



TO: SECOG Board of Directors  
FROM: Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director  
DATE: June 10, 2026  
SUBJECT: Monthly Executive Director's Report

## Financial and Management Matters

### a) Grants/Funding:

| Active                                                  | Pending/Applied      | On Horizon        |
|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| USDOT- SS4A Regional Safety Action Plan <b>complete</b> | CT DCRF- Yantic      |                   |
| CT DECD- Brownfields Assessment x4, Remediation x 1     | CT DCRF- Jewett City |                   |
| US EPA- Brownfields                                     |                      | <u>Recent Nos</u> |
| DOD- Utilities Design <b>complete</b>                   |                      |                   |
| DOD- Utilities Infrastructure                           |                      |                   |
| DOD- Compatible Use Plan                                |                      |                   |
| CT DEEP- Materials Management Infrastructure (Windham)  |                      |                   |
| UConn TAB- Regional Brownfields Inventory               |                      |                   |

### b) Staffing:

- i) Daniel Kogstad joined SECOG on June 1 as Assistant Transportation Planner working with Kate and Tyler. Daniel received his MPA from UConn this spring and did impressive work interning with the Town of Winchester. Our 2026 Sustainable CT Fellow (Natalie Crowley) joined us in May along with three interns (Nick Hale, 2025 MPA from UConn), Addie Concascia (entering UConn MPA program this fall), and Brody Corcoran ( UVt undergrad).
- ii) Niko Xenophontos will join SECOG Monday 6/15 as PT Grants Administrator, filling the shoes of Mark Paquette re REPT and supporting other grant-funded programs.

### c) Notable meetings/trainings:

- i) I met with OPM Secretary Wojcik 6/4, along with our COG directors, to discuss policy priorities.
- ii) Multiple staff attended CCAPA's Hot Topics event, which covers changes to legislation and case law affecting land use planning and regulation.
- iii) Karen Pham attended training events regarding watershed planning.

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- iv) Michelle and Karen both attended training regarding our future culvert assessment work with TNC.
- v) CT FOIC's Russell Blair trained multiple SECOG staff on FOIA and data retention requirements.
- d) Media & Public Events: Michelle Maitland presented at the Eastern CT Watershed Summit on 5/30. Kate Rattan spoke with The Day about road improvement projects in New London and regionwide.

## Municipal Services

- a) Building Official: SECOG completed its assistance to the Town of Montville Friday, 6/4. SECOG has capacity to assist additional towns- please contact me to discuss.
- b) Planning: SECOG/C of Groton extended agreement to provide interim planning services through the end of 2026. Taylor Lussier providing interim planner services to C of Groton (2 days/wk) and Stonington (1 day/wk).
- c) GIS: ARPA-funded CAMA/GIS revisions underway.
- d) Human Services Coordinating Council: April meeting to be rescheduled.
- e) Legislative: SECOG on track to produce session summary by July SECOG meeting.

## Regional Planning

- a) Housing: PA 25-1 intro meetings held with elected leaders and commissioners in Stonington, St. Borough, Colchester, Salem, and Preston. East Lyme and Griswold on deck. Windham and Lisbon scheduled, but further off. Goal to hold intro sessions with all municipalities by the end of June will be mostly met. SECOG staff research areas focused on Accessory Dwelling Units, demographic multipliers, and Deed Restrict Units. SECOG's Housing Policy Committee continues to meet monthly. Recent topics: developable land inventory, proximity to transit.
- b) Resilience:
  - i) Resilient Yantic River: Waiting on response to 1/15/26 application 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.
  - c) Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (ON HOLD).
  - d) Regional Emergency Management: Josh C will visit SECOG to brief Niko and other staff on regional emergency management network. Mark P will be at SECOG 6/17-18 to train Niko.
  - e) Brownfields: EPA Coalition grant project kicked off 5/6 with Windham site visits and Preston site visit (6/16). Temporary community liaison positions for Windham posted.
  - 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. SECOG reviewed potential Eversource natural gas project for future.
  - g) Stormwater & Watersheds: Michelle and Karen completed training and are now certified NAACC culvert evaluators. Seasonal culvert evaluation fieldwork will begin in late June, and likely occur every other week. The SECOG staff focus area is Norwich, with other agency focus areas as follows: TNC (East Lyme), Save The Sound (Groton), CT NERR (Groton), CT DEEP (Montville). The next meeting of the Regional Stormwater Collaborative is being planned for September.
  - h) Open space planning: seasonal fieldwork to collect attribute information from public recreation facilities will continue for a third season, beginning in late June and likely occurring every other week opposite culvert field work.

## Transportation

- a) Core Plans
  - i) Engagement re MTP has begun (Long-Range Transportation Plan to be adopted in 2027).
- b) Safety
  - i) SECOG/CTDOT coordinating on locations for HSIP (Highway Safety) improvement projects.
  - ii) Safe Streets for All: Grant opportunity related to SAP findings. Applications due May 26.
- c) Congestion: SECOG finalizing Congestion Management Plan.
- d) Ongoing Funding Programs
  - i) LOTCIP: Tyler Frost has been designated project manager for LOTCIP. Start thinking about projects for next round possibly this fall. CTDOT is updating guidance, anticipate increase in minimum project cost. SECOG reviewing RFP responses for potential consultants. Status as of 5/1/2026 (updates bolded):

| 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   | <b>Montville - Old Colchester Road waiting on MV repmt</b> |
|                                              |                                   | 2018     | \$ 1,871,502 | <b>Waterford - Cross Road waiting on Wtdf repmt</b>        |
|                                              | 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/Punch list 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     | \$ 2,809,200 | Norwich/Montville - NL Turnpike FDS 4/26                   |
|                                              |                                   | 2025     | \$ 2,628,000 | Stonington - Taugwonk Road Bridge field work, FDS 5/27     |
|                                              |                                   | 2024     | \$ 4,714,348 | New London - Vauxhall Street FDS 1/28                      |
|                                              |                                   | 2026     | \$ 3,229,800 | Waterford - Niantic River Rd                               |
|                                              |                                   | 2026     | \$ 1,703,600 | Stonington - Route 1 Bicycle Facility                      |
|                                              |                                   | 2026     | \$ 3,224,800 | Ledyard - Lantern Hill Rd Bridge                           |
| Applications                                 | Submitted to CTDOT                |          | \$ 924,098   | 2026: Colchester - RT616 Sidewalks                         |
|                                              |                                   |          |              |                                                            |
|                                              | Muni developing application       |          | \$ 907,200   | 2025: Windham - multiple sidewalk gaps                     |
|                                              |                                   |          | \$ 2,723,595 | 2025: Preston - Route 2A Phases 2 and 3                    |

- ii) Transportation Rural Improvement Program: SECOG received 3 applications and sent them on to CTDOT.
- iii) Active Transportation Microgrant Program (\$5,000 bike/ped): Applications for this quarter are due 6/20. Eligible entities: schools, school districts, municipalities, health districts, and non-profits with 501(c)(3) status.
- iv) Senior/Disabled Vans: CTDOT reviewing recently submitted applications.
- e) Bike/Ped:
  - i) SECOG reviewing RFP responses for Waterford Eastern Shoreline Path planning work.
- f) Transit:
  - i) SECOG reviewing consultant applications for NL bus study. SEAT and City of NL working with CTDOT re Smart Ride Funding.
- g) Corridor Studies: CTDOT staff is reviewing supplemental data for Norwich Downtown Mobility and East Lyme Route 161 studies, and will schedule programming meetings subject to administration availability.
- h) CTDOT Projects and Informational Items
  - i) SECOG is monitoring congestion on Gold Star Bridge and will engage as needed.
- i) Coordination
  - i) With CTDOT, EB, City of Groton, etc. re Gold Star Bridge traffic congestion.
  - ii) With CTDOT, CEOS and planners from Preston, Montville, Norwich, and Ledyard, and stakeholders around improvements to Preston Riverwalk area. CTDOT to release existing conditions assessment any day now.
  - iii) With NL regarding safety improvements Willetts Ave.
  - iv) With CTDOT regarding upcoming Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) project list.
  - v) With NCDC re Occum Business Park.
  - vi) With EB re Crystal Mall repurposing, Groton safety & congestion.

## Letters of Support

- a) Preston: CIF application for Community Facilities study.
- b) Columbia Climate School: application for NOAA funding for Consortium for Climate Risk in the Urban NE—with NECCOG. Would support work on municipal preparedness challenges in Region 4.