

# Executive Summary

**Date:** April 8, 2020

**To:** Seth Morton, Moderator, Representative Town Meeting

**From:** Kate Clarke Buch, Town Administrator

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At the April 6, 2020 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the request for approval of a Special Grant Appropriation for a LOTCIP (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program) Grant for the Noroton Avenue and West Avenue Intersection Improvement Project was discussed. The approval will allow for the expenditure of funds on construction and right of way (easement) acquisition upon receipt of the actual funding from the CT DOT. The funding has yet to be awarded by the DOT. No construction funds nor payments to property owners to acquire easements will be spent until the funds are awarded. This request is presented now with the intent to significantly reduce the time frame between funding award and approval of the legislative boards which in turn will assist in keeping the construction schedule on track. The scheduled start of construction has intended all along to begin in the summer for the major excavation and sidewalk work. This schedule and phasing provides an opportunity to minimize any potential impacts to the Darien school system, commuters and businesses.

The Board of Selectmen, the Board approved the request for a Special Appropriation and recommend the same to the Board of Finance and RTM. It is expected that the Board of Finance will discuss and vote on the matter at their meeting on April 14, 2020.