



TO: SECOG Board of Directors
FROM: Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director
DATE: July 8, 2026
SUBJECT: Monthly Executive Director's Report

Financial and Management Matters

a) Grants/Funding:

Active

DECD Brownfields Assessment x 4
DECD Brownfields Remediation (Lisbon)
DEEP DCRF x 2- Yantic Flooding, Jewett City
Flooding
EPA Brownfields Assessment
UConn TAB- Brownfields Inventory
DOD- Compatible Use Plan
DOD- Utilities Water Infrastructure
DEEP- Materials Management Infrastructure
(Windham)

Completed Pending Close-Out

FHWA SS4A Regional Safety Action Plan
DOD- Utilities Design

Municipal Opportunities

Oct 9- USDOT PROTECT: (SECOG pursuing
grants related to Yantic flooding and
regional resilience)
Dec 4- DEEP Urban Green & Comm. Garden
Dec 1- DEEP Energy Resil. Construction
Coming soon-
Community Connectivity
TRIP

- b) Staffing: Three new interns will work with SECOG this fall, in addition to two returning (Kristina Bergman, Patrick Duffy, Chris Noroian, Nick Hale, Addie Concascia).
- c) Administration: Kennedy, Leclair continuing to review processes to improve efficiency and transparency.

Municipal Services

- a) Building Official: SECOG and Ledyard signed an agreement for part-time building inspection services. SECOG is working with Preston, Bozrah, and Ledyard to onboard MGO, a permitting software.
- 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

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Groton (2 days/wk) and Stonington (1 day/wk).

- c) GIS: ARPA-funded CAMA/GIS revisions underway.
- d) Human Services Coordinating Council: no update.

Regional Planning

- a) Housing: PA 25-1 held an intro meeting with elected leaders and commissioners in Griswold and Windham. Waterford and Lisbon remain to schedule. Goal to hold intro sessions with all municipalities by the end of June will be mostly met. Staff are preparing for fall outreach, which will delve more specifically into each community's conditions and existing policies, and have sent meeting requests. SECOG staff research areas focused on Accessory Dwelling Units, demographic multipliers, and Deed Restricted Units. SECOG's Housing Policy Committee continues to meet monthly. Recent topics: developable land inventory, proximity to transit, proximity to downtowns, multi-family housing. SECOG staff reviewed state guidance materials and provided feedback.
- b) Resilience:
 - i) Resilient Yantic River: Awarded CT DCRF to further support project development.
 - ii) Jewett City DCRF: Awarded DCRF grant.
- c) Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (ON HOLD).
- d) Regional Emergency Management: REPT Steering Committee recommended budget for CEO approval on 9/10.
- e) Brownfields: SECOG has hired four community liaisons to support this project on a temporary basis.
- f) Defense: SECOG staffing E CT Defense Industry Partnership housing and transportation committees, coordinating on transportation in C of Groton, NL, and Waterford. SECOG working with EB to develop data on impacts to region of its accelerated hiring over the next two years. DOD-funded Compatible Use Plan and Water Main projects underway.
- g) Stormwater & Watersheds: Seasonal culvert evaluation fieldwork began in late June and will likely occur into the early fall. 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: Staff has been conducting seasonal fieldwork to collect attribute information from public recreation facilities.

Transportation

- a) Core Plans

- i) MTP

- (1) Working towards 2027 adoption of Long-Range Transportation Plan. Current public outreach focus is industry stakeholders. New London Block Party tentatively scheduled for 10/15/26.

- (2) SECOG submitted MTP project list to CTDOT (wishlist of projects, to be prioritized based on projected funding availability).

- (3) SECOG coordinated with CT Port Authority.

- ii) TIP: forwarded to FHWA for implementation October 1.

- iii) Freight: Tyler updating freight profile.

- iv) Bike/Ped: Updating plan implementation status.

- b) Safety

- i) SECOG/CTDOT coordinating with T2 Center and CTDOT for a Speed Management and ATESD workshop scheduled for September 10 at 10AM at SECOG (i.e. speed cameras).

- ii) CTDOT produced a screening of Road Diet opportunities Statewide, three locations in SECOG were reviewed and found feasible, but not flagged for CTDOT implementation: New London Howard St., Stonington Coogan Boulevard, and Groton Crystal Lake Road.

- c) Ongoing Funding Programs

- i) PROTECT: NOFO issued for October 9th applications. SECOG staff reviewing opportunities for regional, local applications. Funds related to resilience of

transportation network to weather events.

- ii) Active Transportation Microgrant Program (\$5,000 bike/ped): September round will be the last for the year. Eligible entities: schools, school districts, municipalities, health districts, and non-profits with 501(c)(3) status.
- iii) LOTCIP: SECOG received multiple phase 1 pre-applications for potential development, with project costs totaling over \$15 million. Draft applications due 10/2. Full applications due Nov. 20.

Phase	Status	CTF Year	Cost	Project
Projects Completed/Pending Closeout	CTDOT conducting audit review	2016	\$ 1,870,505	New London - Ocean Avenue 9/19
		2018	\$ 1,693,238	Norwich- Dunham Street CCD 11/22
		2016	\$ 555,639	Montville - Old Colchester Road CCD 8/18
		2018	\$ 1,871,502	Waterford - Cross Road CCD 1/23
		2018	\$ 784,240	Colchester - Halls Hill Road 1/25
	Municipal audit submission needed	2019	\$ 2,308,154	City of Groton - Poquonnock Road CCD 11/22
		2019	\$ 3,779,830	New London - Jefferson Avenue CCD 9/24
		2022	\$ 3,190,724	Ledyard - Gallup Hill Road/Col Ledyard Highway CCD 11/25
		2023	\$ 1,068,196	Colchester - Lebanon Avenue Phase III CCD 12/25
Under Construction/Punchlist and Acceptance				
In Design/Received Commitment to Fund	PAL pending revision	2022	\$ 1,582,800	Bozrah - Fitchville Road FDS 8/26
	PAL issued	2022	\$ 4,470,745	New London - Williams/Broad Streets FDS 1/26
		2023	\$ 2,850,578	Preston - Poquetanuck Road Phase I FDS 9/26
		2024	\$ 3,690,400	East Lyme - East Pattagansett Road FDS 9/26
		2024	\$ 3,722,800	Lisbon - River Rd/Route 12 FDS 10/26
		2024	\$ 2,809,200	Norwich/Montville - NL Turnpike FDS 7/26
		2025	\$ 2,628,000	Stonington - Taugwonk Road Bridge field work, FDS 3/27
		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
		2026	\$ 4,002,800	Norwich - Hunters Rd Reconstruction CTF
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

- iv) Transportation Rural Improvement Program: Funds announced for Preston (2 others not funded). **New round of funding to be announced in the next few months.**
- v) Senior/Disabled Vans: CTDOT met with the COGS in July to discuss the FY25 Section 5310 Traditional application approvals. In the SECOG region, applications submitted by Viability of Ledyard, United Community & Family Services (UCFS), Vista Life Innovations, Inc., Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium, Inc. (ECTC), and

Arc of Eastern CT, Inc. were approved. Grant awards are expected to be announced by CTDOT in early 2027.

- d) Bike/Ped:
 - i) SECOG finalizing consultant contract for Waterford Eastern Shoreline Path planning work.
- e) Transit:
 - i) SECOG finalizing consultant contract for NL bus study.
- f) Corridor Studies: SECOG/DOT/towns coordinated re Norwich Downtown Mobility and East Lyme Route 161 study implementation. Next step Norwich: cost estimate for targeted planning. Next step East Lyme: Town pursue funds for phased implementation.
- g) CTDOT Projects and Informational Items
 - i) SECOG hosted meeting 8/5 at 2PM for Local Traffic Authorities to learn more about interacting with district traffic operations processes.
- h) Coordination
 - i) With CTDOT, EB, City of Groton, etc. re Gold Star Bridge traffic congestion, project design, Pedestrian and speed related improvements on Eastern Point Rd.
 - ii) With CTDOT, CEOs and planners from Preston, Montville, Norwich, and Ledyard, and stakeholders around improvements to Preston Riverwalk area. CTDOT released phase 1 existing conditions report last week.
 - iii) With NL re safety improvements Willetts Ave, coordinated with NL Pedestrian Committee regarding Howard St.
 - iv) With Norwich re Downtown Mobility Corridor Study recommendations programming.
 - v) With East Lyme re RT 161 Corridor Study recommendations programming.
 - vi) With Windham re funding availability for small pedestrian improvements
 - vii) With affected towns, SCRCOG, RiverCOG, CTDOT and CT Bike Pedestrian Advisory Board re USBR designation of the Eastern Shoreline Path.

Letters of Support

- a) Supporting Yellow Farmhouse Information Center's application to World Wildlife Fund for school food waste prevention program.
- b) Supporting CIRCA's application for FEMA BRIC funds for Hazard-Resistant building code implementation.