



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
September 23, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West, North Haven, CT 06473

NOTICE: As permitted by Governor Lamont’s Executive Order 7B, as extended by Executive Order 9A, regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting is being held remotely with no in-person attendance

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1. **Presentation: SCRCOG Regional Housing Working Group Report**-*David Fink, SCRCOG Consultant*
2. Call to Order and Introductions – *First Selectman Beth Heller, Chair*
3. Adoption of 8/26/20 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes – *First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Secretary* Pages 2-4
4. Treasurer’s Report for month ending 8/30/20 –*First Selectman James Zeoli, Treasurer* Pages 5, 6
5. Transportation Committee Report – *Mayor William Dickinson, Committee Chairman* Pages 7-12
 1. Ozone Air Quality Conformity Resolution Pages 7, 8
 2. PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Resolution Pages 9, 10
 3. 2021-2024 TIP Resolution Pages 11,12
6. Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Renewal of Lease with Candid Group, LLC. Page 13
7. State Legislative Reports- *Michael Muszynski, CCM; Betsy Gara, COST*
8. Congressional Reports – *Louis Mangini, Aide to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro, Ellen Graham, Aide to U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal, Lillian McKenzie, Aide to U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy*
9. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report – *Carl Amento, Executive Director*
10. REX Development Report – *Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director, REX Development* Pages 14-21
11. DESPP/DEMHS Report – *Jacob Manke, Region 2 Coordinator*
12. Regional Cooperation/Other Business
13. Adjournment

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TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
FROM: **First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Secretary**
DATE: **September 16, 2020**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2020**

Present:

Bethany First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco
Branford First Selectman James Cosgrove
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey, **Secretary**
Hamden Mayor Curt Leng
Madison First Selectman Peggy Lyons
Meriden Timothy Coon, *proxy for Mayor Kevin Scarpati*
Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker
North Branford Michael Paulhus, *proxy for Mayor Bob Viglione*
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda, **Vice Chair**
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli, **Treasurer**
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson
West Haven Marcin Stankevitch, *proxy for Mayor Nancy Rossi*
Woodbridge Betsy Yagla, *proxy for First Selectman Beth Heller*

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Stephen Dudley, James Rode, Eugene Livshits, Christopher Rappa, Rebecca Andreucci,
Adriano Cirioli, Daria Larson, Burton Guion

Guests: Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Edgar Wynkoop, Garrett Eucallitto, Kathryn Faraci, Maribeth Wojenski, and Kimberly Lesay, *CT Department of Transportation*; Lou Mangini, *Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro*; Ellen Graham, *Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal*; Michael Muszynski, *Connecticut Conference of Municipalities*; Betsy Gara, *Council of Small Towns*; Jacob Manke, *DEMHS*; John Wardzala, *The Kennedy Center*; Catherine Lezon and Lynn Vasquez, *Eversource*; Joanne Cavadini, *CTRIDes*; Richard LoPresti, *Town of North Haven*; Anne Benowitz, *Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce*; Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina Law Firm*;

NOTE: The August SCRCOG Board meeting was a virtual meeting facilitated by Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

1. Call to order and Introductions

Vice Chair Freda called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. Presentation: DOT Deputy Commissioner Garrett Eucallitto

Deputy Commissioner Garrett Eucallitto presented updates on the work DOT has been accomplishing over the last several months.

3. Adoption of July 22, 2020 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Hoey presented the Minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of July 22, 2020, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-4. Executive Director Amento noted some minor grammatical errors which were corrected. Mayor Dickinson noted that he was present for the meeting but was not listed as having attended. First

Selectman Hoey moved for their approval with the discussed corrections. First Selectman Zeoli seconded the motion, with all voting in favor. Mayor Leng abstained from voting.

4. Treasurer's Report for Month Ending July 31, 2020

First Selectman Zeoli presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July 31, 2020, which was included in the agenda packet at pages 5-6. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of \$1,324,000 with \$1,115,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also \$132,000 due from CTDOT. Expenses for the month were in order. First Selectman Zeoli moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Dickinson presented the Transportation Committee Report found on pages 7-14 of the agenda packet, with the resolutions found on pages 10-14.

a) **Adopt Resolution to approve FY 2018-2021 TIP Amendment Twenty-Five**

Mayor Dickinson moved to approve the amendment. First Selectman Hoey seconded, and all voted in favor.

b) **Adopt Resolution to approve FTA Section 5310 Program Priorities Resolution**

Mayor Dickinson moved to approve the resolution. First Selectman Hoey seconded. All voted in favor.

6. State Legislative Reports

Betsy Gara from COST reported that they have provided guidance to the Governor regarding the extension of certain executive orders. She reported that for the upcoming election, Town Clerks' offices will be mailing absentee ballots to all registered voters. There are still questions regarding how same-day registration will work for this election. Betsy also reported on an upcoming hearing on storm response efforts. Michael Muszynski from CCM reported that he is tracking the aftermath of the four bills passed in the July General Assembly special session dealing with police accountability, absentee ballots, telehealth and the cost cap on insulin. CCM was in conversations with committee chairs throughout the process, and some of the suggestions are reflected in the final bills. Michael also reported that people who contracted COVID-19 at work can retroactively receive Workers Compensation. Mayor Dickinson recommended that every municipality should keep track of additional costs required under the police accountability law, as they are likely to be extensive. Mayor Blake asked if the State of Emergency and Civil Preparedness Declaration will be extended. Betsy stated she will monitor the situation, as the legislature is expected to hold a special session before the September 9th deadline.

7. Congressional Reports

Lou Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's office reported that FEMA approved a request from the state that would fund an additional \$300 weekly to people collecting unemployment insurance. The state was allowed to utilize funds expended on disasters as its \$100 match. Overall, FEMA funding may be at risk due to the competing costs of the wildfires in California and hurricane and storm damage in many states. CT is beginning damage assessment after Tropical Storm Isaias. There have been no updates on the Heroes Act. Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office stated that the Senator is working on Post Office issues. Postal delivery times had already slowed after the closing of the Wallingford Distribution Center, and we are now seeing additional delays.

First Selectman Freda asked if unemployment filing will remain seamless to users given the changes. Lou stated his office has received many unemployment calls and doesn't expect the filing process to change. There may be additional discussions on another stimulus package after Labor Day, since there were conversations about an additional \$1200 check. There have been no updates on direct assistance to municipalities.

8. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Amento reported on the letter he sent to Board members yesterday on the Secretary of the State grants and Long Term Recovery Plan progress. The third meeting of the Long Term Recovery committee is Thursday, August 27. CARES Act funding for COGs continues to be delayed. SCRCOG has updated their COVID Resources webpage to include the latest information. Two new interns recently started at SCRCOG from the UConn MPA Program, Daria Larson and Burton Guion. Executive Director Amento reported that SCRCOG has received Regional Services Grant (RSG) funding commitment from OPM. The RSG work program is currently being revised to include a municipal cybersecurity program, creating a purchasing cooperative, and continuing work on energy and recycling. He also announced that New Haven was selected to receive a USDA grant for composting.

9. REX Development Report

Ginny Kozlowski of REX Development reviewed the written report found on pages 15-21 of the agenda packet. REX is working on compiling a list of new businesses in the region since July 1. She discussed that the hospitality sector is at risk of not recovering, along with large event venues and arts and culture institutions. There is a concern about how restaurants will handle losing outdoor dining this winter. Lou Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's office stated he is aware of the issues and pushing for a 2nd round of PPP loans. Ginny also reported that unemployment numbers are decreasing, however the data lags 3 weeks behind.

10. CTRides Report

Joanne Cavadini from CTRides reviewed the report attached to the agenda packet. She reported that the new CTRides website is nearing completion. The new website will have a telework page. CTRides is currently participating in virtual back-to-school events.

11. DESPP/DEMHS Report

Jacob Manke from DEMHS Region 2 noted that DEMHS has been busy with storm response. They have been tasked with asking municipalities to designate a town employee responsible for COVID-19 response. DEMHS is working with FEMA to do damage assessments following Tropical Storm Isaias in order to receive reimbursement. Manke also suggested that municipalities begin sourcing PPE in preparation for this fall and winter.

12. Regional Cooperation/Other Business

There was no other business.

13. Adjournment

Vice Chair Freda asked if there was a motion to adjourn. First Selectman Cofrancesco made the motion to adjourn, and First Selectman Hoey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman Matthew Hoey, *Secretary*

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 08/31/2020

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	497,462.36
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	597,953.60
New Haven Bank	107,432.32

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	102,532.67
CT Office of Policy and Management	59,417.80
Other State Grants (CIRCA)	5,530.98

Other Assets

Prepaid Expense (UConn MPA Intern)	(833.33)
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	26,337.95
Furniture & Equipment	12,367.86

Total Assets	1,408,202.21
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	21,338.00
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	138,910.08
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	211,157.65
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment	10,826.63

Total Liabilities	385,923.13
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	935,047.91
Amount for Accrued Leave	14,675.03
Investment in Equipment	12,367.84
Change in Fund Balance	60,188.30

Total Fund Balance	1,022,279.08
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,408,202.21

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 08/31/2020

	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Resources			
Municipal - Revenue	5,671.11	11,180.82	193,200.00
Municipal - Special Assessment			10,827.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	24,655.46	50,060.53	493,418.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	41,291.36	83,328.47	1,214,329.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP		104.14	211,465.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,691.00
CIRCA - Resilient CT Grant	2,667.35	5,530.98	37,000.00
Interest - Revenue	57.33	160.91	11,999.00
Total Resources	74,342.61	150,365.85	2,175,929.00

Direct Expenses			
Transportation Planning Consultants			475,000.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants			34,000.00
Other Consultants	833.33	833.33	156,100.00
Travel	67.28	67.28	8,300.00
Data Processing		2,500.00	3,600.00
Commercial Printing			600.00
Subscriptions and Books			3,500.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	75.00	75.00	16,200.00
Miscellaneous		89.02	1,282.00
Transportation - Reserved			282,809.00
LOTCIP - Reserved			198,833.00
Hazard Mitigation Grant - Reserved			10,827.00
Contingency			75,993.00
Total Direct Expenses	975.61	3,564.63	1,267,044.00

Direct Labor			
Direct Labor - Employees	32,127.86	64,968.52	370,069.00

Overhead			
Indirect Labor - Employees	9,977.86	25,570.01	170,574.00
Employee Benefits	13,997.32	38,416.19	193,342.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	24.00	458.40	13,000.00
Rent	9,021.12	27,206.61	111,100.00
Telephone and Internet	255.92	747.76	7,400.00
Office Supplies	17.99	35.98	3,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,908.12	3,937.44	17,200.00
Insurance and Professional Services		8,353.00	21,100.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising			800.00
Miscellaneous	57.04	113.82	700.00
Total Overhead	35,259.37	104,839.21	538,816.00
Total Operating Expenses	68,362.84	173,372.36	2,175,929.00



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**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
OZONE**

WHEREAS,

The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

it is the opinion of the SCRCOG that the plans and programs approved today, September 23, 2020 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in this Nonattainment area (Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination April 2020); and

WHEREAS,

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).



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Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the SCRCOG

That the SCRCOG finds that ,based upon CTDOT's Air Quality determination, the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination, dated April 2020, contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the SCRCOG certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the SCRCOG on September 23, 2020

Date September 23, 2020

By: _____
First Selectman Matthew Hoey, *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments



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**RESOLUTION ON CONFORMITY WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT
PM 2.5**

WHEREAS,

The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

It is the opinion of the SCRCOG that the plans and programs approved on September 23, 2020 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and



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WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the SCRCOG finds that, based upon CTDOT's Air Quality determination, the 2019-2045 MTP and the FFY 2021-2024 TIP and Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination dated April 2020 contingent upon no major adverse comments are received during said period.

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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021 - Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program

- Whereas:* U.S. Department of Transportation Metropolitan Planning Regulations (23 CFR 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP) conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and SIP-established mobile source emissions budgets; and
- Whereas:* The Council (SCRCOG), in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and major transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by CTDOT, framed a four-year draft Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program addressing projects and programs per the terms of 23 CFR 450.324; and
- Whereas:* The Council has provided a substantial opportunity for public review and comment during the August 2020 – September 2020 period consistent with SCRCOG's Public Participation Guidelines (adopted December, 2012) and has considered public comments per 23 CFR 450; and
- Whereas:* By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the Council in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan transportation planning requirements are intended to satisfy requirements associated with development of a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and
- Whereas:* Significant Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program proposals reflected in a Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality assessment for serious non-attainment portions of Connecticut (Air Quality Conformity Report for Ozone and PM 2.5 (2020), Transportation Improvement Program and Metropolitan Transportation Plan (April 2019)) and, in the context of all relevant regional transportation improvement programs, have been found to be conforming by CTDOT and by the Council's current Air Quality Conformity Resolution (attached) per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration guidelines (40 CFR 51 and 93); and



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Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program (Continued)

Whereas: The Council of Governments’ transportation planning process that continuously reviews goals, projects and opportunities may result in periodic adjustment or amendment of the TIP.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments

The Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program is hereby adopted and shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program without change subsequent to an air quality conformity finding by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration and/or the U.S. Federal Transit Administration per 23 CFR 450.328.

Consistent with the intent of 23 *CFR* 3450.324(k) only transit projects explicitly associated with funds allocated to the New Haven-Meriden Urbanized Area per Section 5307 of the Federal Transit Act and, in the aggregate, not exceeding authorized federal fiscal year allocations, shall be pursued with those funds.

The region’s planning transportation process addressing major regional issues and opportunities is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements established in 23 *CFR* 450.334.

Certificate

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**Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Renewal of Lease with
Candid Group, LLC.**

Whereas: SCRCOG entered into a Lease with Candid Group, LLC, dated October 3, 1995, for 4,928 square feet on the fourth floor of the west building located at 127 Washington Avenue, North Haven, CT; and

Whereas: SCRCOG has renewed the Lease four times, with each renewal lasting a period of five years (July 2000, June 2005, May 2010, and November 2015); and

Whereas: The Fourth Addendum to the Lease expires on November 30, 2020; and

Whereas: SCRCOG's Executive Director has negotiated a Fifth Addendum to the Lease (attached), commencing December 1, 2020 and ending November 30, 2025.

Therefore, be it Resolved:

That the Executive Director, Carl J. Amento, is hereby authorized to execute all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments with Candid Group, LLC. to extend the term of the Lease for an additional five years.

Certificate:

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September 16, 2020

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

Our activities over the past month have been a combination of responding to the economic injury already inflicted by the pandemic, preparing for the next wave of infections and envisioning a long-term recovery. We are representing the South Central Connecticut in the DEMHS Region 2 recovery plans and hope to incorporate strategies from those efforts into the region's 2021 CEDS.

REX Development is also a participant in the statewide application for FY 2020 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs including CARES Act Funding. This funding would be used to promote business retention, expansion, and strategic planning for short and long-term recovery. Structural changes to the CEDS committees will be announced shortly. These changes are essential to targeting our response to the most pressing issues identified/exacerbated by the pandemic.

Thus far, the return of the college students to the region has not resulted in a major spike of infections. The local colleges and universities have been diligent in testing, quarantining and addressing violations of safety protocols. To welcome graduate students to Greater New Haven, we participated in Yale's virtual welcome fair to promote regional safe attractions (including the trail maps created in conjunction with SCRCOG).

The governor recently announced changes to the state's quarantine policy for visitors from high risk states allowing a negative COVID-19 test within three days prior to arrival to eliminate the need for a 14 day quarantine. In addition, local officials may now fine violators of the mask and capacity guidelines. These changes may increase consumer confidence. In addition, New Haven, Hamden and Milford are hosting Restaurant Weeks between September 13 and 26. We are also partnering with Metro-North to create and promote getaways to towns along the rail line.

Pending additional federal assistance, our small businesses continue to be at risk. All businesses covered by Reopen Connecticut Phase 3 remain shuttered. As additional business assistance programs are announced, we will share the information with stakeholders.

We continue to collaborate with the Connecticut Lodging Association, Workforce Alliance, NHMA, NHIC, Central Regional Tourism District, Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, chambers of commerce, and the towns. Our broad participation throughout the community allows us to synthesize information to identify trends, challenges and opportunities.

Attached you will find spreadsheets with the number of certified businesses (March 1 to September 15) and continuing unemployment data from March 1 to September 6 by town.

Sincerely,

Ginny Kozlowski
Executive Director

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Continuing Unemployment Claims by Town

Town Name	March 7, 2020	March 14, 2020	March 21, 2020	March 28, 2020	April 4, 2020	April 11, 2020
Total	42,199	48,590	132,524	199,658	255,592	287,310
Bethany	53	61	146	214	306	338
Branford	284	332	1,088	1,739	2,209	2,439
East Haven	384	456	1,280	1,997	2,516	2,776
Guilford	137	157	520	848	1,138	1,277
Hamden	550	650	1,762	2,696	3,543	4,013
Madison	90	104	354	566	757	869
Meriden	952	1,114	2,520	3,846	4,770	5,347
Milford	552	641	2,039	3,080	4,009	4,454
New Haven	1,483	1,726	3,969	5,707	7,285	8,179
North Branford	138	160	478	752	934	1,044
North Haven	236	295	793	1,267	1,638	1,828
Orange	87	107	342	562	775	872
Wallingford	487	581	1,663	2,580	3,271	3,621
West Haven	702	767	2,100	3,255	4,202	4,681
Woodbridge	47	58	151	243	348	406
Regional Total	6,182	7,209	19,205	29,352	37,701	42,144

Continuing Unemployment Claims by Town

Town Name	April 18, 2020	April 25, 2020	May 2, 2020	May 9, 2020	May 16, 2020	May 23, 2020
Total	304,831	309,750	317,664	308,735	300,692	297,034
Bethany	361	361	362	353	336	327
Branford	2,568	2,599	2,600	2,493	2,362	2,297
East Haven	2,918	2,940	2,980	2,844	2,765	2,745
Guilford	1,355	1,380	1,400	1,350	1,292	1,231
Hamden	4,274	4,340	4,467	4,399	4,309	4,280
Madison	925	925	976	953	907	898
Meriden	5,661	5,699	5,819	5,637	5,516	5,382
Milford	4,740	4,814	4,918	4,684	4,504	4,400
New Haven	8,699	8,948	9,291	9,235	9,189	9,316
North Branford	1,102	1,098	1,123	1,064	1,007	968
North Haven	1,931	1,956	2,017	1,929	1,837	1,804
Orange	929	945	985	946	915	880
Wallingford	3,853	3,913	3,960	3,782	3,651	3,540
West Haven	4,963	5,101	5,214	5,090	5,060	5,004
Woodbridge	425	450	473	445	439	436
Regional Total	44,704	45,469	46,585	45,204	44,089	43,508

Continuing Unemployment Claims by Town

Town Name	May 30, 2020	June 6, 2020	June 13, 2020	June 20, 2020	June 27, 2020	July 4, 2020
Total	290,395	280,754	276,214	273,027	272,454	268,840
Bethany	318	304	300	291	292	291
Branford	2,235	2,124	2,062	2,031	1,990	1,955
East Haven	2,693	2,582	2,529	2,484	2,463	2,445
Guilford	1,213	1,149	1,125	1,139	1,121	1,103
Hamden	4,216	4,172	4,149	4,190	4,192	4,196
Madison	876	841	823	838	845	819
Meriden	5,246	5,124	5,056	5,061	5,074	5,079
Milford	4,272	4,074	4,000	4,006	3,946	3,855
New Haven	9,279	9,266	9,363	9,528	9,735	9,837
North Branford	935	896	888	885	871	856
North Haven	1,782	1,724	1,701	1,672	1,652	1,648
Orange	841	818	804	805	791	785
Wallingford	3,447	3,358	3,293	3,236	3,202	3,163
West Haven	4,907	4,787	4,704	4,733	4,708	4,651
Woodbridge	409	404	384	380	389	383
Regional Total	42,669	41,623	41,181	41,279	41,271	41,066

Continuing Unemployment Claims by Town

Town Name	July 11, 2020	July 18, 2020	July 25, 2020	August 1, 2020	August 8, 2020	August 15, 2020
Total	271,328	265,840	262,107	250,094	240,149	231,539
Bethany	298	295	288	282	262	241
Branford	1,978	1,960	1,921	1,823	1,729	1,662
East Haven	2,420	2,373	2,338	2,222	2,126	2,114
Guilford	1,111	1,089	1,069	1,008	949	905
Hamden	4,232	4,158	4,122	3,994	3,839	3,702
Madison	799	780	763	742	697	675
Meriden	5,170	5,049	5,005	4,777	4,684	4,479
Milford	3,858	3,791	3,726	3,614	3,481	3,340
New Haven	10,004	9,950	9,878	9,585	9,225	8,905
North Branford	831	810	797	753	732	709
North Haven	1,650	1,604	1,567	1,495	1,419	1,385
Orange	792	778	765	743	711	674
Wallingford	3,154	3,088	3,021	2,846	2,706	2,594
West Haven	4,693	4,597	4,527	4,358	4,157	4,016
Woodbridge	391	377	374	365	342	325
Regional Total	41,381	40,699	40,161	38,607	37,059	35,726

Continuing Unemployment Claims by Town

Town Name	August 22, 2020	August 29, 2020	September 5, 2020
Total	221,928	211,366	194,062
Bethany	226	217	198
Branford	1,590	1,536	1,428
East Haven	2,024	1,916	1,762
Guilford	872	831	752
Hamden	3,513	3,314	3,053
Madison	642	620	543
Meriden	4,336	4,199	3,883
Milford	3,233	3,059	2,813
New Haven	8,523	8,140	7,573
North Branford	670	642	588
North Haven	1,327	1,264	1,172
Orange	646	609	562
Wallingford	2,478	2,340	2,148
West Haven	3,847	3,680	3,439
Woodbridge	307	292	257
Regional Total	34,234	32,659	30,171

Certified Businesses by Town								
Town	5/22/2020	5/28/2020	6/4/2020	6/12/2020	6/23/2020	6/30/2020	7/7/2020	7/14/2020
Bethany	9	9	9	10	15	15	15	15
Branford	150	164	269	284	300	304	310	315
East Haven	50	53	58	86	101	105	111	114
Guilford	113	107	118	148	169	171	175	177
Hamden	140	159	179	241	286	299	302	309
Madison	75	77	86	103	124	130	135	139
Meriden	92	105	140	175	224	228	268	214
Milford	239	264	309	399	481	491	507	519
New Haven	279	316	363	456	591	619	647	662
North Branford	13	14	19	29	34	37	38	38
North Haven	99	102	113	178	209	214	218	223
Orange	71	76	82	128	151	155	158	159
Wallingford	147	173	191	234	272	276	286	286
West Haven	63	67	79	105	134	138	145	150
Woodbridge	24	26	28	41	52	53	56	58
Total	1564	1712	2043	2617	3143	3235	3371	3378
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Certified Busine				
Town	7/21/2020	7/28/2020	8/6/2020	8/11/2020
Bethany	15	16	16	16
Branford	320	327	334	336
East Haven	116	118	124	125
Guilford	181	182	183	183
Hamden	313	319	322	324
Madison	142	146	148	148
Meriden	247	252	257	257
Milford	518	532	542	553
New Haven	671	685	699	703
North Branford	41	41	41	41
North Haven	224	226	228	228
Orange	159	160	164	164
Wallingford	287	289	292	294
West Haven	152	155	157	159
Woodbridge	58	58	60	60
Total	3444	3506	3567	3591
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