

March 30, 2026

The Honorable Fred Allyn, III  
Mayor  
Town of Ledyard  
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339-1511  
[Mayor@ledyardct.org](mailto:Mayor@ledyardct.org)

Dear Mayor Allyn:

Subject: **Commitment to Fund**  
Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP)  
State Project No. L071-0002  
Replacement of Bridge No. 71009  
Lantern Hill Road Over Whitford Brook  
Town of Ledyard

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has received the LOTICIP application prepared by the Town of Ledyard (Municipality) and submitted through the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (COG), relative to the subject project. The CTDOT has reviewed the application materials, along with the cost estimate provided by the Municipality and endorsed by the COG.

The LOTICIP application for this project has been approved. The CTDOT hereby commits to fund eligible project costs as follows:

Contract Items:	\$ 2,679,000
Contingencies (10% of Contract Items):	\$ 267,900
Incidentals to Construction (10% of Contract Items):	\$ 267,900
Rights of Way:	\$ 10,000
Eligible Utilities:	\$ 0
<b>Total Funding Commitment:</b>	<b>\$ 3,224,800</b>

This Commitment to Fund is subject to funding availability and general conditions including, but not limited to the following:

1. The project is to be administered by the Municipality in accordance with the *Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program Guidelines*, dated November 2021, as may be revised. The guidelines are available on the CTDOT's LOTICIP web page at [Highway Design-Local Roads - LOTICIP](#).

2. The project costs identified in this Commitment to Fund letter are based on estimates provided by the Municipality and endorsed by the COG. These costs are to be considered capped until adjustment, based on low bid or otherwise revised, in accordance with the LOTCIP guidelines.
3. Any scope revisions and/or twenty percent (20%) changes in cost identified during the design phase must be approved by the COG and the CTDOT, as specified in the LOTCIP guidelines.
4. Upon completion of project design activities, the Municipality must forward to the CTDOT through the COG, a Final Design Submission, along with supporting documentation and certifications, as defined in the LOTCIP guidelines.
5. The Municipality must execute and deliver a Project Authorization Letter (PAL) issued pursuant to the Master Municipal Agreement for Construction Projects and comply with its terms. The PAL will be forwarded to the Municipality for execution, subsequent to review of the Final Design Submission package by the CTDOT.

This commitment is further subject to the following project-specific conditions:

1. This project will require environmental permits. In accordance with the LOTCIP guidelines, the Municipality will be responsible for the acquisition of all environmental permits that will be required. Please be advised that any project that involves work within waters or wetlands may require State and/or Federal environmental permits. **It is critical that the Municipality or their consultant contact the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) - Inland Water Resources Division early in the design process** to discuss permitting requirements, and to identify specific environmental concerns and design considerations. Failure to establish early coordination with DEEP may result in significant time delays in the permitting process, due to the need for design changes and/or denial of permit applications. Please note, the CTDOT hosts a monthly Interagency Coordination (Municipal) meeting where Municipalities (and their consultants) can discuss municipal projects with the various regulatory agencies relative to permitting requirements, identification of specific environmental concerns, and design considerations. Due to the nature of this project and the potential for significant permit involvement, **it is recommended that the Municipality attend a future Interagency Coordination meeting to discuss the project.** Attendance at the meeting can be arranged through the CTDOT's Environmental Permit Coordination Unit:

Ms. Michelle Roise  
Transportation Engineer III  
(860) 594-3223  
[DOT-EPC@ct.gov](mailto:DOT-EPC@ct.gov)

2. This project is anticipated to require right of way acquisitions. The application materials indicate that Municipal Staff will be responsible for all right of way acquisition activities for this project, and that the Municipality will seek reimbursement for costs associated with the acquisitions. All right of way acquisitions are to be performed in accordance with LOTCIP guidelines, even if reimbursement will not be requested. All matters relative to right of way for this project are to be coordinated through the following CTDOT contact:

Mr. Matthew P. Geanacopoulos  
 Supervising Property Agent  
 (860) 594-2459  
[Matthew.Geanacopoulos@ct.gov](mailto:Matthew.Geanacopoulos@ct.gov)

3. This project is anticipated to require utility relocations. Coordination with utility companies that have facilities in the project area, as well as with any utilities that currently do not have facilities present but may have plans to expand service to the area, should begin early in the design process. Costs for relocation of privately-owned utility facilities on municipally-owned roadways, including adjustment of utility gates, are the responsibility of the affected utility and are ineligible for LOTCIP participation. Utility coordination will be the responsibility of the Municipality.

In accordance with applicable statutes, the LOTCIP guidelines, and as determined through discussions with the CTDOT’s Utilities Section, participation in utility relocation costs for this project will be as follows:

<u>Utility Owner</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Cost Participation</u>
Private	Relocation Design/Engineering	100% Utility
	Relocation Construction	100% Utility
Municipal	Relocation Design/Engineering	100% Municipal
	Relocation Construction	100% LOTCIP

All necessary utility agreements relative to the relocations will be executed between the Municipality and the affected utility(ies). In accordance with the LOTCIP guidelines, costs associated with any utility betterments/upgrades that are not necessary to accommodate the proposed transportation improvement are ineligible for LOTCIP participation.

4. This project involves replacement of a structure. Since the CTDOT maintains a structure inventory and performs routine bridge inspections on both State and Municipally-owned structures, load rating and bridge scour information (as applicable) is required as part of the Final Design submission to the CTDOT, in accordance with the LOTCIP guidelines, as may be revised. Additional submission and formatting requirements for load ratings can be found at: <https://portal.ct.gov/dot/bureaus/engineering-and-construction/engineering/bridges/state-design/load-rating>. Please direct all questions to [DOT.BridgeRating@ct.gov](mailto:DOT.BridgeRating@ct.gov).

Please be informed that in accordance with the LOTCIP guidelines, the CTDOT will initiate an Environmental Screening Review for this project to assist the Municipality in identifying items relative to natural resources, historic/archaeological resources, etc., that may need to be investigated or addressed during the design phase. The Environmental Screening Review is expected to be completed within approximately ninety (90) days. The results will be forwarded to the Municipality and the COG, when received.

If the Municipality accepts this Commitment to Fund, please sign below and return a copy of this letter to this office within thirty (30) days. Transmission via e-mail is acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact the Project Manager, Mr. Vitalij V. Staroverov, P.E., at (860) 594-2582 or [Vitalij.Staroverov@ct.gov](mailto:Vitalij.Staroverov@ct.gov).

Very truly yours,



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Michael N. Calabrese, P.E.  
Division Chief of Highway Design  
Bureau of Engineering and Construction

Enclosures

Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Honorable Fred Allyn, III  
Mayor, Town of Ledyard

cc: Mr. Steve Masalin, P.E., Director of Public Works, Town of Ledyard, [pwd@ledyardct.org](mailto:pwd@ledyardct.org)  
Ms. Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director, Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments, [akennedy@secogct.gov](mailto:akennedy@secogct.gov)  
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**Location Map**

