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TO: SECOG Board of Directors
FROM: Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director
DATE: November 12, 2026
SUBJECT: Monthly Executive Director's Report

Financial and Management Matters

a) Grants/Funding:

Helen submitted application to IOREBTA for regional housing services funds.

Active Grants
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

Applied
PROTECT- Yantic (via Norwich) (Oct 26)
PROTECT- Regional Transpo (Oct 26)
IOREBTA: Regional Housing Services (Nov 26)

Municipal Opportunities
Dec 4- DEEP Urban Green & Comm. Garden
Dec 1- DEEP Energy Resil. Construction
Coming soon-
- Community Connectivity
- TRIP
- STP Corridor Studies

b) Administration:

I have been revising SECOG's budget format in advance of the December meeting to better illustrate revenues and expenses associated with our many projects and to align our budget categories with our financial tracking software to enable better tracking. We finalized transition of long-term disability to new carrier that has better coverage and alignms with our short-term disability benefits to close coverage gap. Our accountant is close to completing his year-end review in advance of the FY 2026 audit.

c) Facilities:

We had multiple dead trees removed to prevent future property damage.

d) Events: I attended CCM conference and got insight on social media and generation differences in the workplace. Karen Pham attended New England Municipal Sustainability Network conference. Kogstad: enrolled in AI for MPOs course. Zincavage invited to speak at the Cape Cod Commission's OneCape conference next week regarding SECOG's open space plan process.

Municipal Services

a) Building Official: no update.
b) Planning: No update.
c) Working with several towns to onboard MGO permitting software.
d) GIS: ARPA-funded CAMA/GIS revisions underway.
e) Human Services Coordinating Council: P. Adams working with co-chairs to redefine workplan. I will discuss with Exec. Committee.

Regional Planning

a) Housing: PA 25-1: SECOG staff is meeting with P&Zs for phase 2 conversations regarding local conditions and previous planning. Multiple meetings Oct/November. OPM will release their state/regional housing needs assessments and growth targets late November—target is an aspirational figure for growth in inventory absent known barriers. SECOG task is to develop our own assessment and affordable housing goals (housing affordable to 80% AMI households or less). SECOG staff research areas focused on Accessory Dwelling Units, demographic multipliers, and Deed Restricted Units. SECOG's Housing Policy Committee continues to meet monthly and will begin discussing needs assessment decisions soon.
b) Resilience:
    i) Resilient Yantic River DCRF: Waiting on state action to finalize funding.

ii) Jewett City DCRF: same.

iii) Hazard Mitigation: Protect grant would fund some underlying tasks for next HMP. Pham getting started on work ahead of funding decision.

c) Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (ON HOLD).

d) Regional Emergency Management: REPT Steering Committee to meet early December re newly available homeland security funds.

e) Brownfields: EPA grant-funded consultants beginning assessments (4+ sites). UConn TAB inventory will be completed soon.

f) Defense: SECOG making progress with EB on quantifying housing impact. SBASE Compatible Use Plan final public meeting 10/20. Water Main project underway.

g) Stormwater & Watersheds: Culvert work completed. Next meeting of Regional Stormwater Collaborative December 10. Maitland & Pham are meeting one-on-one with towns (gradually). Wrapping up stormwater authority feasibility study for Town of Groton.

h) Open space planning: Staff wrapping up summer fieldwork re open space access.

i) Solid Waste: Windham MMI grant-funded composting project underway.

Transportation

a) SECOG Transportation Plans

i) MTP: Working towards 2027 adoption of long-range transportation plan (MTP). SECOG consultant preparing estimates of projects for prioritization. Rattan, Kogstad, Cook, Zincavage attended workshop on CTDOT Travel Demand Model 10/29.

ii) TIP: no update.

iii) Bike and Pedestrian Plan: SECOG staff updating plan.

iv) Safety Action Plan: No update.

v) Congestion Mitigation Process: Coordination of 2025 CMP recommendations underway.

vi) Freight: SECOG is updating its regional Freight Profile, with a draft report anticipated in October.

b) Corridor Studies: **New round of funding to be announced for corridor studies this fall (still waiting).**
   i) SEAT COA for New London: **Initial Public Meeting Tuesday, Nov 17th at Rec Center.** The Day ran story on project in late October.
   ii) Waterford Eastern Shoreline Path: Consultant agreement is under review by CTDOT.
   iii) Norwich Downtown Mobility: CTDOT indicated additional traffic analysis necessary prior to initiation of federally funded projects. Local road projects may proceed under locally sourced funding.
   iv) East Lyme Route 161: Recommendations to be initiated by East Lyme.

c) Ongoing Funding Programs
   i) Active Transportation Microgrant Program ($5,000 bike/ped): SECOG awarded Microgrant funds to two organizations for a total of $10,000. Additional funding is expected in 2027. Eligible entities: schools, school districts, municipalities, health districts, and non-profits with 501(c)(3) status.
   ii) Transportation Rural Improvement Program: Funds announced for Preston (2 others not funded). **New round of funding to be announced in early 2027.**
   iii) Community Connectivity Program: **New round of funding to be announced in early 2027.**
   iv) 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.
   v) LOTCIP: Final applications for LOTCIP due November 20. SECOG reviewing several Phase 2 drafts that have been submitted. Board endorsement projected for January 2027. SECOG met with CTDOT for annual LOTCIP review—good progress on project origination and completion. **SECOG will accept applications on rolling basis in 2027.**

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
		2019	$ 2,308,154	City of Groton - Poquonnock Road CCD 11/22
	Municipal audit submission needed	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 12/26
	PAL issued	2022	$ 4,470,745	New London – Williams/Broad Streets FDS 1/26
		2023	$ 2,850,578	Preston - Poquetanuck Road Phase I FDS 12/26
		2024	$ 3,690,400	East Lyme - East Pattagansett Road FDS 12/26
		2024	$ 3,722,800	Lisbon – River Rd/Route 12 FDS 3/27
		2024	$ 2,809,200	Norwich/Montville - NL Turnpike FDS 12/26
		2025	$ 2,628,000	Stonington - Taugwonk Road Bridge field work, FDS 5/27
		2024	$ 4,674,811	New London - Vauxhall Street FDS 1/28
		2026	$ 3,279,800	Waterford – Niantic River Rd FDS 12/27
		2026	$ 1,703,600	Stonington - Route 1 Bicycle Facility 8/28
		2026	$ 3,224,800	Ledyard - Lantern Hill Rd Bridge 4/27
		2026	$ 4,661,600	Norwich - Hunters Rd Reconstruction FDS 4/27
		2026	$ 907,200	2026: Colchester - RT616 Sidewalks 10/27
Applications	Muni developing application		$ 907,200	2025: Windham – multiple sidewalk gaps
			$ 2,723,595	2025: Preston – Route 2A Phases 2 and 3
			$ 1,787,400	2026: Groton - Fishtown Rd culvert replacement
			$ 2,753,600	2026: Groton - Route 1 (Poquonnock Rd to South Rd) sidepath
			$ 992,400	2026: Ledyard - RT117 sidewalk infill
			$ 5,160,295	2026: New London - Eugene O'Neill Drive two-way conversion
			$ 1,900,000	2026: N. Stonington - Lantern Hill Rd pavement rehabilitation

d) CTDOT Projects and Informational Items

i) SECOG calendar now includes CTDOT public information event information.

ii) State rail plan outreach events.

iii) CTDOT public workshop on state highway safety plan 11/10 in Norwich.

iv) Amtrak held public meeting in Groton 11/5 re NH- Providence Capacity Improvements; alternatives to be developed spring 2027.

v) 0094-0270, RT32 New London and Waterford Corridor Improvements – 30% design is anticipated in December. Stakeholder and public outreach once 30% design complete.

e) Coordination:

i) With CTDOT, Colchester re oversized loads.
ii) With CTDOT, EB, City of Groton, etc. re Gold Star Bridge traffic congestion, project design, Pedestrian and speed related improvements on Eastern Point Rd.
iii) With CTDOT, Stonington, re Project #0137-0162, the replacement of a bridge on Route 1 (West Broad Street) at the Connecticut-Rhode Island border.
iv) With CTDOT, CEOs and planners from Preston, Montville, Norwich, and Ledyard, and stakeholders around improvements to Preston Riverwalk area.

Letters of Support

None this month.