



HALEY WARD®

ENGINEERING | ENVIRONMENTAL | SURVEYING

February 10, 2026

Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
Attn: Tyler Frost, Transportation Planner
5 Connecticut Avenue
Norwich, CT 06360
tfrost@seccog.org

**Re: Responses to DOT's December 18, 2025 Review Comments,, Niantic River Road
Sidewalk Safety Improvements LOTCIP Project, Waterford, CT**

Dear Mr. Frost:

In response to Zachary Duell's comments from the Connecticut DOT dated December 18, 2025, the Town of Waterford directed Haley Ward to update our conceptual design plans and Construction Cost Estimate for the above referenced project. Attached are updated copies for both the SECOG and Connecticut DOT's review and approval.

Note that due to additional project items requested in DOT's comments, updated unit costs, as well as upgrading the plans to remove all existing concrete curbing, replacing with new 6" pre-cast concrete curbing and a new two-foot wide bituminous concrete patch in the roadway gutter, the overall project cost has risen.

The current construction cost estimate is now \$ 3.23 million, up from \$ 2.01 million. As discussed with Kate Rattan of the SECOG, the project requested re-endorsement from the COG for this higher project cost.

If you, Mr. Duell at DOT, or others have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Very truly yours,
Haley Ward, Inc.

James E. Ericson, P.E.
Regional Manager | Senior Project Manager

Cc: Gary Schneider, Public Works Director, Zachary Duell, CT DOT

T. Frost | 2-10-26 | 4010193.24004 | Page 1



2210 Main Street, P.O. Box 1088, Glastonbury, CT 06033
T: 860.659.3100 | HALEYWARD.COM