



NVCOG TTAC Meeting Report

Date: July 11, 2017

Time: 9:00

Duration: 1.5 hours

Attendees:

Carol Noble, Bristol; Charles Wiegert, Plymouth; Dan Bombero, Cheshire; Don Nolte, Cheshire; Glenn Clark, Thomaston; Jamie Gracy, Beacon Falls; Jim Mahoney, CAP LAB – UCONN; Leonard Assard, Bethlehem; Leslie Creane, Derby; Paul Bellagamba, Waterbury; Roy Cavanaugh, Watertown; Walter Gancarz, Cheshire; Wayne Zirolli, Naugatuck;

NVCOG Staff Present:

Ben Muller, NVCOG, Transportation Planner; Christian Meyer, NVCOG, Transportation Planner; John DiCarlo, NVCOG, Municipal Shared Services Director; Karen Svez, NVCOG, Regional Transportation Engineer; Mark Nielsen, NVCOG, Director of Planning/Assistant Director; Glenda Prentiss, NVCOG, GIS Program Coordinator;

Attachments: Full Depth Reclamation Presentation; Record of LOTCIP 3rd Party Review Bids; LOTCIP Program of Projects

Presentation – James Mahoney, Executive Program Director, CT Transportation Institute

See attachments for a copy of the presentation and Jim's contact information.

Community Connectivity Program (*Ben Muller*)

The Community Connectivity Grant Program has been announced. CCGP has been developed to provide construction funding for local initiatives that will contribute to reaching the overall goal of the broader Community Connectivity Program. Projects funded through the CCGP will allow municipalities to perform smaller scale capital improvements. The CTDOT will administer the CCGP and will solicit applications for grants from municipalities. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis and will range between \$75,000 and \$400,000. Towns need not have completed a Road Safety Audit under the Community Connectivity Program to be eligible for this grant.

Deadline: August 1, 2017

The application is available here: <http://ctconnectivity.com/>

NVCOG can offer the following assistance with Community Connectivity Grant Program applications:

- Section 1: Site Location Map

- Section 1: Property Boundary Map
- Section 3: Relation to Program Goal narrative
- Section 4: Community Context narrative (regional perspective)
- Section 5: Cost Estimate

Please contact Ben Muller by the July 14, (203)489-0368, with requests for support.

LOTICIP

Budget Review (Christian Meyer)

The NVCOG gave their regular update of the program of endorsed LOTICIP projects. Scheduled allocations are dependent on project development and subject to change. The current program of projects extends into SFY 2022.

The application for the Seymour Botsford, Bungay and West Church Road project, endorsed by both the TTAC and NVCOG Board in May, 2017, is ready for submission to CTDOT. If project development continues without major obstacle it will be advanced in the program of projects. This is consistent with the long-term regional strategy for project development under this program. A comment was made in support of said strategy. No adverse comments were made.

LOTICIP Third Party Reviews (Karen Svetz)

Karen reviewed the process; for each review there are two meetings one “kick-off” meeting and a follow-up “on-board” meeting. Karen reiterated the importance of having a town official present at the “on-board” meeting as this is when recommendations are made by the reviewer. Ultimately is up to the municipality to decide which recommendations and corresponding changes they will want to incorporate to the designs.

See attached for table of past 3rd party reviews, bids and firms.

Municipal Shared Service Update (John DiCarlo)

John DiCarlo reported that:

Public Works Equipment Sharing Database

John DiCarlo noted that all Public Works Directors were re-sent login information to the NVCOG Public Works Equipment Sharing Database in late June to solicit input on ways the system could be approved. No attendees had logged in since that time. Roy Cavanaugh noted that Watertown had recently lent equipment to Bethlehem, which was done via a phone call.

Pothole Killers

Naugatuck, Woodbury and Waterbury each received one day of program services in early May. Asking price was \$5,000 per day. Negotiations brought the price to less than \$2,000 per day. The three towns reported a positive experience with the program. The City of Waterbury is interested in contracting with the company again for work in 2018.

Hot-in-place asphalt recycling

In late winter and spring 2017, NVCOG contacted Garrity Pavement Services, of Bloomfield, CT, to discuss group pricing opportunities. Company representatives indicated they would welcome a field trip of NVCOG Public Works directors to view the product being delivered at a nearby Connecticut municipality. However, the company reached out to NVCOG on June 29 to suggest member towns were welcome to visit a Milford, CT site the following week. This was simply too short notice to organize a field trip, though public works directors were notified they were welcome to contact the firm and make individual visits. NVCOG will continue to work with the firm to schedule a field trip with more advance notice.

Household Hazardous Waste

The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection for 10 NVCOG member municipalities will take place on Saturday, July 29 at the former General Datacomm property in Naugatuck. Participating towns were reminded that they are each required to send a representative to these events for line staffing.

MS4 Programming

John noted the 2017-18 Regional Planning Work Program submitted to the state Office of Policy and Management contains an initiative to assist towns with MS4 implementation. Specifically, it calls for a Study of Cooperative Programming for MS4 Implementation Services. The majority of NVCOG towns responded to a survey offering 12 potential options for this programming. The top five identified needs will be the central components for third party overview.

MS4 Assistance (*Glenda Prentiss*)

NVCOG can assist municipalities as follows:

- Set up web/collector applications for towns.
- Train town staff/interns
- Export data collected for reports
- Produce maps

This will only be feasible if:

- Group trainings
- One agreed upon data format/ template

Interested parties may contact Aaron Budris, abudris@nvcogct.org.

Future Speakers

Cynthia Rabinowitz, wetlands soil scientist, will speak at the September 5, 2017 TTAC meeting

Next Meeting: 9/5/2017