



TO: SECOG Board of Directors
FROM: Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director
DATE: March 9, 2026
SUBJECT: Monthly Executive Director's Report

Financial and Management Matters

a) Grants/Funding:

<u>Active</u>	<u>Pending/Applied</u>	<u>On Horizon</u>
USDOT- SS4A Regional Safety Action Plan	CT DCRF- Yantic	2026 SS4A
CT DECD- Brownfields x4	CT DCRF- Jewett City	
US EPA- Brownfields		<u>Recent Nos</u>
DOD- Utilities Design		
DOD- Utilities Infrastructure		
DOD- Compatible Use Plan		
CT DEEP- Materials Management Infrastructure (Windham)		
UConn TAB- Regional Brownfields Inventory		

We received additional funding from OPM related to stormwater and housing work..

b) FY 2025 audit is complete pending final filing of documents.

c) Staffing:

- i) Michelle Maitland will join SECOG on April 9 as our Regional Stormwater Management and Watersheds Coordinator (Planner 3). As her title outlines, Michelle will staff our stormwater/MS4 related work and further develop SECOG's watershed program, liaising with existing watershed groups throughout the region.
- ii) Offers have been extended to candidates for housing and resiliency programs.
- iii) Mark Paquette notified me that he will retire from his consultant role with SECOG supporting our REPT fiduciary activities as of June 30. I am evaluating options to support that program with a goal of beginning the hiring process in early April.

d) Events: Helen Zincavage (HZ) attended the Eastern Chamber's Tourism conference to

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expand our knowledge of and connections with that sector.

- e) I will be out of the office March 18 (afternoon) through Tuesday, March 24th.

Municipal Services

- a) Building Official: The Town of Montville has hired a full-time building official and will wind down its engagement with SECOG's program in early April. SECOG will then have capacity to assist additional towns- please contact me to discuss. Still planning to contract on-call assistance.
- b) Planning: Taylor Lussier now providing interim planner services to C of Groton (2 days/wk) and Stonington (1 day/wk).
- c) Permitting software: SECOG reviewing potential use of MGO in Bozrah.
- d) GIS: ARPA-funded CAMA/GIS revisions underway.
- e) Human Services Coordinating Council: Met 1/16/26; next meeting 4/17.
- f) Animal Control: Resolution appears to NECOG extending services to SECOG towns, at rates reflecting NECOG costs. Ongoing need to anticipate end of service and new requirements for shelter structures (2029).

Regional Planning

- a) Housing: SECOG held virtual coordination meeting with municipal planning staff 2/25 (standing 4th Wednesday check-in). Original plan for four regional information sessions unworkable due to scheduling, meetings of two or more will begin in March and take place over several months. Working with staff and interns on buildout, zoning analysis, other products. Offer out to dedicated housing staff person to assist with this work. Developing recommendations for policy and technical advisory committees. With SECHA, organizing events this spring focused on energy efficiency issues affecting affordability.
- b) Resilience (currently hiring staff person for this program area):
 - i) 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 submitted application 1/15/26 for CT DCRF funds to further support project development. SECOG supporting City of Norwich/NCDC/CIRCA Climate Smart Communities Initiative Grant focused on managed retreat.
- ii) Jewett City DCRF: SECOG submitted DCRF application 1/15/26 for this project and administer it due to limited staff capacity in Griswold.
 - iii) HZ participating in Sustainable CT fellow interviews.
 - c) Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (ON HOLD). Executive Committee concurred with recommendation to hold off on Plan development until the conclusion of the first regional housing growth plan, due mid-2027. I met with seCTer to review coordination plans.
 - d) Regional Emergency Management: HSGP FY 2025 funding issues have been resolved. See note above re M. Paquette.
 - e) Brownfields: UConn TAB will conduct region-wide inventory this year. SECOG finalizing contracts with consultants for EPA grant-funded assessment work in Sprague, Windham, and Preston (incl. regional work).
 - f) Defense: E CT Defense Industry Partnership continuing with staff support from UWSECT and seCTer. SECOG staffing subcommittees on housing and transportation. DOD-funded Compatible Use Plan and Water Main projects underway.
 - g) Stormwater & Watersheds: See above re hiring of Michelle Maitland.
 - h) Coordinated with CT OLR and Town of Waterford consultants re drinking water information.

Transportation

- a) Safety Action Plan: Comment period closed 2/21. Draft is being finalized for potential SECOG adoption in April. 2026 SS4A solicitation anticipated in March, application [webinar](#) on 3/17. [T2 center training](#) for road safety audits, 5/28.
- b) Transportation Improvement Plan 2027-2030: Public hearing will be held Thursday, 3/19, 6:30 PM at SECOG. Public comment period is open from 3/16-4/19, potential SECOG adoption in May.

- c) Transportation Rural Improvement Program: 2026 TRIP Solicitation applications due to SECOG by 4/24. Application assistance is available, please contact Tyler Frost by 3/16.
- d) LOTCIP: Tyler Frost has been designated project manager for LOTCIP. Start thinking about projects for next round possibly this summer. Status as of 3/9/2026:

Phase	Status	CTF Year	Cost	Project
Projects Completed/Pending Closeout	CTDOT conducting audit review	2016	\$ 1,870,505	New London - Ocean Avenue
		2018	\$ 1,693,238	Norwich- Dunham Street
		2016	\$ 555,639	Montville - Old Colchester Road
		2018	\$ 1,871,502	Waterford - Cross Road <i>waiting on Wtdf repmt</i>
	Municipal audit submission needed	2018	\$ 784,240	Colchester - Halls Hill Road
		2019	\$ 2,308,154	City of Groton - Poquonnock Road
		2019	\$ 3,779,830	New London - Jefferson Avenue
		2022	\$ 3,190,724	Ledyard - Gallup Hill Road/Col Ledyard Highway
Under Construction/Punchlist and Acceptance		2023	\$ 1,068,196	Colchester - Lebanon Avenue Phase III CCD 12/25
In Design/Received Commitment to Fund	PAL pending revision	2022	\$ 1,582,800	Bozrah - Fitchville Road FDS 11/25
		2022	\$ 4,658,608	New London - Williams/Broad Streets FDS 1/26
		2023	\$ 2,850,578	Preston - Poquetanuck Road Phase I FDS 3/26
		2024	\$ 3,690,400	East Lyme - East Pattagansett Road FDS 5/26
		2024	\$ 3,722,800	Lisbon - River Rd/Route 12 FDS 5/26
		2024	\$ 2,910,400	Norwich/Montville - NL Turnpike FDS 4/36
		2025	\$ 2,628,000	Stonington - Taugwonk Road Bridge field work, FDS 9/26
		2024	\$ 4,678,380	New London - Vauxhall Street FDS 1/28
Applications	Submitted to CTDOT	2026	\$ 1,703,600	Stonington - Route 1 Bicycle Facility
			\$ 3,229,800	2025: Waterford - Niantic River Rd
			\$ 820,800	2026: Colchester - RT616 Sidewalks
			\$ 5,675,200	2026: Norwich - Hunters Rd Reconstruction
	Muni developing application		\$ 3,224,800	2026: Ledyard - Lantern Hill Rd Bridge
			\$ 907,200	2025: Windham - multiple sidewalk gaps
			\$ 2,723,595	2025: Preston - Route 2A Phases 2 and 3

- e) Active Transportation Microgrant Program (\$5,000 bike/ped): Applications for this quarter are due March 20. Eligible entities: schools, school districts, municipalities, health districts, and non-profits with 501(c)(3) status.
- f) Senior/Disabled Vans: New applications for 5310 funds (Senior/Disabled transportation capital & operating) due to CTDOT & SECOG 3/31. Contact Tyler Frost for information.
- 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) Corridor Studies: SECOG's consultants completed additional RT161 analysis requested by CTDOT; forwarded to CTDOT for review. SECOG continues coordination of Norwich

Downtown Mobility recommendations.

- i) Coordination
 - i) with Norwich and CTDOT re Rte 82 project
 - ii) CTDOT and stakeholders around improvements to Preston Riverwalk area.
 - iii) with NL re safety improvements Willetts Ave.
 - iv) with Bozrah re Gifford Lane bridge.
 - v) With CTDOT re bridge 07104 replacement, Preston.
 - vi) with CTDOT re upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project list.

Letters of Support

- a) SECOG submitted letters of support for applications for congressionally directed funding from City of Groton, Lebanon, and CIRCA; Climate Smart Communities Initiative funding for the Town of Groton and CIRCA; and BUILD funding for the Mohegan Tribe and City of Norwich.