

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Aroscha Jayawickrema, Town Manager

DATE: October 25, 2022

SUBJECT: LOTCIP Road Project – Construction Contract #2023-03 Award

SUMMARY:

The Town received a Commitment to Fund from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) for \$3.9 million for road improvements through the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) for three Town roadways: Christian Lane, Deming Road, and Porters Pass. This grant comes with an agreement from the Town to fund approximately \$365,500.00. This 2.57-mile paving and road improvement project was advertised on August 9, 2022, and two bids were received on September 15, 2022, as follows:

- Tilcon Connecticut, Inc of New Britain, CT \$4,864,900.00
- B&W Paving & Landscaping, LLC, of Oakdale, CT \$5,339,635.00

LOTICIP funds provide for the majority of the overall construction and inspection costs, and are provided to municipalities before starting construction. The lowest bid exceeds the total funding available (\$4,265,481.00), so the project will need approvals from the Capital Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) and DOT to increase the LOTICIP amount accordingly. See attached CRCOG summary memo as well as the bid tabulation, analysis, and recommendation to award to the CRCOG prepared by Fuss & O'Neill, the Town's design engineer on this project. Staff anticipate that these approvals will be obtained by late November 2022, and are requesting Town Council approval to award the contract to Tilcon subject to obtaining the increased commitment to fund from DOT, and to authorize the Town Manager to approve change orders for Contract #2023-03 to an amount not to exceed \$5,837,880.00. This approval by Town Council is also conditioned on Board of Finance approval of subsequent appropriations related to incoming LOTICIP funds, as well as Finance Department involvement to set up related accounts and issue purchase orders. The Town will utilize the Grant Road Improvement Account (#140.20.2037.0.54000.00509) to fund approximately \$365,500.00 per agreement with the CRCOG.

ACTION NEEDED:

Move to authorize the Town Manager to award Contract No. 2023-03, the LOTICIP Road Project to reconstruct Christian Lane, Deming Road and Porters Pass, to Tilcon Connecticut, Inc of **Newington**, CT in the amount of \$4,864,900.00 and to authorize the Town Manager to approve change orders to an amount not to exceed \$5,507,880.00 subject to:

- Approval of supplemental funding by the Connecticut Department of Transportation
- Board of Finance approvals to appropriate the LOTICIP and Town funds, as needed.

ATTACHMENTS:

CRCOG Funding Increase Memo (10/14/22)

Bid Tabulation, Analysis & Engineer's Recommendation to Award – Contract 2023-03 (10/18/22)

Sufficiency of Funds

PREPARED BY:

Michael S. Ahern, P.E., Public Works Director/Town Engineer