

**DATE:** May 25, 2022

**TO:** Town Council Members

**FROM:** Rich Kehoe, Chair

**RE: Thursday, May 26, 2022 5:30 p.m. Microsoft "Teams"**

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In accordance with Section 3.3 (a) of the Town Charter, a Special Meeting of the Town Council will be held as follows:

**Thursday, May 26, 2022  
5:30 p.m.  
Microsoft "Teams"**

The purpose of the meeting is to meet to hear public comment, discuss and possibly vote on the Local Bridge Program Grant from the Connecticut Department of Transportation to provide for replacement of the Hills Street Bridge over Porter Brook:

cc: Mayor Walsh  
Douglas Wilson, Town Engineer

**TOWN COUNCIL RESOLUTION**  
**GRANT INFORMATION FORM**

Grant Description: Local Bridge Program

Funder: Connecticut Department of Transportation

Grant Amount: \$713,000

Frequency:  One time     Annual     Biennial     Other \_\_\_\_\_

|                        |          |          |          |
|------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| First year received:   | _____    |          |          |
| Last 3 years received: | _____    | _____    | _____    |
| Funding level by year: | \$ _____ | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

Is a local match required?     Yes     No

If yes, how much?    \$713,000

From which account? C2820 – 2020 Road Improvement Bond

Grant purpose: Replace Bridge No. 420006 Hills Street over Porter Brook

Results achieved: Replacement of the bridge will improve safety for the traveling public (pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles) and allow for safe conveyance of Porter Brook safely under the roadway.

Duration of grant: N/A

Status of application: Preliminary funding application will be drafted.

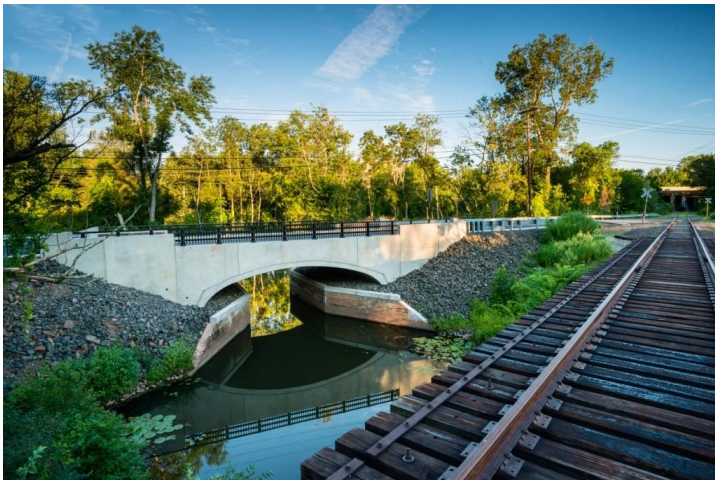
Meeting attendee: Douglas R. Wilson, P.E., Town Engineer

Comments: The Local Bridge Program only accepts applications occasionally. The last notice of funding was in 2019. The grant application requires a recent bridge inspection. CHA Companies provided an inspection on May 5, 2022 that supports this application.

# Connecticut Department of Transportation

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## Local Bridge Program



In Connecticut, there are approximately 4,200 bridges and culverts on municipally maintained roads. Construction and maintenance of these expensive structures is the responsibility of the cities and towns who own them. Recognizing the difficulty that municipalities have in meeting this responsibility, the General Assembly created the Local Bridge Program in 1984 as part of the State's Infrastructure Renewal Program. This program provides for State grants to municipalities for the removal, replacement, reconstruction or rehabilitation of local bridges. For more details of the program, please refer to the Local Bridge Program Manuals below. The Manuals contain information explaining how bridges are rated, an overview of funding programs, an outline of the typical project's progress, environmental permit guidance, guidelines for obtaining funding, and a summary of laws related to municipal bridges. Older versions are provided on a separate page for reference on projects initiated in prior fiscal years.

Federal funding has been made available for municipal bridge projects whenever possible, and is still available for a limited number of new projects. See the links below for a list of eligible bridges and application forms.

### FUNDING APPLICATION WINDOW NEWS

**The funding application window for FY 2023 State grants under the STATE Local Bridge Program is anticipated to run from April 1 to May 31, 2022. All applications must include an inspection report performed under NBIS rules (bridge screenings do not fulfill this requirement). Conditional Commitment to Fund letters for approved applications will be sent starting July 2022 to the respective municipalities.**

**Applications for FEDERAL Local Bridge Program funding may be submitted at any time.**

**Please see the latest [Local Bridge Program Manual](#) for more information.**

## PROGRAM NEWS

### **P.A. 16-151**

Legislation includes change of the grant rate to 50% for all municipalities, and extends eligibility to bridges that are not currently structurally deficient, but have other issues. These include bridges that are functionally obsolete or scour critical, or bridges that could benefit from minor repairs to extend their useful life. The changes will take effect on 7/1/2016 and the grant rate for FY 2017 projects will be 50%. The Program Regulations will be revised for FY 2018 application criteria for bridges that are not yet structurally deficient.

### **P.A. 15-5**

Legislation which includes set-aside requirement for Municipal Public Works Contracts, which affects State Local Bridge Program projects advertised for construction on or after October 1, 2015. The Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) has been tasked with overseeing and regulating compliance with the respective Small Business and Minority Business Enterprises (SBE and MBE) set-aside requirement. However, the burden of compliance and reporting will fall on the contractor. The municipality's role is to follow CHRO's guidance in terms of specific language that must be incorporated into bid solicitation and contract award documents. For information and documents regarding this legislation and compliance procedures, please contact CHRO's Contract Compliance and Affirmative Action Unit by calling (860) 541-3434 or by visiting webpage [www.ct.gov/chro](http://www.ct.gov/chro) (<https://www.ct.gov/chro>).

**Bridge Inspection Reports Available Through ProjectWise:** Current bridge inspection reports for NBI bridges are now available to prequalified consultants and municipalities through ProjectWise. Please see the [Bridge Inspection Reports \(/DOT/Local-Bridge-Program/Inspection-Reports\)](#) page for more information.

**FHWA Video Library!** The FHWA has a new resource called *Federal-aid Essentials for Local Public Agencies*. This resource puts key information about Federal-aid requirements on a single Web site at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials) (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/federal-aidessentials>). Local agencies now have a centralized hub for guidance, policies, procedures, and best practices for administering Federal-aid projects. The Web site's main feature is a library of videos covering key aspects of the project development and delivery process.

**Applications for Federally-Funded Local Bridge Projects Accepted:** The Department is continuing to accept applications for new Federal Local Bridge Program projects. Applications may be submitted at any time - there is no deadline. In the event that applications received exceed the available funding, a cut-off date will be established and applications prioritized. Municipalities must be prepared to cover 20% of all project costs, including ConnDOT District oversight personnel. Approval of applications may be delayed while funding changes under MAP-21 are sorted-out.

**Local Bridge Program on Twitter:** The Local Bridge Program is posting news updates via Twitter as CT\_Local\_Bridge ([http://twitter.com/CT\\_Local\\_Bridge](http://twitter.com/CT_Local_Bridge) ([http://twitter.com/CT\\_Local\\_Bridge](http://twitter.com/CT_Local_Bridge)); via SMS by texting **follow CT\_Local\_Bridge to 40404**) . Twitter posts may be suspended periodically as social media policies evolve.

**Note to Consulting Engineers working on Local Bridge Program Projects:** All contact with ConnDOT support units, such as, but not limited to, Environmental Planning and Hydraulics & Drainage, must be made through the ConnDOT LBP Project Engineer. Failure to follow this procedure will result in lost documents and delays!

## OFFICE CONTACTS

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Email: [James.Barrows@ct.gov \(mailto:James.Barrows@ct.gov\)](mailto:James.Barrows@ct.gov)Program **Mailing address:** [2800 Berlin Turnpike](#), P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131-7546**IMPORTANT PROGRAM LINKS****Local Bridge Program Manual****Draft 2013 Local Bridge Program Regulations** (PDF, 57.3 KB. To be used until an approved version is published)**Current and Historical Local Bridge Program Legislation** (PDF, 383 KB, rev. 2/27/15)**NEW Eligible Bridge List** (***Remove any active filters in order to see the full list of bridges***, MS Excel, 0.2 MB, rev. 3/1/22. Note: Lists include both State and Federally eligible bridges; scroll to far-right columns for eligible funding categories; Under-20' bridges shown on this list are included as a preliminary step and their eligibility for funding will only be finalized through a proper municipality-provided inspection report)**NEW Master Municipal Bridge List** (MS Excel, 1.8 MB, rev. 3/1/22. Complete list of known bridges owned or maintained by cities and towns)**Past Local Bridge Program Manuals (/DOT/Local-Bridge-Program/Prior-Program-Manuals)****Documents, Forms and Reference Materials (/DOT/Local-Bridge-Program/Documents-and-Forms)** (**APPLICATION FORMS**, standard forms and guidance documents)**Under 20' Bridge Data** (MS Excel, 1.11 MB, rev. 2/27/15. Data for bridges with spans less than 20 feet. Note: most of these bridges have not been inspected by the State since 1992)**Bridge Inspection Reports (/DOT/Local-Bridge-Program/Inspection-Reports)** (Information on accessing inspection reports through ProjectWise, and PDF copies when posting is requested by the municipality. If you are looking for a report not available here, please contact the municipality directly)**Project Photos (/DOT/Local-Bridge-Program/Project-Photos)** (photographs of some completed bridge projects)**Federal Funding Available to Municipalities** (Information on various federal funding programs for municipalities, including non-bridge projects)**Bridge Suppliers and Manufacturers (/DOT/Local-Bridge-Program/Bridge-Suppliers-and-Manufacturers)**(links to outside web sites of interest, including suppliers and vendors)**Reference Series: Locally Administered Transportation Projects in Connecticut (/DOT/IT/ConnDOT-Publications-Pamphlets)**



**Bridge Projects Funded**[FY2018](#)[FY2017](#)[FY2016](#)[FY2015](#)[FY2014](#)[FY2012 & 2013](#)[FY2011](#)[FY2010](#)[FY2009](#)[FY2008](#)

**Please note that ConnDOT personnel are not allowed to discuss particular projects with consulting engineers until a designer has completed a design for that project. To preserve the integrity of the bidding process, engineer's detailed cost estimates are not available to the public until the project is completed. Please contact the appropriate town for more information on a project.**



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I, Jason Marshall, the duly appointed Clerk of the Town Council of the Town of East Hartford, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the East Hartford Town Council of said corporation, duly held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

## R E S O L U T I O N

**WHEREAS** the Hills Street Bridge over Porter Brook (Bridge No. 420006) is at the end of its service life, in overall poor condition with significant deterioration, and with poor ability to convey Porter Brook under the roadway; and

**WHEREAS** Hills Street is a municipally owned and maintained road; and

**WHEREAS** the Town strives to maintain our roads and bridges to ensure the safety of the traveling public (pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicles); and

**WHEREAS** the State of Connecticut is currently accepting funding applications for improvements to Town-owned bridges;

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED;** that Michael P. Walsh, Mayor of the Town of East Hartford, is authorized to make application to, and execute and approve on behalf of this corporation, any and all documents, contracts, and amendments as may be required by the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation as they pertain to this State Local Bridge Program grant.

**AND I DO CERTIFY** that the above resolution has not been in any way altered, amended, or repealed, and is now in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I do hereunto set my hand and affix the corporate seal of said Town of East Hartford the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Seal

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jason Marshall, Town Council Clerk