



TO: SECOG Board of Directors
FROM: Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director
DATE: January 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Monthly Executive Director's Report

1) Financial and Management Matters

- a) Grants/Funding: SECOG will submit an amended workplan to OPM to receive the funds associated with housing & stormwater via 25-1. We received a 6 month extension to the RPIP code enforcement grant to allow full use of available funds. Ms. Zincavage is closing out the DOD-funded Groton Utilities design project, which has been active since 2022.

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

- b) Staffing: Victoria Jaskaran and Tyler Frost joined SECOG this month as Planner IIs working in transportation. Currently hiring for three positions: housing, resiliency, and stormwater.
- c) New member orientation: Kennedy, Zincavage, and Rattan have met with three new electeds and have two more scheduled.
- d) Finances: Due to growing complexity of SECOG finances, which benefit from multiple funding programs, our accounting firm has raised its rates. We are discontinuing our IT contract.

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2) Transportation

- a) Safety Action Plan: Final draft will be available for review this month.
- b) Active Transportation Microgrant Program: Awaiting word from CTDOT that this program will restart.
- c) LOTCIP: Tyler Frost has been designated project manager for LOTCIP. Status as of 9/30/25:

Phase	Status	CTF Year	Cost	Project
Projects Completed/Pending Closeout	CTDOT conducting closeout review	2018	\$ 1,693,238	Norwich- Dunham Street
		2018	\$ 1,871,502	Waterford - Cross Road
	Municipality working on audit packet submission	2016	\$ 1,870,505	New London - Ocean Avenue
		2016	\$ 499,769	Montville - Old Colchester Road
		2018	\$ 784,240	Colchester - Halls Hill Road
		2019	\$ 2,308,154	City of Groton - Poquonnock Road
		2019	\$ 3,615,660	New London - Jefferson Avenue
Under Construction/Punch list and Acceptance	Municipality finalizing documentation	2022	\$ 3,190,724	Ledyard - Gallup Hill Road/Col Ledyard Highway
		2023	\$ 1,068,196	Colchester - Lebanon Avenue Phase III
In Design/Received Commitment to Fund		2022	\$ 1,582,800	Bozrah - Fitchville Road FDS 11/25
		2022	\$ 4,088,399	New London - Williams/Broad Streets FDS 1/26
		2023	\$ 2,850,578	Preston - Poquetanuck Road Phase I FDS 12/25
		2024	\$ 3,329,200	East Lyme - East Pattagansett Road FDS 10/25
		2024	\$ 3,670,400	Lisbon - River Rd/Route 12FDS 5/26
		2024	\$ 2,910,400	Norwich/Montville - New London TurnpikeFDS 10/25
		2025	\$ 2,628,000	Stonington - Taugwonk Road Bridge FDS 9/26
		2024	\$ 4,678,380	New London - Vauxhall Street FDS 1/28
Applications	SECOG preparing for endorsement		\$ 1,430,670	2025: Waterford - Niantic River Rd
	Muni developing application for submission		\$ 907,200	2025: Windham - multiple sidewalk gaps
			\$ 2,723,595	2025: Preston - Route 2A

- 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 completed [project status briefing document](#).

iii) East Lyme: SECOG consultant preparing additional information requested by CTDOT.

Ms. Rattan briefed Rep. Menapace on this and other projects.

- 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 submitting application for CT DCRF funds to further support project development.
- b) Jewett City DCRF: SECOG agreed to submit DCRF application for this project and administer it due to limited staff capacity in Griswold.
- c) 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).
- d) Housing: Kennedy, Zincavage coordinating with other COGs and OPM staff on workplans and methodologies. Hiring dedicated housing staff person to assist with this work. With SECHA, planning events this spring focused on energy efficiency issues affecting affordability.
- e) 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.
- f) Stormwater: SECOG staffing stormwater collaborative. Hiring dedicated staff person.
- g) Drinking Water: Ms. Zincavage (WUCC secretary) working with DEEP and Montville to facilitate ESA change.
- h) Brownfields: UConn TAB will conduct region-wide inventory this year. EPA grant project is in procurement phase.

- i) Defense: Kennedy, Zincavage, Rattan involved in conversations related to housing expansion. DOD-funded Compatible Use Plan and Water Main projects underway.
 - j) Watersheds:
- 4) Municipal Services
- a) Building Code Enforcement: Hoping to hire part-time on-call coverage.
 - 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: Met 1/16/26.
 - e) Animal Control: Conversations continuing with towns affected by NECCOG reductions in service.
- 5) Letters of Support
- a) SECOG submitted letters of support for DCRF grants in Groton and Windham, and resubmitted information to OPM regarding Preston's application for CIF funds.