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Dear Mr. Pafford:

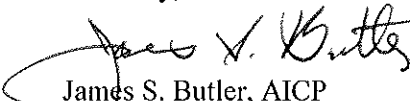
SUBJECT: Town of Ledyard Application for Responsible Growth and TOD-Oriented Program Grant

I am writing on behalf of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) concerning the Town of Ledyard's application to the Office of Policy and Management for Responsible Growth and Transportation Oriented Development (TOD) Program Grant funds. The Town will use these funds for bicycle, pedestrian and safety improvements on Colonel Ledyard Highway. For more than a decade, the Town has planned to focus bikeways within one mile of its two town centers, Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry. This first phase would allow the construction of a dedicated bikeway and separate sidewalk for a one mile stretch connecting Ledyard Center with the Town Library, a church, the Ledyard Fair Grounds, municipal offices, and with retail and personal services businesses. Eventually, the Town envisions this village center connected to Ledyard High School. Ledyard's proposal is consistent with a number of goals and strategies recommended in the SCCOG's 2017 Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. These include supporting efforts to see the development of complete streets that encourage transit use, biking, and walking; and the creation of bike routes connecting neighborhood centers, parks, and along or parallel major corridors (which Colonel Ledyard Highway functions as).

The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments has long encouraged and supported its municipalities in efforts to plan for and to construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities. In this grant application round, the SCCOG is making application for Responsible Growth and TOD-Oriented Program Grant funds to prepare a region-wide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, which would certainly support Ledyard's proposed action. On behalf of the SCCOG, please accept this letter of support for Ledyard's application for these grant funds.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director

Cc: Mayor Fred Allyn, III, Town of Ledyard

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