A Breakdown of Connecticut's Local Aid for Transportation

Local Bridge – (\$15.0M SFY14, \$10.0M SFY15 & \$10.0M SFY16, \$10.0M SFY17)

The Local Bridge Program assists municipalities with the removal, replacement, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of structurally deficient bridges on local roads. The program provides grants ranging from 15% to 50% of the total cost. The Department's Capital Budget request (SFY2016-2017) included level funding at \$10,000,000 annually. The Governor's Recommended Budget also reflected the \$10,000,000 in SFY 2016 and SFY 2017.

<u>Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTCIP) – (\$45.0M SFY14, \$45.0M SFY15 & \$74.0M SFY16, \$74.0M SFY17)</u>

Public Act 13-239 authorized this new program to start November 1, 2013. The LOTCIP program makes state money available to urbanized area towns in lieu of more restrictive FHWA funds. LOTCIP is intended to address regional transportation priorities through capital improvement projects, not maintenance type work. The Regional Planning Organizations are responsible for soliciting and prioritizing project submittals for use of LOTCIP funding. This program was authorized at \$45,000,000 for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, however, the Department's Capital Budget request (SFY2016-2017) included a request for increased funding to \$54,000,000 annually. The Governor's Recommended Budget increased this level to a recommended \$74,000,000 for SFY 2016 and SFY 2017.

Town Aid Road – (\$60.0M SFY14, \$60.0M SFY15 & \$60.0M SFY16, \$60.0M FY17)

The Town Aid Road grant program provides funding to towns and boroughs for transportation purposes, including the construction and maintenance of highways, roads and bridges. Other uses include snow plowing and sanding, tree trimming, installation/replacement of traffic signs, signals and markings, and other purposes related to operating essential public transportation services. Grants are calculated based upon population and road miles for each municipality. Municipalities receive 50% of this grant in July and 50% in January. Legislation for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 increased the total funding provided for this program from the \$30,000,000 historical level to \$60,000,000. The Department's Capital Budget request (SFY2016-2017) included level funding at \$60,000,000 annually. The Governor's Recommended Budget also reflected the \$60,000,000 in SFY 2016 and SFY 2017.

<u>Grants In Aid to Municipal Airports</u> - In addition, CAA includes \$200,000 each year for improvements and studies, and to promote economic development as part of the \$2,000,000 General Aviation bond funds that CTDOT requests on CAA's behalf (SID 41389). The Governor's Recommended Budget also reflected the \$200,000 in SFY 2016 and SFY 2017.