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VERNON RECEIVES FUNDING COMMITMENT FOR DART HILL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

\$1.3 Million Dollar Project Enters Design Phase

VERNON, CT – Mayor Daniel A. Champagne announced today that the Town has received a significant financial commitment to fund the replacement of the Dart Hill Road Bridge over the Hockanum River. The State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) will be administering federal funds that total \$1,333,200.00 for this Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) project. Vernon’s cost-share is estimated to be \$400,000, covering the bridge replacement design and project administration costs. The Town’s funding application was submitted through the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG).

“LOTICIP funding provides our community with a great opportunity to accomplish needed transportation infrastructure projects like the replacement of the Dart Hill Road Bridge. Our partnership with the Capitol Region Council of Governments and the use of LOTICIP funding will enable the Town to save hundreds of thousands of dollars on this project,” said Michael Purcaro, Town Administrator.

Originally built in 1932, the Dart Hill Road Bridge carries approximately 11,000 vehicle trips daily. As part of the regular two-year inspection cycle, the DOT Bridge Inspection team noted that the bridge needed to be reconstructed to meet modern standards and to accommodate the high traffic volume currently on the road.

Milone and MacBroom of Cheshire, Connecticut will serve as the Town’s Design Engineering consultants. The design phase of the project is anticipated to conclude by December of 2019. An accelerated construction schedule is planned for the Spring of 2020 and the bridge will be returned to service by the Fall of 2020.

During construction, the bridge will be out of service and traffic will be detoured. “Considerable efficiencies and safety measures will be gained by isolating the construction area from traffic, ultimately reducing the overall project duration and allowing the finished structure to be brought into service sooner,” said David Smith, Town Engineer. “Much like our recent work on the Pleasant View Drive Bridge, the Town will move quickly to minimize the impact on our residents who live nearby, and on the commuters who use the Dart Hill Road Bridge. Our Engineering and Public Works staff will be working closely with our design and construction firms to ensure that the project runs on schedule”.

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