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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

## **SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA**

**March 24, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.**

**Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor West  
North Haven, CT 06473**

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1. Call to Order and Introductions – *First Selectman Michael Freda, Chair*
2. **Presentation: New Haven TMA Certification Review**– *Kurt Salmoiraghi, FHWA; Leah Sirmin, FTA*
3. **Presentation: Cost-Saving Municipal Solid Waste Disposal Options: Unit-Based Pricing and Food Waste Diversion** – *Kristen Brown, Waste Zero, Consultant to CT DEEP*
4. Approval of 2/24/21 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes – *First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary* Pages 2-5
5. Treasurer's Report for month ending 2/28/21 – *First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Treasurer* Pages 6,7
6. Transportation Committee Report – *Mayor William Dickinson, Committee Chair* Pages 8-19  
Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Three Pages 18,19
7. DESPP/DEMHS Report – *Jacob Manke, Region 2 Coordinator*
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. State Legislative Reports – *Michael Muszynski, CCM; Betsy Gara, COST*
10. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report – *Carl Amento, Executive Director* Pages 20,21
11. Grant Opportunities and Upcoming Events – *Carl Amento, Executive Director* Pages 22-30
12. REX Development Report – *Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director, REX Development* Pages 31-33
13. Resilient CT Report- *Joanna Wozniak- Brown, UConn CIRCA*
14. Greater New Haven Transit District Report – *Mario Marrero, Executive Director*
15. Regional Planning Commission March Action Tables Page 34
16. Regional Cooperation/Other Business
17. Adjournment

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**  
FROM: **First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary**  
DATE: **March 17, 2021**  
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021**

**Present:**

Bethany First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, **Treasurer**  
Branford First Selectman James Cosgrove  
East Haven Mayor Joseph Carfora  
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey, **Vice Chair**  
Madison First Selectman Peggy Lyons  
Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake  
New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker  
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda, **Chair**  
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli, **Secretary**  
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson  
West Haven Marcin Stankevich, *proxy for Mayor Nancy Rossi*  
Woodbridge First Selectman Beth Heller, **Immediate Past Chair**

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

**Guests:** Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Sara Radacsi, *CTDOT*; Lou Mangini, *Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro*; Ellen Graham, *Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal*; Lillian McKenzie, *Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy*; Brian O'Connor, *Connecticut Conference of Municipalities*; Betsy Gara, *Council of Small Towns*; Kevin Alvarez, *City of New Haven*; Ryan Wolfe, *United Illuminating*; Mario Marrero, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Joanne Cavadini, *CT Rides*; Jacob Manke, *DEMHS/DESPP*; John Wardzala, *The Kennedy Center*; Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina Law Firm*; Richard LoPresti, *Town of North Haven*; Joanna Wozniak-Brown, *CIRCA*; Anne Benowitz, *Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce*; Lior Trestman, *Safe Streets New Haven*; Dale Kroop, *Economic Development Consultant*

**NOTE: The February 2021 SCRCOG Board meeting was held remotely with no in-person attendance as permitted by Governor Lamont's Executive Orders, regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

**1. Call to order and Introductions**

Chairman Freda called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

**2. Adoption of the January 27, 2021 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Freda presented the Minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of January 27, 2021, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-5. First Selectman Hoey moved for their approval, and First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. All voted in favor.

**3. Treasurer's Report for month ending January 31, 2021**

First Selectman Cofrancesco presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending January 31, 2021, which was included in the agenda packet at pages 6-7. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of

\$1,545,000 with \$1,383,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also \$86,000 due from CTDOT and \$3,800 due from CIRCA. Expenses for the month were in order. First Selectman Heller moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Chairman Freda seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**4. Adoption of Affirmative Action Policy Renewal (annual renewal)**

Executive Director Amento reviewed the resolution on pages 8-10, noting that this is a yearly federal requirement. First Selectman Heller made a motion to adopt. First Selectman Lyons seconded, and all voted in favor.

**5. Approval of Annual SCRCOG Self-Certification**

Executive Director Amento and Stephen Dudley reviewed the certification on pages 11-12 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Heller motioned to approve, and Chairman Freda seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**6. Resolution Authorizing SCRCOG to Establish and Act as a Regional Purchasing Consortium**

Executive Director Amento discussed the proposal to create a SCRCOG Regional Purchasing Consortium, which was recommended for approval at the Executive Committee meeting. First Selectman Lyons made a motion to authorize the resolution, and Chairman Freda seconded. All voted in favor.

**7. Congressional Reports**

Lou Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's office reported that there have been many people contacting his office regarding issues with SBA loans. Rosa's office is working on adding language to the American Rescue Plan which would bring back earmarks in some form. In the American Rescue Plan, the federal government will send funds directly to states for their use. In county-less states such as Connecticut, the state will be sent the funds designated for counties. Larger cities will receive funds directly from the federal government. The state will distribute funds to smaller towns by formula. The funds can be used for Covid-19 response, and for other uses specified in the proposed bill. There is also money set aside for K-12 schools. Municipalities will need to compile a list of costs related to the pandemic emergency, and send it to the state for reimbursement. The bill is set to be voted on during the week of March 8. First Selectman Zeoli asked if the State of Connecticut would be taking a management fee from the funding. Lou said that is unlikely since the state will be receiving other funding. The funding will cover expenses beginning January 27, 2020.

Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthol's office reported that the Senate hopes to vote on the American Rescue Plan by March 14. The Senate is still working on confirming cabinet positions.

Lillian McKenzie from Senator Murphy's office reported they have received correspondence regarding repealing the \$10k cap on the SALT tax. The Senator is working on a provision in the American Rescue Plan regarding funding for summer youth programs, focused on learning loss and social and emotional needs of children after a year of distance learning.

**8. State Legislative Reports**

Brian O'Connor from CCM reported on the legislative session. There are bills on the three-tiered PILOT program to change the proration of the formula. They are also working on the creation of data centers.

Betsy Gara from COST reported they are waiting for bills to be published and public hearings to be scheduled. There have been bills discussed related to: one-touch-ready fiber optics; legalization of cannabis; and, changing the ECS formula. The Governor's pandemic-related Executive Orders are scheduled to expire in April, including those related to open meeting requirements. Bills have been proposed to convert some of the Executive Orders into legislation.

**9. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Amento reviewed SCRCOG's new monthly Municipal Services Newsletter on pages 14-15 of the agenda packet. SCRCOG is hosting a sale on household rain barrels and composting bins through April. Products ordered by residents online from the vendor will be available to pick up at three locations throughout the region. Training on Municipal EV Readiness has been ongoing through Live Green, with whom SCRCOG has partnered. SCRCOG is hosting procurement training for municipal purchasing staff and finance directors. Cybersecurity awareness training for municipal employees of SCRCOG towns is scheduled to begin in March. Several SCRCOG are currently in discussions with Kristen Brown, a solid waste consultant to the DEEP, regarding pay-as-you-throw and food waste diversion pilot programs. A program involving food waste reduction and diversion in schools in the region, which was cancelled last fall due to the pandemic, may resume this fall if schools re-open. SolSmart training sessions are being scheduled for municipalities that want to obtain designations as U.S. Department of Energy SolSmart communities.

Executive Director Amento discussed the willingness of SCRCOG to assist the region's towns in the creation of the municipal Affordable Housing Plans, now required by state statutes. SCRCOG proposed creating a multi-town plan, working with each town to create a town-specific town as well as creating a region-wide plan. The Executive Director asked the Executive Committee about utilizing SCRCOG's reserves up to \$100,000 to complete the plan. First Selectman Hoey stated his support for SCRCOG utilizing reserves to complete the plan, and he made a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors to use funding from reserves for the multi-town plan. First Selectman Lyons seconded, and all voted in favor.

#### **10. Grant Opportunities and Upcoming Events**

Executive Director Amento reported on available Grant Opportunities and presented materials on the rain barrel sale found on pages 16-21 of the agenda packet.

#### **11. REX Development Report**

Ginny Kozlowski of REX Development reviewed her written report on pages 22-45 of the agenda packet. She noted that many new businesses have opened in the midst of the pandemic. The Governor announced new guidelines for business reopening in March.

#### **12. DESPP/DEMHS Report**

Jacob Manke was unavailable to present a report.

#### **13. Resilient CT Report**

Dr. Joanna Wozniak-Brown, Assistant Director for Resilience Planning, UConn CIRCA, presented an update on the Resilient CT Project. There is a webinar on the project scheduled for March. Project materials are available for review on the CIRCA website. In May, there will be another set of regional workshops to discuss potential resilience projects. Dr. Wozniak-Brown also reviewed the feedback received from the January workshop.

#### **14. Greater New Haven Transit District Report**

Mario Marrero from the Greater New Haven Transit District reviewed their programming and passenger service reductions during the pandemic. They have been installing clear plastic barriers between passengers on their buses, going cashless, and disinfecting regularly. He announced there are several vacancies on the GNHTD Board. Lastly, they are currently looking for a new property to house their headquarters.

#### **15. CTRides Update**

Joanne Cavadini from CTRides discussed their new website launched in November. A new podcast titled "Along the Lines" will deal with issues related to transportation. A Transportation Leaders program was launched for employers to recognize staff who contribute to reducing traffic congestion by using alternative modes of transportation.

**16. Regional Planning Commission February Action Table**

The RPC Action Table was reviewed on page 46 of the agenda packet.

**17. Regional Cooperation/Other Business**

Chairman Freda stated that the past year has been a challenging one, with elected officials facing many obstacles and hardships. He noted that the mayors and first selectmen should be proud of the work they accomplished, and to continue turning anxiety into hope.

**18. Adjournment**

First Selectman Hoey made a motion to adjourn, and First Selectman Heller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman James Zeoli, *Secretary*

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# Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 2/28/2021

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<b>Assets</b>
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**Cash and Investments**

Key Bank - Checking Account	249,638.42
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	898,323.30
New Haven Bank	107,433.32

**Accounts Receivable**

CT Department of Transportation	144,938.47
CT Office of Policy and Management	(498.02)
Other State Grants (CIRCA)	3,935.09

**Other Assets**

Prepaid Expense (UConn MPA Intern)	10,500.09
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	31,197.52
Furniture & Equipment	27,183.40

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,472,651.59</b>
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<b>Liabilities</b>
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Deferred Revenue - Municipal	122,874.92
Deferred Revenue - OPM	76,858.56
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	206,464.38
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment	10,826.63

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>420,715.26</b>
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<b>Fund Balance</b>
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Fund Balance	1,002,300.26
Amount for Accrued Leave	19,534.60
Investment in Equipment	27,183.40
Change in Fund Balance	2,918.07

<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,051,936.33</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,472,651.59</b>

# Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 2/28/2021

	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
<b>Resources</b>			
Municipal - Revenue	20,476.86	70,325.08	200,700.00
Municipal - Special Assessment			10,827.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	64,895.95	302,226.75	493,418.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	108,542.91	456,039.86	1,214,329.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP		4,917.89	211,465.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,691.00
CIRCA - Resilient CT Grant	90.27	17,401.38	37,000.00
Miscellaneous		.09	
Interest - Revenue	93.36	531.91	11,999.00
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>194,099.35</b>	<b>851,442.96</b>	<b>2,183,429.00</b>

<b>Direct Expenses</b>			
Transportation Planning Consultants	67,704.00	93,402.00	475,000.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	2,000.00	35,510.00	34,000.00
Other Consultants	37,333.32	85,499.91	171,100.00
Travel	64.40	197.81	8,300.00
Data Processing		4,000.00	3,600.00
Commercial Printing			600.00
Subscriptions and Books		799.00	3,500.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising		1,580.75	17,707.00
Miscellaneous		89.02	1,282.00
Transportation - Reserved			296,419.00
LOTCIP - Reserved			199,117.00
Hazard Mitigation Grant - Reserved			10,827.00
<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>107,101.72</b>	<b>221,078.49</b>	<b>1,221,452.00</b>

<b>Direct Labor</b>			
<b>Direct Labor - Employees</b>	<b>36,708.93</b>	<b>266,064.06</b>	<b>400,918.00</b>

<b>Overhead</b>			
Indirect Labor - Employees	8,186.27	103,024.61	173,599.00
Employee Benefits	18,413.61	138,901.81	212,560.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	24.00	9,557.83	13,000.00
Rent	9,201.54	82,341.51	111,100.00
Telephone and Internet	600.92	4,413.28	7,400.00
Office Supplies	133.66	1,077.91	3,500.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,449.32	12,633.36	17,200.00
Subscriptions and Books		425.00	
Insurance and Professional Services	100.96	8,493.71	21,100.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	94.60	94.60	800.00
Miscellaneous	45.02	418.72	700.00
<b>Total Overhead</b>	<b>38,249.90</b>	<b>361,382.34</b>	<b>561,059.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>182,060.55</b>	<b>848,524.89</b>	<b>2,183,429.00</b>

**South Central Regional Council of Governments**  
**2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
Amendment Number 3

<b>Project</b>	<b>0043-0129</b>	<b>2012-A10-3</b>	<b>Bike/Ped East Haven Shoreline Greenway Trail</b>
<b>Changes</b>	Amendment 3 move schedule and updates funding		
<b>Reason</b>	This action is necessary to move the project into the current TIP and adjust funding amounts based on revise cost estimates		
<b>Project</b>	<b>0061-0153</b>	<b>2018-A4-1</b>	<b>Walkable Sidewalk Ped/Bike Improvements</b>
<b>Changes</b>	Amendment 3 move schedule and updates funding		
<b>Reason</b>	This action is necessary to adjust funding amounts based on revise cost estimates		
<b>Project</b>	<b>0079-0212</b>	<b>2018-A9-1</b>	<b>Rehab Br# 04185 Center st o/Harbor Brook</b>
<b>Changes</b>	Amendment 3 move schedule and updates funding		
<b>Reason</b>	This action is necessary to move the project into the current TIP and adjust funding amounts based on revise cost estimates		
<b>Project</b>	<b>0092-0682</b>	<b>2016-A18-2</b>	<b>Traffic Signal Modernization at Various Locations</b>
<b>Changes</b>	Amendment 3 move schedule and updates funding		
<b>Reason</b>	This action is necessary to move the project into the current TIP and adjust funding amounts based on revise cost estimates		
<b>Project</b>	<b>0092-0689</b>	<b>2021-A3-1</b>	<b>Intercahnge 59 / Route 69 improvements Phase 2</b>
<b>Changes</b>	FY 21 TIP Amend 3 Adds a new project		
<b>Reason</b>	The purpose of this project is to provide safety, mobility, and connectivity improvements on the Route 15 Exit 59 interchange ramps and immediate subnetwork connections with Routes 63 and 69. Substandard acceleration and deceleration lengths lead to high crash rates at three of the four interchange ramps. The project proposes to improve acceleration and deceleration for all 4 interchange ramps, including the addition of a loop ramp to access Route 15 northbound from Route 69 southbound. Replacement of Bridge No. 00771 and widening of Bridge No. 00772 will be required. In addition, a new traffic signal and modification to two others will be required on Route 69. Congestion improvements on the subnetwork will be limited to the already constructed interim improvements on Route 69.		
<b>Project</b>	<b>0100-0180</b>	<b>2019-A17-1</b>	<b>REPLACE HIGHWAY SIGNS &amp; SUPPORTS</b>
<b>Changes</b>	Amendment 3 Adds Construction Phase funding		
<b>Reason</b>	This action is necessary to move the project into the current TIP. In order to be obligated funds must be shown in the appropriate fiscal year		



**South Central Regional Council of Governments**  
**2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
Amendment Number 3

**Project**      **0100-0182      2021-A3-2      CT 15 Exit 62 NB Ramps Reconfiguration**

**Changes**      FY 21 TIP Amend 3 Adds a new project

**Reason**      As part of an effort to remove all stop-controlled on-ramps along the Wilbur Cross Parkway, this project proposes to improve the acceleration and deceleration lanes on CT 15 Exit 62 NB in the Town of North Haven. The existing deceleration lane is limited by bridge no. 00785 over the Mill River and it is proposed that the bridge be widened to accommodate a longer deceleration length. The existing on-ramp is currently stop-controlled with no acceleration lane. It is proposed that the on-ramp be reconstructed to allow appropriate acceleration before merging with NB traffic. It is proposed that bridge no. 00786 be replaced in order to accommodate the necessary acceleration lane. As part of the project, the ramp termini intersection with SR 717 (Dixwell Ave) will be improved by replacing the existing traffic signal and constructing turn lanes on three approaches to improve traffic operations.

**Project**      **0173-0512      2021-A3-3      REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL LED LAMPS/VARIOUS**

**Changes**      FY 21 TIP Amend 3 Adds a new project

**Reason**      This project will replace existing LED lamps at traffic signals on various State highways in District 3. The life expectancy of a LED lamp is approximately 8 years, so this project will proactively replace lamps in order to keep traffic signals functioning in a state of good repair.

The project will also provide the following enhancements where applicable:

Replace circular red LED lamps with red arrow LED lamps at locations that are not currently in compliance with MUTCD requirements;

Replace circular green LED lamps with vertical green arrow LED lamps at eligible exit ramps to provide extra emphasis against a wrong way driving movement;

Install backplates with yellow retroreflective borders on signal heads with existing, non-retroreflective backplates;

Replace sheet aluminum signs that are mounted on span wires or mast arms; replace existing pedestrian signal lamps with countdown LED pedestrian signal lamps. The PE phase includes a PD/FD split.

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 Amendment 3

**State Project #0043-0129**  
**Municipality** East Haven

**SCRCOG # 2012-A10-3**  
**AQ Code X6**  
 Proposed

**Project Name** Bike/Ped East Haven Shoreline Greenway Trail

**Description** Project is for design and construction of 4,800 ft Shoreline Greenway Trail in East Haven. This section is from Spray park on Cosey Beach Ave to D.C Moore School

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
HPP	FD	Federal	90					
		Local	22					
	CON	Federal	288					
		Local	242					
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$642</b>		642	0	0	0	0	0

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
HPP	FD	Federal		108				
		Local		27				
	CON	Federal			666			
		Local			166			
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$967</b>		0	135	832	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY12 Amend 10 introduces new project. FY12 TIP Amend 18 moves FD to FY14 and add CON for FY15 FY15 TIP Amend 4 increases FD and moves CON to FY16. FY15 TIP amend 10 moves FD and CON phases out 1 year. FY15 TIP Amend 14 moves FD to FY17 FY15 TIP Amend 23 moves FD and CON from FY17 to FY18 FY18 TIP Amend 5 adjusts project schedule. FY18 TIP Amend 18 moves FD to FY20. FY 21 TIP Amend 3 move schedule and updates funding

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 Amendment 3

**State Project #0061-0153**  
**Municipality** Hamden

**SCRCOG # 2018-A4-1**  
**AQ Code X6**

Proposed

**Project Name** Walkable Sidewalk Ped/Bike Improvements

**Description** Hamden's Walkable Sidewalk project includes pedestrian and bicycle improvements at various locations along Augur, Benham, Davis, & Treadwall Streets. Improvements include sidewalks, crosswalks, accessible curb ramps, signage, and roadway restriping.

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
TAPNH	FD	Federal		208				
		Local		52				
	ROW	Federal		40				
		Local		10				
	CON	Federal		1,723				
		Local		431				
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$2,464</b>		0	2,464	0	0	0	0

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
TAPNH	FD	Federal		248				
		Local		62				
	ROW	Federal		40				
		Local		10				
	CON	Federal			1,723			
		Local			431			
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$2,514</b>		0	360	2,154	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

Fy18 TIP Amend 4 adds project. FY21 TIP adjusts schedule FY 21 TIP Amend 3 move schedule and updates funding

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 Amendment 3

**State Project #0079-0212**  
**Municipality** Meriden

**SCRCOG # 2018-A9-1**  
**AQ Code X6**

Proposed

**Project Name** Rehab Br# 04185 Center st o/Harbor Brook

**Description** This project is for the rehabilitation of the bridge which carries Center street over Harbor Brook.

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
HPP	CON	Federal	1,398					
		Local	2,192					
REP		Federal	152					
		Local	38					
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$3,780</b>		3,780	0	0	0	0	0

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
HPP	CON	Federal		1,067				
		Local		2,523				
REP		Federal		152				
		Local		38				
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$3,780</b>		0	3,780	0	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY 18 TIP Amend 9 adds new project. FY21 TIP Amend 3 moves schedule

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 Amendment 3

**State Project #0092-0682**  
**Municipality** New Haven

**SCRCOG # 2016-A18-2**  
**AQ Code X8**  
 Proposed

**Project Name** Traffic Signal Modernization at Various Locations

**Description** Traffic signal Modernization on SR 706 (North Frontage Rd./Martin Luther King Blvd.) at Rte. 10 (Ella T. Grasso Blvd.) and Sherman Ave. and on Rte. 34 (Legion Ave.) at Rte. 10 and Sherman Ave./Winthrop Ave in New Haven.

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CMAQ	CON	Federal	1,572					
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,572</b>		1,572	0	0	0	0	0

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CMAQ	CON	Federal		1,537				
		Local		865				
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$2,402</b>		0	2,402	0	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY15 Amendment 18 adds a new project. FY18 Amendment 16 moves FD funds to FY19. FY 21 TIP Amend 3 move schedule and updates funding

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program  
 Amendment 3

**State Project #0092-0689**  
**Municipality** New Haven

**SCRCOG # 2021-A3-1**  
**AQ Code**

Proposed

**Project Name** Interchange 59 / Route 69 improvements Phase 2

**Description** Phase 2 of Interchange 59/Route 69 improvements in New Haven and Woodbridge to add appropriate acceleration and deceleration lanes for Route 15 at Exit 59, which connects to the subnetwork of Routes 63 and 69. Phase 1 was under Project 92-672.

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP	PD	Federal	1,729				
		State	432				
	FD	Federal				1,600	
		State				400	
	ROW	Federal				1,408	
		State				352	
	CON	Federal					26,417
		State					6,604
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$38,942</b>	0	2,161	0	0	3,760	33,021

**Amendment Notes**

FY 21 TIP Amend 3 Adds a new project

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**State Project #0100-0180**  
**Municipality** North Haven

**SCRCOG # 2019-A17-1**  
**AQ Code X6**

Proposed

**Project Name** REPLACE HIGHWAY SIGNS & SUPPORTS

**Description** Replacement of highway signs and sign supports along I-91 and CT Route 40 from North Haven to Meriden.

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP	PD	Federal	100				
	FD	Federal		250			
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$350</b>		100	250	0	0	0

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
HIPNH	CON	Federal	704				
STPNH	AC-Entry		0				
	Federal		7,500	7,796			
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>		0	8,204	7,796	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY18 TIP Amend 17 adds project. FY18 TIP Amend 23 moves FD. FY18 TIP Ammend 26 moves FD. FY21 TIP Amend 3 adds CON phase to FY21

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program  
 Amendment 3

**State Project #0100-0182**  
**Municipality** North Haven

**SCRCOG # 2021-A3-2**  
**AQ Code**

Proposed

**Project Name** CT 15 Exit 62 NB Ramps Reconfiguration

**Description** Improvements to the acceleration and deceleration lanes on CT 15 Exit 62 Northbound, as well as improvements to the ramp termini intersection with SR 717 (Dixwell Ave), to improve traffic operations in North Haven.

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP	PD	Federal	2,400				
		State	600				
	FD	Federal				1,540	
		State				385	
	ROW	Federal				40	
		State				10	
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$4,975</b>	0	3,000	0	0	1,975	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY 21 TIP Amend 3 Adds a new project



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**State Project #0173-0512**  
**Municipality** Statewide

**SCRCOG # 2021-A3-3**  
**AQ Code**

Proposed

**Project Name** REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNAL LED LAMPS/VARIOUS LOC

**Description** Traffic signal LED re-lamping project in District 3 to keep signals functioning in a state of good repair & to provide additional enhancements if applicable, e.g. installing backplates with yellow retroreflective borders & replacing span-mounted signs.

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>	
STPA	PD	Federal	158					
		State	40					
	FD	Federal		133				
		State		33				
	CON	Federal		2,596				
		State		649				
	<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$3,609</b>	0	198	3,411	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY 21 TIP Amend 3 Adds a new project



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

***Resolution***

***Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Three***

- 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, per 23 *CFR* 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a *Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program* on September 23, 2020, after finding the *Program* conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 *CFR* 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: *Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2019 to 2045, (April, 2019)*; and
- Whereas:* The Council, on *September 23, 2020*, indicated that periodic *Program* adjustment or amendment was possible; and
- Whereas:* Projects referenced in the *Program* amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s metropolitan transportation plan *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2019 to 2045, (April, 2019)*; and
- Whereas:* Council *Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning* have been observed during the development of the proposed *Program* amendment (below); and
- Whereas:* By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program* and/or its amendment; and
- Whereas:* Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the *Program*.



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Bethany Branford East Haven Guilford Hamden Madison Meriden Milford  
New Haven North Branford North Haven Orange Wallingford West Haven Woodbridge

Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

***Resolution***

***Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Three  
(continued)***

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

The Program Amendment *Three* shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, for inclusion in the *State Transportation Improvement Program*

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **March 24, 2021**

Date March 24, 2021

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Selectman James Zeoli, *Secretary*  
South Central Regional Council of Governments

# NEWSLETTER

# MUNICIPAL SERVICES

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## PURCHASING

The fifth session of the Municipal Procurement Training Series titled "Contracts" was held on March 11. In this session, Purchasing Consultant Wilma Petro discussed the basic elements of a contract and the dangers of just signing the vendor's form. [Click here](#) to access the recording of this training session. [Click here](#) to view the schedule of the entire training series.

SCRCOG officially launched its Regional Purchasing Consortium and will begin soliciting bids and request for qualifications and proposals. The Consortium is designed to address the immediate procurement needs of the region by offering flexible and responsive purchasing opportunities at no charge. [Click here](#) to visit the Consortium's webpage where all current and past solicitations and results will be posted.

## CYBERSECURITY

SCRCOG has started the on-boarding process for the regional cybersecurity awareness training program for the region's municipal employees. Seven out of the fifteen towns (Bethany, Branford, Guilford, Meriden, Milford, North Branford, North Haven, and Woodbridge) have claimed their apportioned training seats (a total of 2000 for the region's fifteen municipalities) and began the implementation process with Novus Insight. Municipalities that are interested in participating in this program should complete this [start-up questionnaire](#). After the questionnaire is completed, the respondent will be prompted to schedule a one-on-one planning and implementation meeting with Novus.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

### Energy Conservation Working Group Meeting

Thurs. Mar 25 | 1pm to 3pm | [Register Here](#)

### Housing Working Group Meeting

Tues. Apr 13 | 1:30pm to 3pm | [Click Here to Join](#)

### Municipal Procurement Training Series

#### Session 6: Construction Delivery Methods

Thurs. Apr 15 | 10am to 11:45 am | [Register Here](#)

### Backyard Compost Bin & Rain Barrel Sale Pick Up

Sat. Apr 24 | 9am to 11am in Woodbridge | [Click Here](#)

Sat. Apr 24 | 1pm to 3pm in Hamden | [for more](#)

Sun. Apr 25 | 10am to 1pm in Guilford | [Information](#)

## ENERGY CONSERVATION

In April, Live Green will contact each municipality and begin drafting no-cost, individualized Municipal EV Readiness Plans. The plan will create a framework to electrify municipal vehicles.

SCRCOG is helping municipalities achieve [SolSmart](#) designation. Thirteen SCRCOG towns earned points toward designation by attending February's SolSmart training sessions. Currently, Hamden and Branford have received SolSmart designation, qualifying them for 20 Sustainable CT points.

CT Green Bank is working on their current round of solar projects. SCRCOG municipalities should contact [Emily Bashan](#) with any sites they would like considered; this is the last round utility incentives are being offered.

## SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING (SW&R)

SCRCOG has arranged for a majority of the region's municipalities to meet with CT DEEP to review approaches to the upcoming shortage of waste disposal facilities. Effective waste reduction measures include food waste diversion and Unit-Based Pricing (UBP). DEEP will conduct individual, town-specific analyses of the economic and environmental benefits of these programs for interested SCRCOG municipalities.

[CCSMM](#) (a CT DEEP program) is exploring preferred ways to reduce and manage the amount of waste produced in CT while also considering reliability, environmental sustainability, and fiscal predictability. [Click here](#) to join the over 70 municipalities, including five SCRCOG towns, that have committed to this mission.

Residents of SCRCOG towns may purchase backyard composting units, rain barrels, and other accessories online and on sale. Currently, over 100 units have been ordered. [Click here](#) for details.

## HOUSING

The Housing Working Group met on March 9 to discuss statistics and how to utilize available data to make informed housing decisions. The presenters were Michelle Riordan-Nold of Connecticut Data Collaborative and Kelly Davila of DataHaven. [Click here](#) to access a recording of this meeting. [Click here](#) for useful links to housing data.

SCRCOG will coordinate and create a CGS 8-30j compliant Regional Affordable Housing Plan. The Plan would contain individual municipal plans developed within a regional context. Municipalities do not need to contribute financially, but are expected to actively engage in the process. Currently, SCRCOG is drafting an RFP for a consultant to assist with this project.

Contact [Eugene Livshits](#) for more information.



If you would like more information on any municipal service program, please contact:

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## Grant Opportunities

# The Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund Regional Water Authority

## PURPOSE OF GRANTS

1. To award grants for the acquisition of title, conservation easements, and/or development rights to watershed land for the purpose of protecting, preserving, and enhancing water quality now and for future generations throughout the region.
2. To award grants to organizations providing education in the appreciation of and preservation of our environment, with particular emphasis on the understanding of our water resources, the negative impacts of development and other activities on water quality, and the benefits to water quality and the environment of preserving watershed land as open space.

## I. GRANTMAKING ADMINISTRATION

The Board of Directors has created a Distribution Committee that is charged with:

1. Promoting the availability of grants and scholarships
2. Recommending grant guidelines to The Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund, Inc. Board of Directors for approval by the Board
3. Reviewing grant applications received
4. Rejecting grant applications which fail to meet the guidelines as determined by the committee
5. Recommending grant and scholarship recipients whose applications meet the guidelines and are deemed worthy by the committee to The Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund, Inc. Board of Directors for approval by the Board

Applications for grants for land acquisition and environmental education programs are considered by the Board of Directors at its May and November meetings. Applications must be submitted by April 1 for consideration at the May meeting and October 1 for consideration at the November meeting. The deadline for applications for individual scholarships is in April. The annual deadline is indicated on the application form.

Applicants are encouraged to consult with The Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund, Inc. informally before preparing a grant application.

Applicants will be notified by mail of the decision on the application as soon as practicable after the decision by the Board or Committee. Please confer with The Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund, Inc. about specific dates for Board/Committee decisions.

The Fund will maintain a file on each grant awarded, including the information the Fund used to evaluate the grant, a record of the action taken on each grant application, the amount of the grant and outcome reports received from the grant recipient.

## II. GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES – GENERAL

1. Types of Organizations Eligible to Apply for Grants:  
Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations

Regional health districts  
Municipalities  
Public and private schools and colleges

2. Projects must benefit or have a meaningful relation to the residents of the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District. The District is comprised of: Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, Derby, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Killingworth, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Prospect, Seymour, West Haven and Woodbridge.
3. Grant recipients are asked to acknowledge The Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund, Inc. in any publicity (e.g., brochures, newsletters, websites, signage at a site) concerning the project/land acquisition for which the grant is made and whenever the organization's financial supporters are listed.
4. A non-profit organization must provide a copy of its currently effective tax exemption letter from the Internal Revenue Service.
5. Use [Application A](#) for Land Acquisition applications and [Application B](#) for Environmental Education Program applications.

### III. GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES – ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

*These guidelines are in addition to the general Grantmaking Guidelines.*

1. Selection of environmental education programs for funding will be based on several factors, including:
  1. Program must complement the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's environmental education program and be offered to citizens within the South Central Connecticut Regional Water District.
  2. Program must provide an educational experience that would enhance the Authority's Source Water Protection Program or create opportunities to advance the mission of The Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund, Inc.
  3. Application must include quantifiable benchmarks to measure a project's objectives.
2. Applications to fund technology in an educational setting that advance the mission of The Claire C. Bennett Watershed Fund, Inc. may be considered.
3. Receipt of a grant does not guarantee future funding and, ordinarily, the Fund does not provide funds for more than two consecutive years.
4. Grants for environmental education programs require submission of an outcome report within three months of project completion, or as specified at the time of grant.
5. Such grants typically do not exceed \$10,000.
6. Use [Application B](#).



#### IV. BOARD INITIATED GRANTS

The Board may at any time in its discretion make grants to deserving and qualified recipients on its own initiative, not inconsistent with the foregoing Guidelines, and subject to such further terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate.

#### V. GRANTMAKING GUIDELINES – LAND ACQUISITION

*These guidelines are in addition to the general Grantmaking Guidelines.*

1. Selection of land parcels for acquisition of interest or other forms of protection will be based on several factors, including:
  1. Land must be located within the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority's public drinking water supply watershed or aquifer protection areas.
  2. Land must enhance the Authority's water supply protection program giving due consideration to parcel size, location, protection of watercourses, wetlands and steep slopes, zoning, and development potential.
  3. Acquisition eliminates an in-holding within Regional Water Authority property.
  4. Property location is adjacent to other Authority property or protected open space thereby expanding watershed and open space protection.
  5. Property improves access to existing Authority property and/or boundary maintenance.
2. Grants are made only for the purchase of an interest in land; associated transaction costs are not eligible for grant funding. Grant funds will not be available for property acquired prior to the date of the grant application; once the grant application is submitted, applicants may proceed at their risk with closing prior to receiving a determination from The Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund, Inc.
3. As a condition of any grant for land acquisition, The Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund, Inc. requires that the property purchased in whole or part with grant funds be (1) classified as Class I or II watershed land as described in CT General Statutes 25-37(c) or eligible for such classification, or (2) subject to a permanent conservation easement held by an entity acceptable to The Claire C. Bennitt Watershed Fund, Inc.
4. Applications must include at least one appraisal of the property that is the subject of the application by a certified appraiser within six (6) months of the date of the application; and a copy of a Purchase and Sale Agreement on the property that is the subject of the application executed by all parties.
5. Use [Application A](#).

## 2021 National Coastal Resilience Fund Request for Proposals

NFWF makes investments through the [National Coastal Resilience Fund](#) in planning, design, and restoration of natural and nature-based solutions to help protect coastal communities from the impacts of storms, floods, and other natural hazards and enable them to recover more quickly and enhance habitats for fish and wildlife. NFWF will award approximately \$34 million in grants to create and restore natural systems in order to increase protection for communities from coastal storms, sea- and lake-level changes, inundation, and coastal erosion, while improving habitats for fish and wildlife species. Pre-proposals **due Wednesday, April 7th** and the RFP can be found [here](#).

Through this grant, NFWF will invest in projects in four priority areas:

- Community Capacity Building and Planning
- Site Assessment and Preliminary Design
- Final Design and Permitting
- Restoration and Monitoring

## 2021 Long Island Sound Futures Fund

NFWF's [Long Island Sound Futures Fund](#) supports projects to fully restore the health and living resources of Long Island Sound. The RFP will **open in April 2021** with a grant range of \$50k - \$1m. Want Feedback on your idea? Send a one-paragraph summary of your project (who, what, where, why & how much?) to [Erin.Lewis@nfwf.org](mailto:Erin.Lewis@nfwf.org).

Planning or implementation grants are for:

- Water quality: projects reducing nitrogen, storm water, and non-point source pollution. Low cost retrofits for WWTPs. Watershed planning.
- Education & Outreach: projects to increase awareness and engagement of people in protection and restoration of the Sound.
- Coastal Resilience & Sustainability: projects to enhance coastal resilience using natural infrastructure. New or updated municipal, watershed or regional coastal resilience/sustainability/natural hazard mitigation planning.
- Habitat Restoration & Species Conservation: projects to restore coastal habitat and foster wildlife in the Sound's coastal boundary.
- Got Fish? Projects to restore fish passage in any part of the Sound's watershed in CT and NY.

## Upcoming Events

# MUNICIPAL PROCUREMENT TRAINING SERIES

WILMA PETRO, CPM - SCRCOG CONSULTANT



## SESSION 6: CONSTRUCTION DELIVERY METHODS

DATE CHANGE: THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

GC, CM, CM at Risk, subcontractor, – what do all those terms mean and how do you know which one to use? Do I need an owner's rep? Oh, by the way, what is a PLA?

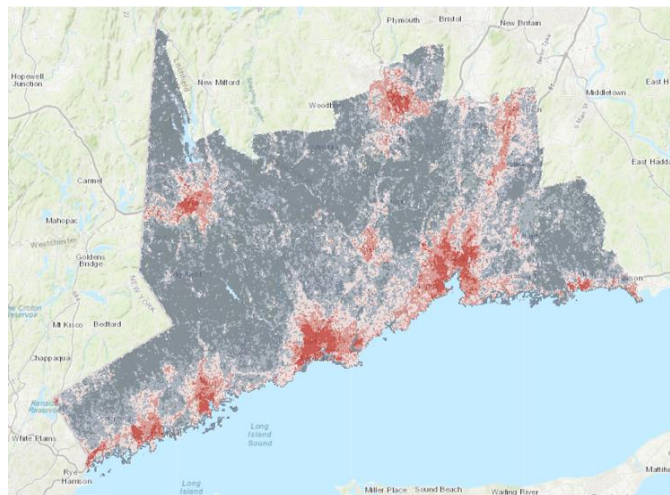
**[REGISTER HERE](#)**

This session is exclusive and free for municipal employees in the SCRCOG region. Everyone—from clerks, to directors, to chief elected officials—are encouraged to attend.

## RESILIENCE WEBINAR

### CIRCA Climate Change Vulnerability Index Webinar: Progress and New Results for Heat and Wind

March 23, 2021  
10:00 - 11:00 am



## WEBINAR REGISTRATION

The Resilient Connecticut team will host a webinar on March 23 to highlight new results for the Climate Change Vulnerability Index (CCVI) mapping tool. The webinar will include a brief overview of the latest flood CCVI tool, with a specific focus on revisions made since [workshops](#) were held in four Councils of Governments regions earlier this winter. The team will also describe new heat and wind vulnerability findings, review source datasets, and answer questions from webinar participants. This new comprehensive CCVI, with combined flood, heat, and wind stressors, will inform regional resilience opportunities and pilot projects.

Webinar Presenters: Victoria Vetre and David Murphy, Milone & MacBroom



## **Full Coalition Meeting - Save the Date**

**April 1, 2021 - 1:30pm - 3:00pm**

Agenda TBA soon, focus will include legislative updates.

[Register here](#)

## **Municipal Recycling Learning Series**

Another outcome of CCSMM is a series of workshops and programs designed to help municipalities implement new or expand existing projects and programs. Topics are based on priorities in the CCSMM survey results and the Menu of Options that municipal members created.

Learning Series programs will be educational, engaging and provide needed resources to implement programs and are engaging.

### **Municipal Tools for Change: CT Waste Hauler/Collector Registration**

**March 22, 2021 - 2:00pm**

[Register here](#)

Speakers Include: Chris Nelson, CT DEEP; Kim O'Rourke, City of Middletown; Jennifer Heaton-Jones, HRRRA

### **Collecting Food Scraps in Town - Residential & Commercial**

**April 5, 2021 - 2:00pm**

[Register here](#)

Speakers Include: Julie DesChamps, Town of Greenwich, Carolyn Bayne, Town of Darien and Kim O'Rourke, City of Middletown.

Upcoming topics in the Learning Series includes: Co-collection of organics and trash; Community Composting; School Recycling: Focus on Cartons



March 17, 2021

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

During the last month, our efforts have shifted significantly from response to recovery. While the pandemic is ongoing and there are many immediate issues to address, the roll out of the vaccine and the American Rescue Act are providing something that has been in short supply over the last year...hope. Restaurants, one of our hardest hit industries, are making plans to reopen outdoor dining and small-scale events are being scheduled. While optimistic, local businesses are also being pragmatic given the unknown impact of the emerging variants and duration of efficacy of the current vaccines.

At our monthly REDFO meeting, we hosted Bob Motley and Evan O'Brien of Cushman and Wakefield to update the economic development stakeholders on the current commercial market and anticipated trends. Greater New Haven has seen the renovation/repurposing of existing office buildings to residential properties, hotels, life science labs and distribution centers. In the short term, they anticipate a hybrid office environment with employees working remotely 2-3 days per week and onsite the remainder. Offices that provide ample space for employees, have modern HVAC and are located in low-rise buildings to reduce interaction with the general public will be in higher demand. It is unclear if the residential market will continue to boom.

We also held a town hall session with DECD Commissioner David Lehman and the lodging industry. Commissioner Lehman outlined the DECD priorities for 2021: equity, efficiency and investment. Some of the actions will include Small Business Express 2.0, 2x incentive benefits for jobs created in opportunity zones or distressed municipalities, a centralized business portal for new businesses, elimination of the Transfer Act, promote our growth industries and rebuild the hospitality sector.

Collaboration with key partners is moving projects forward including NextGen, CI, Bioscience Collaborative, Downtown Crossing, New Haven Innovation Collaborative and the Evergreen Laundry Cooperative. Tourism advertising is focused on the drive market and we are purchasing print and digital media ads from AAA. In addition, we participated in Yale University's Graduate Student Fair for prospective students. Travel restrictions have students selecting colleges in towns and cities they have never visited and this virtual fair provided a great opportunity to showcase our region's assets.

Workforce development is another priority for REX. In conjunction with Workforce Alliance we are identifying trends and are prepared to support new initiatives to align workforce skillsets with available jobs.

Graphs of regional unemployment claims are attached. If you would like the spreadsheet by town, please let us know.

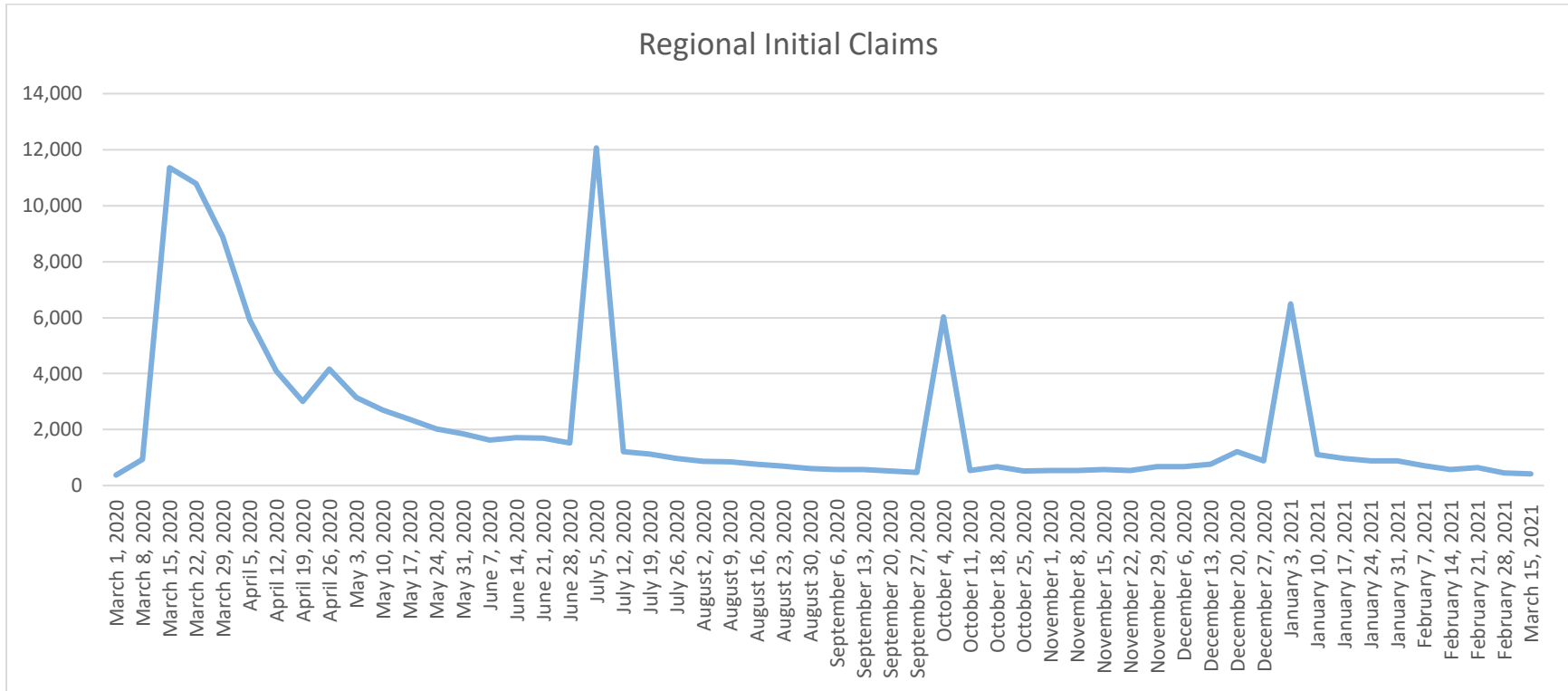
Sincerely,

Ginny Kozlowski  
Executive Director

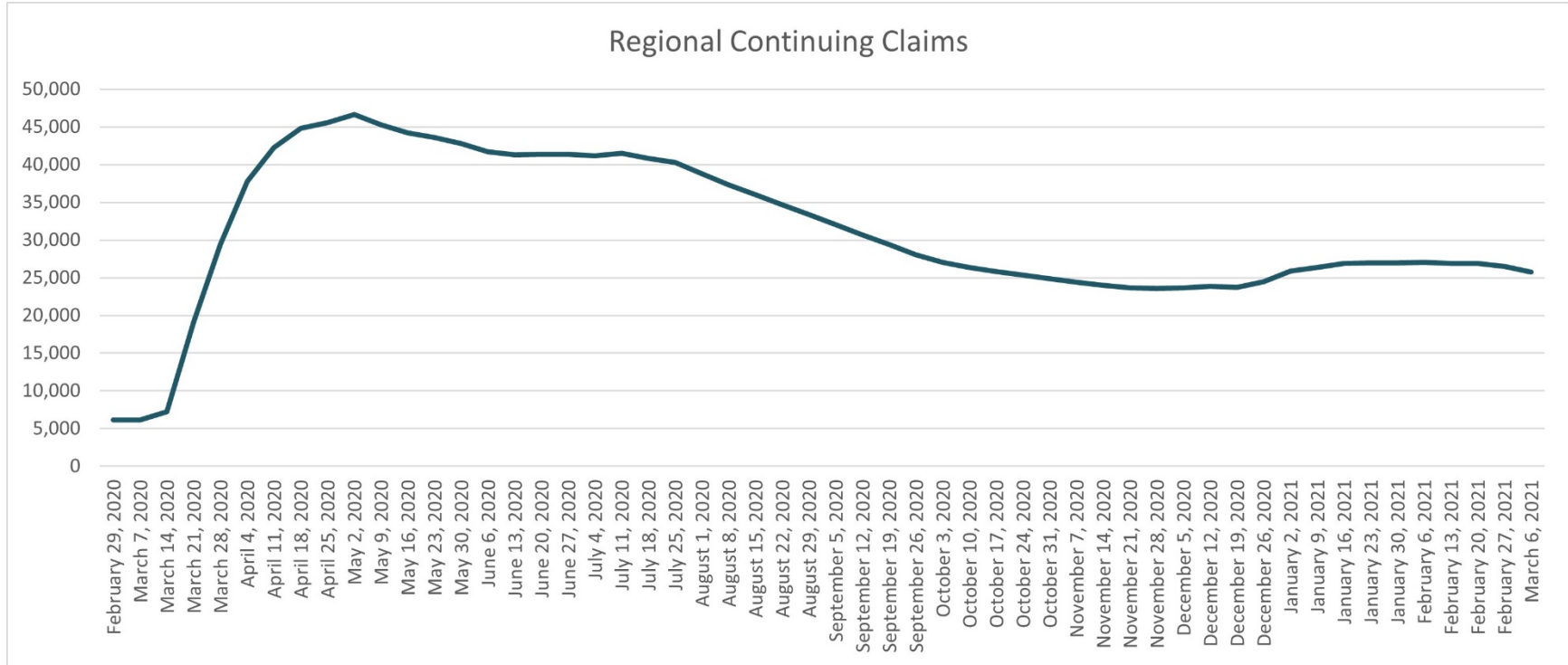
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**SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT  
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**March 2021 Action Table**

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	02/12/21	<b>Town of Orange:</b> Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to “Electric Vehicle Showrooms” and “Community Travel Centers”.	Milford, New Haven, West Haven, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.