1/28
 - (d) Applications (solicitation year: estimate)
 - (i) SECOG preparing for endorsement
 1. Waterford – Niantic River Rd (2025: \$1,430,670) *December 2025*
 - (ii) Municipality developing application for submission
 1. Windham – multiple sidewalk gaps (2025: \$907,200)
 2. Preston – Route 2A (2025: \$2,723,595)
 - d) Senior/Disabled Vans: CTDOT selected four SE CT recipients out of the most recent round (9 requests).
 - e) 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. SECOG updating briefing sheet.
 - iii) East Lyme: SECOG consultant preparing additional information requested by CTDOT.
 - f) 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. Rattan/Kennedy consulting with RIDOT re their upcoming rail plan.
 - g) Freight: SECOG joined CTDOT stakeholder interviews re freight. SECOG updating Freight Profile (existing conditions).
- 3) Regional Planning
 - a) Resilient Yantic River: Yantic River work under CIRCA's Resilient 2.0 is near complete. 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 has application in for EPA funds and is preparing DEEP DCRF funding request.
 - b) Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (adoption 2027). SECOG developing work plan for 2026 public engagement and baseline research. Reviewing local zoning regulations to conduct buildout analysis (measure capacity of region for development).
 - c) Housing: Staff reviewing HB 8002 timeline and developing workplan to assist member

municipalities with compliance. Call with local planners held 12/3. Briefing to SECOG Board anticipated in January.

- d) Regional Emergency Management: REPT program waiting on clarification re future funding availability and restrictions. CEO Council may need to reconvene to approve amended budget to come.
- e) Stormwater: SECOG staffing stormwater collaborative. SECOG, the City of New London, and Arcadis will present a hybrid information session—"Setting Up a Stormwater Authority"—on Monday, December 15th (5-7 pm) at the NL Community Recreation Center. Register at SECOG website.
- f) Drinking Water: Ms. Zinavage has been appointed WUCC secretary to facilitate ESA changes going forward.
- g) Brownfields: EPA grant contract has been fully executed. DECD-funded assessment projects are nearing completion. Dominic Anziano has taken over as project manager.
- h) Defense: Town of Groton has begun public meetings for housing work funded through SECOG OLDCC grant. SECOG participating in Eastern CT Defense Industry Community Partnership. Currently advancing transportation conversations with EB, ConnDOT.
- i) Watersheds: SECOG provides staff support to the Thames River Basin Partnership and hosted a meeting on December 16th.

4) Municipal Services

- a) Building Code Enforcement: Agreement with Norwich for after-hours emergency coverage on pause pending staff issues at Norwich.
- b) Permitting software: SECOG reviewing options for Bozrah permitting software.
- 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.
- d) Human Services Coordinating Council: Reconvened October 17 with a discussion regarding senior citizen needs and resources.
- e) Animal Control: Initial conversation held with interested municipalities 12/4. Next steps pending.