SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

September 22, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.

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

NOTICE: This is a Hybrid meeting. All Board members or their proxies are encouraged to attend in-person, but may attend remotely, and all guests will participate remotely.

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1. Call to Order and Introductions – First Selectman Michael Freda, Chair
2. Presentation: Transportation and Climate Initiative – DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes and Attorney Charles Rothenberger, Save the Sound
   Note: Draft Resolution Supporting Proposed Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) to be placed on October 2021 SCRCOG Agenda
   Pages 2,3
3. Presentation: Volta’s EV Charging Infrastructure Solutions – Antoine Campbell, Graduate Intern, SCRCOG and John Stuckey, Director of Site Development, Volta
4. Approval of 8/25/21 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes – First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
   Pages 4-8
5. Treasurer’s Report for month ending 8/31/21 – First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Treasurer
   Pages 9,10
6. Transportation Committee Report – Mayor William Dickinson, Committee Chair
   Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Nine
   Pages 13,14
   Adopt Resolution on Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors Program Priorities
   Pages 16,17
7. FY 2021-22 Regional Services Grant Spending Plan Amendment #2
   Page 18
8. FY 2021-22 Budget Revision #3
   Pages 19-21
9. Presentation: Report from South Central Criminal Justice Administration – Charles Sherwood, Director and Woodbridge Police Chief Frank Cappiello
11. Legislative Reports – Michael Muszynski, CCM; Betsy Gara, COST
12. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report – Carl Amento, Executive Director
13. Grant Opportunities – Carl Amento, Executive Director
14. REX Development Report – Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director, REX Development
15. DEMHS Region 2 Report – Jacob Manke, Region 2 Coordinator
16. Adjournment

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Resolution of the SCRCOG Board supporting the Proposed Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) Legislation

WHEREAS, the Board of the South Central Regional Council of Governments is comprised of fifteen members, one mayor or first selectman from each municipality;

WHEREAS, the mission of the South Central Regional Council of Governments is dedicated to regional cooperation with results that benefit the entire region;

WHEREAS, transportation pollutants, including sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, particulate matter, and other types of hydrocarbons and smog-forming pollutants have resulted in poor air quality in our region;

WHEREAS, in 2019, the American Lung Association ranked Connecticut as the 10th worst state for smog (ozone pollution);

WHEREAS, pollutants from transportation are known to exacerbate respiratory problems such as asthma and chronic obstructive lung disease; increase the risks from other health conditions, including cancer, heart disease, premature death; and significantly increase human and financial healthcare costs;

WHEREAS, Connecticut residents spend $100 million per year on asthma care alone;

WHEREAS, children, people of color, the elderly, residents with pre-existing conditions, and those living in areas overburdened by pollution are especially vulnerable to the health risks of transportation pollution;

WHEREAS, the municipalities within the South Central Regional are in need of investments that include expanding access to reliable and convenient public transportation, increasing electric vehicle use and infrastructure, and expanding opportunities for active transportation such as biking and walking;

WHEREAS, we must act to improve our region’s public health while investing in clean infrastructure that will benefit all residents of the region;

WHEREAS, in December of 2020 Governor Lamont signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the District of Columbia to commit the State of Connecticut to establish a program to be known as the Transportation and Climate Initiative Program (“TCI-P”), a program that would cap greenhouse gas pollution from motor vehicles through a market-based allowance program, the proceeds of which would be used to invest in clean transportation projects and related programs;

WHEREAS, in the 2021 regular session of the Connecticut General Assembly, legislation was introduced to give the State the authority to implement TCI-P, which legislation did not pass;
WHEREAS, TCI-P would make critical investments to create an affordable clean transportation system through initiatives like bus electrification, accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure, and improved public transit, leading to better air quality for our communities.

WHEREAS, it is estimated that TCI-P would raise $1 billion over ten years for the State’s Special Transportation Fund to be spent on Connecticut’s state and municipal transportation and infrastructure systems, creating local jobs in construction, public transportation, telecommunications, and manufacturing for our residents still recovering from the pandemic recession;

WHEREAS, TCI would emphasize environmental justice by prioritizing investments in communities that are overburdened by air pollution and underserved by the transportation system by requiring at least 50%, or half a billion dollars, of the TCI-P investments be made in such communities;

WHEREAS, An Equity and Environmental Justice Advisory Board – comprised of residents of communities overburdened by air pollution and underserved by transportation systems – would provide oversight to guide these prioritized investments;

WHEREAS, TCI’s investments can lead to lower accident rates, lower vehicle operating expenses, and diminished road maintenance expenditures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the South Central Regional Council of Governments recommends that, to reinvigorate our economy and improve our region’s public health, we urge those State Senators and State Representatives who serve the municipalities within the South Central Region, on behalf of our communities, to pass the necessary legislation to implement TCI-P in Connecticut.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Carl Amento, as Executive Director of SCRCOG, is directed to deliver a certified copy of the signed Resolution on behalf of SCRCOG to those State Senators and State Representatives who serve the municipalities in the South Central Region.

Certificate

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 Council of Governments on October 27, 2021.

Date: October 27, 2021

By: ________________________________

First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments
TO: SCRCOG Board Members
FROM: First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
DATE: September 15, 2021
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2021

Present:
Bethany  First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Treasurer
Branford  First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven  Ray Baldwin, proxy for Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford  First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Vice Chair
Hamden  Adam Sendroff, proxy for Mayor Curt Leng
Madison  First Selectman Peggy Lyons
Milford  Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven  Kevin Alvarez, proxy for Mayor Justin Elicker
North Branford  Michael Paulhus, proxy for Mayor Bob Viglione
North Haven  First Selectman Michael Freda, Chair
Orange  First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
Wallingford  Mayor William Dickinson
West Haven  Christopher Soto, proxy for Mayor Nancy Rossi
Woodbridge  Betsy Yagla, proxy for First Selectman Beth Heller

SCRCOG Staff  Carl Amento, Stephen Dudley, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Eugene Livshits, Rebecca Andreucci, Andy Cirioli, Antoine Campbell (intern), Charles Butler (intern), Michelle Skowronek (intern), Lucy Marinelli (intern)

Guests:  Barbara Malmberg, REX Development; Kathryn Faraci, CTDOT; Louis Mangini, Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Lillian McKenzie, Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy; Michael Muszynski, Connecticut Conference of Municipalities; Meg Haffner, Kennedy Center; Anne Benowitz, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce; Lori Vitagliano and Rochelle Kowalski, Regional Water Authority; Tom Ellis, Town of Bethany;

NOTE: The August 2021 SCRCOG Board meeting was hybrid with both in-person and virtual attendance.

1. Call to order and Introductions
   Chairman Freda called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of the July 28, 2021 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes
   First Selectman Zeoli presented the Minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of July 28, 2021, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-5. First Selectman Cosgrove moved for their approval, and Adam Sendroff seconded. First Selectman Cofrancesco abstained. The vote passed.

3. Treasurer’s Report for month ending July 31, 2021
   First Selectman Cofrancesco presented the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending July 31, 2021, which was included in the agenda packet at pages 6-7. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of $1,430,000 with $1,227,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also $108,000 due from CTDOT, $35,000
due from OPM and $400 due from CIRCA. Expenses for the month were in order. First Selectman Hoey moved for acceptance of the Treasurer’s Report. First Selectman Cosgrove seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. **Transportation Committee Report**
   Mayor Dickinson reviewed the Transportation Committee report on pages 8-12 of the agenda packet, with the resolutions found on pages 11-12.

   **Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Eight:**
   Mayor Dickinson moved to adopt the resolution, and Michael Paulhus seconded. All voted in favor.

5. **Region 2 DEMHS Report**
   There was no DEMHS Report this month.

6. **Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute the Notice of Grant Award for the 2021-22 Regional Services Grant**
   Executive Director Amento presented the resolution on page 13 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Cosgrove moved to approve. First Selectman Hoey seconded, and all voted in favor.

7. **SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report**
   Executive Director Amento reviewed the SCRCOG Newsletter found on pages 14-27 of the agenda packet. He noted that SCRCOG has created an ARPA resource page on the SCRCOG website. Meriden’s co-collection site for MSW and food waste has been approved by DEEP for funding as a pilot program. NVCOG is setting up a working group for Solid Waste & Recycling based upon the SCRCOG Working Group model. SCRCOG’s Annual Report for FY 21 is now available online. Lastly, Executive Director Amento introduced the four interns being hosted at the COG—Antoine Campbell from Quinnipiac Law School, Charles Butler from Southern CT State University Graduate Program in Political Science, and Michelle Skowronek and Lucy Marinelli, both of the UConn Masters in Public Administration program.

8. **Grant Opportunities**
   Executive Director Amento presented the grant opportunities on pages 28-29 of the agenda packet.

9. **REX Development Report**
   Barbara Malmberg of REX Development reviewed her written report on pages 30-41 of the agenda packet. REX has been hosting information sessions on ARPA funding.

10. **Regional Planning Commission July Action Table**
    The Action Table was reviewed on page 42 of the agenda packet.

11. **CT Rides Quarterly Report**
    The CT Rides Quarterly Report was reviewed as an attachment to the agenda packet.

12. **Member-Panel Discussion of Municipal Uses of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding**
    Lou Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro’s office presented on ARPA spending guidelines. The funding will need to be spent by December 2026. The SBA loan program is reopening with larger borrowing limits. There has been no final guidance on ARPA from the Treasury Department. He reviewed the summary information regarding ARPA on page 43 of the agenda packet. Funds can be used as municipalities see fit, as long as they follow the Treasury guidelines and can identify the negative impacts of Covid-19 they are avoiding or recovering from.
Michael Muszynski from CCM stated that the final rule from Treasury would be released soon. It is expected the final rule will be expanded from the initial guidelines. Municipalities will still need to comply with other applicable rules and guidelines while spending the funds. Municipalities should include as many outside stakeholders as possible when determining how to use the funds. The money does not need to be programmed until 2024. Consider programming funds to assist residents, such as through financial incentives for receiving the vaccines. Invest in future prosperity and future growth. For infrastructure projects, engineering costs are covered. For other types of projects, engineering costs are not covered. Creating grant programs with the funds is allowed. CCM is working with SustainableCT to identify projects that would be eligible for credit.

Chairman Freda facilitated a roundtable discussion, suggesting that each Board member discuss ways they intend to use the funds or ask the panel any questions.

First Selectman Cofrancesco intends for Bethany to spend some of the funding digitizing files. They are also looking at purchasing an ambulance, and making upgrades to town hall and the senior center.

Mayor Blake stated Milford would be prioritizing the enhancement of outdoor spaces. They are working with the State to ensure they won’t be duplicating efforts.

Mayor Dickinson will be providing assistance to small businesses and nonprofits by creating grants to assist those that suffered in Wallingford. Record keeping will be a major component in spending this money. They plan to hire an outside person to monitor the spending. Mayor Dickinson asked for clarification on what is allowed under the water and sewer infrastructure bill. Lou Mangini stated any projects must be vetted through the clean water bills first. Mayor Blake noted that if grant funds are issued, the spending of those grant funds will be monitored for their eligibility.

Christopher Soto from East Haven said they are looking at transportation improvements, as well as sewer and water improvements. He asked for clarification on the funding from the Build Back Better program from the Infrastructure bill. Lou Mangini stated that infrastructure funding will be coming separately. Executive Director Amento asked for more information on how the competitive ARPA programs will work. Michael Muszynski stated that the details have not been finalized yet. Ray Baldwin from East Haven asked if the purchasing of equipment for stormwater maintenance is allowed. Lou Mangini noted that was questionable, as there is no direct health or economic impact from Covid-19. Lou expects that when the FEMA emergency ends, Connecticut will receive grant funding for hazard mitigation work.

First Selectman Zeoli stated that Orange will be providing stipends for their health director and health department for going above and beyond in their work. Orange is looking at ways to improve air quality in the senior center and town hall. He would like to see improvements made to school buildings. Michael Muszynski noted that Board of Educations will be receiving their own funds. First Selectman Zeoli is also considering improvements at their town park. He wants to make sure the entire community benefits in some way, and that park improvements made are highly visible to the public.

First Selectman Cosgrove is looking at using third parties to spend the funding in Branford. He asked if loan funds could be put into place, allowing the original funds to be spent but repaid later. Lou Mangini stated there is language allowing for funds to go to businesses and future homeowners, as long as “hardship” has been identified. The State of CT is putting their own money into economic assistance, so he urged that one should make sure efforts are not being duplicated.
Michael Paulhus stated the Council in North Branford is looking at improving water and sewer infrastructure. Their police department and public works facilities are being re-located, and they are working with RWA on water main construction. He asked if extending gas lines is an eligible expense. Lou Mangini replied that it is possible if the target of the work is residents with hardship. Michael Muszynski stated it is most likely not eligible. Michael Paulhus asked whether purchasing an ambulance was an allowable expense. Lou Mangini stated you could make the argument that there was heavy use during the pandemic, and existing equipment needs upgrading after degradation. Paulhus also asked for clarification on calculating revenue and revenue loss. Mayor Blake stated that GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) has guidance on how to calculate. First Selectman Hoey stated that 4.1% annual growth is assumed, and anything less than that is loss.

First Selectman Hoey stated that Guilford is planning on projects that fit into two categories: municipal and public. Municipal projects include improvements to social services, health department, and the building department. They will also look into adding new technology for meetings. Public projects will include parks enhancements, playgrounds, and a splash pad at the beach. There are plans to improve the septic system at the beach after over a year of heavy use. He also stated that the town has been approached by their local arts council for an allotment of funds.

First Selectman Lyons asked for clarification on revenue loss, and whether that amount can go into their fund balance. Michael Muszynski stated there needs to be a connection and that it needs to go to a government service. Mayor Blake stated he didn’t believe that was true, and that GFOA has that guidance. First Selectman Lyons is looking for more detailed information on which pot of money to use for each planned project. She asked about emergency shelter improvements such as purchasing a generator or installing air conditioning. Lou Mangini stated that due to the respiratory nature of the pandemic, HVAC improvements are allowed. He also stated that if the improvements are being made on a school, the town should use money allotted for K-12. Lou noted that resilience projects can come from FEMA money, though some are also covered in the Infrastructure bill. Michael Muszynski responded that other funding sources should be utilized before ARPA.

Adam Sendroff from Hamden discussed plans to hold several public input sessions. So far there has been a focus on broadband, supporting the housing authority, and improving vaccine efforts. They will be hiring social workers to assist with police calls. The town will be providing small business assistance and nonprofit support. Lou Mangini suggested to monitor what the State of CT is doing in terms of mental health programs so efforts are not duplicated.

Kevin Alvarez stated that New Haven has been meeting with REX to discuss grant programs. There is support for the COG to receive regional funding. They are planning a summer reset program for youth, expanded summer camp programs, creating arts and culture grants, violence prevention, and harm reduction/addiction prevention. There are plans to survey residents for input. The city will be creating the Department of Community Resilience to house violence prevention, mental health coordination, data analysis, and homelessness coordination. There has been a calculated $20 million in revenue loss. Would like to use some of the funds for home inequality, improving housing and homeownership. The city has not yet determined all the ways in which they will spend the money, but the goal is to deliver services better to the public.

Betsy Yagla from Woodbridge discussed the need for a space to hold outdoor public events, such as a pavilion, that could be used in inclement weather. The town would like to improve the HVAC system in the community center. They are looking at ways to support the business district and encourage more foot traffic. She asked if
sidewalks would be a covered project. Lou Mangini stated there may be an argument that it would support economic development and public access. Betsy also noted that playground improvements are a priority.

Rochelle Kowalski from Regional Water Authority inquired about holding a meeting to discuss infrastructure projects in the region. Municipalities might consider transferring money to the RWA.

13. **Adjournment**
   First Selectman Hoey moved to adjourn, and First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
# Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
As of period 8/31/2021

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# Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
As of period 8/31/2021

## Treasurer's Report - August, 2021

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| Direct Labor - Employees                | 34,983.34| 72,606.07    | 437,378.00 |

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South Central Regional Council of Governments  
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM  
Amendment Number 9

Project 0092-0686  2021-A9-1  Install MASH metal beam rail

Changes Amendment 9 adds project

Reason This project is to install MASH metal beam rail to upgrade the existing substandard roadside three-cable guiderail asset on Route 15 in New Haven. This project is needed to address the crashes that are occurring where vehicles are impacting the existing three-cable guiderail, as well as crashes where the vehicle has penetrated the guiderail.

Project 0173-0519  2021-A9-2  Traffic Signal Upgrades at Various Locations

Changes Amendment 9 adds project

Reason This project is to install a new traffic control signal in Madison and replace existing traffic control signals to meet current standards at various locations in District 3. PE estimate includes a PD/FD split. Project is eligible for 100% Federal funding.
### State Project #0092-0686

**Municipality**: New Haven  
**Project Name**: install MASH metal beam rail  
**Description**: This project is to install MASH metal beam rail to upgrade the existing substandard roadside three-cable guiderail asset on Route 15 in New Haven

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**TIP Funds**: $2,315

#### Amendment Notes
- FY21 TIP Amend 9 adds project

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### State Project #0173-0519

**Municipality**: District 3  
**Project Name**: Traffic Signal Upgrades at Various Locations  
**Description**: Installation of a new traffic control signal in Madison and replacement of existing traffic control signals to meet current standards at various locations in District 3.

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**TIP Funds**: $1,333

#### Amendment Notes
- FY21 TIP Amend 9 adds new project
Resolution
Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Nine

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.
Resolution
Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Nine
(Continued)

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

The Program Amendment Nine 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 September 22, 2021.

Date September 22, 2021

By: __________________________
First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments
Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities: SCRCOG Priorities

The Section 5310 Program
Since 1975, the State of Connecticut has received annual Federal Section 5310 funding for transportation of seniors and individuals with disabilities. Under FAST act, the cash grants for qualified recipients towards the purchase of wheelchair accessible vehicles were maintained, as Section 5310A. In addition, there are three categories of project types that can now be funded; Section 5310 B, C & D. These categories provide mainly operating funds for programs that provide transportation service to the elderly and persons with disabilities. FAST Act funding is apportioned based on Transportation Management Area (TMA). The New Haven TMA includes the South Central Region and portions of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG).

Priorities
SCRCOG received 10 applications for Section 5310 Traditional funding for the purchase of ten vehicles, and four applications for Section 5310 Non Traditional funding for capital and operating expenses. Representatives from SCRCOG and the RiverCOG reviewed the applications and assigned points using criteria provided by CTDOT. The following regional priorities are recommended to the Council for consideration:

Section 5310 Traditional Capital
1 Town of North Branford
2 Goodwill Industries of Southern New England
3 Marrakech, Inc.
4 Town of East Haven
5 Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc.
6 Vista Life Innovations, Inc.
7 The Mary Wade Home, Inc.
8 City of Meriden
9 Orchard House
10 Town of Milford

Section 5310 Non Traditional operating and capital
1 ALS Association of CT Transportation Services
2 Estuary Transit District Feeder Route
3 Estuary Transit District Taxi Vouchers
4 Metrotaxi M7 Capital
Resolution

**FFY 2021 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.**

**Whereas:** The State of Connecticut has received annual Federal Section 5310 funding for transportation of seniors and individuals with disabilities, since 1975; and

**Whereas:** FASTact funding is apportioned based on Transportation Management Area (TMA). The New Haven TMA includes the South Central Region and portions of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) to allow funds for capital and operating expenses; and

**Whereas:** $1,067,591 has been appropriated to the New Haven TMA for FY21, of which a minimum of 55% must be used for capital purchases; and

**Whereas:** SCRCOG and RiverCOG, have reviewed all applications from interested non-profit organizations, and prioritized projects based on criteria provided by CTDOT; and

**Whereas:** Agreement has been reached among the above mentioned parties on the priorities for capital purchases and operating funds after review of applications from municipalities, interested non-profit organizations, and area paratransit operators, based on ranking criteria provided by CTDOT
Now Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments:

That the South Central Regional Council of Governments adopts the following 5310 priorities for the New Haven TMA:

Section 5310 Traditional
1 Town of North Branford
2 Goodwill Industries of Southern New England
3 Marrakech, Inc.
4 Town of East Haven
5 Kuhn Employment Opportunities, Inc.
6 Vista Life Innovations, Inc.
7 The Mary Wade Home, Inc.
8 City of Meriden
9 Orchard House
10 Town of Milford

Section 5310 Non Traditional
1 ALS Association of CT Transportation Services
2 Estuary Transit District Feeder Route
3 Estuary Transit District Taxi Vouchers
4 MetroTaxi M7 Capital

Certificate

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Date: September 22, 2021
By: ______________________
First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments
MEMORANDUM

FROM: Executive Director Carl Amento
TO: SCRCOG Board
RE: FY 2021-22 RSG Spending Plan Amendment #2
DATE: September 15, 2021

Amendment #2 to the FY 2021-22 Regional Services Grant Spending Plan moves $10,000 from Shared Services Consultants, specifically the Information Technology/Cybersecurity Consultant, to Staff Labor and Expenses to allow two summer interns to extend their work with SCRCOG through the end of the 2021-2022 academic year.

Originally, we budgeted for an increase in the amount of municipal employee cybersecurity training (KnowBe4) licenses from 1,000 (the amount offered during FY 2020-21) to 3,000. Based on feedback we received from the Information Technology Working Group, we determined we would only need to increase the amount of licenses to 2,000 for this fiscal year and increase the amount of licenses to 3,000 in the next fiscal year. That reduction in 1,000 licenses for this fiscal year equates to $10,000.

FY 2021-22 RSG Spending Plan Amendment #2

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*Details of Changes to Shared Services Consultants Line Item

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**Revenue**

Budget Revision #3 aligns the SCRCOG Budget with Regional Services Grant Spending Plan Amendment #2. It does not add revenue to the adopted FY 2021-22 SCRCOG budget.

**Expenses**

Budget Revision #3 includes the following changes.

- Salaries increases by $10,000 to allow two summer interns to extend their work with SCRCOG through the end of the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Other Consultants (Information Technology, Cybersecurity) is reduced by $10,000.

Actual line item revisions are on the following page, followed by a resolution authorizing Budget Revision #3.
### FY 2021-22 Budget Revision # 3

#### Revenue

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Resolution

South Central Regional Council of Governments
Fiscal Year 2021-22 - Budget Revision # 3

Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments adopted an operating budget for FY 2021-22 on May 26, 2021;

Whereas: The SCRCOG Board approved Budget Revision #1 on June 23, 2021;

Whereas: The SCRCOG Board approved Budget Revision #2 on July 28, 2021;

Whereas: The SCRCOG Board approved Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan Amendment #2 on September 22, 2021; and

Now, therefore be it resolved by the South Central Regional Council of Governments:

That Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget Revision # 3, which aligns the SCRCOG Budget with RSG Spending Plan Amendment #2, is adopted.

Certificate:

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 September 22, 2021.

Date: September 22, 2021

By: ____________________________________
First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments
Welcome to the SCRCOG newsletter where you can find updates on our transportation planning, regional planning, and municipal services programs.

Please visit the [SCRCOG website](#) for more information on who we are, what we do, and opportunities for public participation.

### Quarterly COG Coordination Meeting

SCRCOG transportation staff attended the Quarterly COG Coordination Meeting hosted by CT DOT. Presentations were given on statewide crash data, air quality monitoring, statewide freight plan update, and commuter lot data collection.

### Multi-State Freight Working Group

SCRCOG transportation staff participated in the Multi-State Freight Working Group meeting on September 14. The Working Group is a subcommittee of the MAP Forum. The MAP Forum is a consortium of metropolitan planning organizations and councils of government in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Pennsylvania that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the coordination of planning activities in the multi-state metropolitan region. SCRCOG has been a member for the past ten years.

### Active Living/Active Transportation Advisory Committee

On September 28, SCRCOG Staff will take part in an Active Living/Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. At this meeting, the committee will review projects funded in year 3 of the statewide CDC-funded program, as well as potential projects for the upcoming year 4.
**CT State Rail Plan Public Comment & Kickoff Meetings**

SCRCOG transportation staff participated in the CT State Rail Plan Public Comment & Kickoff Meetings. Please [click here](#) for more information.

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**Section 5310 Program**

The Section 5310 program application cycle for 2021 has ended. This year, SCRCOG received 10 applications for traditional funding for the purchase of ten vans and buses, and four applications for Non Traditional funding for capital and operating expenses. Five of the applications were for vans and buses for SCRCOG member municipal use. If approved by CTDOT, these 14 regional projects will fully utilize the more than 1 million dollars in federal funding available in our region.

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**Affordable Housing**

SCRCOG has released an updated project timeline which outlines the upcoming activities in the Regional Housing Plan process.

David Fink has begun scheduling meetings with SCRCOG communities as part of the SCRCOG/Municipal Forums activity. RKG Associates is making progress on the community analysis and existing conditions components of the plan.

The community survey has been revised and finalized based on community feedback. Additionally, the survey was translated into Spanish. Use the links below to access the survey, and promotional flyer.

Please contact Eugene Livshits with any questions.

- Housing Survey Flyer
- Survey - [Digital Version](#)
- Survey - [PDF Version (English)](#)
- Survey - [PDF Version (Spanish)](#)
- SCRCOG Webpage on "South Central CT: Housing Plan Survey"
Solid Waste, Recycling, Food Waste Diversion, and Municipal Composting

Consultant Pamela Roach is working with SCRCOG municipalities to develop a regional plan for diverting food waste to municipal leaf composting sites or transfer stations. The West Haven leaf and food waste compost site has been approved by CT DEEP as a pilot project and is now in operation. SCRCOG is looking for additional municipal sites to receive food waste. SCRCOG will be reaching out to municipalities to solicit interest in food waste diversion projects and in establishing combined leaf and food waste composting sites.

Meriden’s UBP/Food Waste Co-Collection (MSW and food waste) Pilot grant application was approved by CT DEEP. This pilot has the potential to serve as a model for other municipalities in the State. Consultant Pamela Roach is collaborating with other SCRCOG municipalities on co-collection pilot options that could be funded from CT DEEP’s $5 million grant program.

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Information Technology / Cybersecurity

Nine SCRCOG municipalities have begun a SCRCOG-sponsored municipal cybersecurity awareness training for their employees. If those cities and towns would like to expand the amount of training seats available to them or if additional cities and towns are interested in participating in the program, please contact Andy Cirioli.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Solid Waste and Recycling Working Group Meeting
Date and Time: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Meeting Type: Virtual - Click Here to Register for Zoom Meeting
Agenda: Click Here

Transportation Committee Meeting
Date and Time: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting
Agenda: Click Here

Regional Planning Commission Meeting
Date and Time: Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM
Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting
Agenda: Click Here

Executive Committee Meeting
Date and Time: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting
Agenda: Click Here

SCRCOG Board Meeting
Date and Time: Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting
Agenda: Click Here
The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is now accepting proposals for Connecticut’s Recreational Trails Program, which provides funding for projects that add to or enhance the state’s 2,000 miles of multi-use trails and bike paths that connect cities to the outdoors, provide opportunities for green commuting and crisscross some of the state’s most picturesque terrain.

The Connecticut Recreational Trails Program provides funding for projects that include the following uses: planning and design of trails; construction of new trails; maintenance and restoration of existing recreational trails; access to trails by persons with disabilities; purchase and lease of trail construction and maintenance equipment; acquisition of land or easements for a trail, or for trail corridors; and operation of educational programs to promote safety and environmental protection as related to recreational trails.

The program recently received $3 million in bond funding through the State Bond Commission (SBC) for this latest grant round. At the SBC meeting held July 23, Gov. Ned Lamont underscored the importance of these funds by pointing out how important getting outdoors has been for state residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications for the current grant round will be accepted through November 1, 2021. Grants may be made to any private nonprofit organizations, municipalities, state departments and tribal governments. Grant amounts vary and can pay up to 80% of eligible project costs.

Visit www.ct.gov/deep/ctrectrails for details and applications. For further information contact: Laurie Giannotti, DEEP Recreational Trails & Greenways Program at (860) 424-3578.

Twitter: @CTDEEPNews
Facebook: DEEP on Facebook
September 15, 2021

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

Last week we submitted a collaborative application for EDA’s Build Back Better program. In it, we request funding to develop the Together, We Grow strategy for the region’s innovation corridor. Generally aligned with the Northeast Corridor passenger rail lines in the region, this innovation corridor is home to an emerging health care and life science ecosystem of national significance. Funding will be used to establish the economic base, connect residents to opportunities in the ecosystem and to build out needed infrastructure. In keeping with ongoing efforts, equity is at the heart of the strategy with an integrated focus on academic achievement, access to living wage jobs and cultural equity.

To demonstrate our continued support for the upgrade to Tweed New Haven Regional Airport, we attended the community meeting at Nathan Hale School to demonstrate the positive economic impact on travel and tourism with additional air service. We are in the process of completing the 2022 Greater New Haven Visitors and Relocation Guide and are preparing to launch the Visit New Haven app.

The September REDFO speaker will be Leland Holcomb from Advance CT. Leland is the Director of Business Development focused on technology at AdvanceCT and is an Entrepreneurship in Residence at UCONN CCEI. In both roles, Leland helps technology companies grow and expand into and within Connecticut.

We also officially welcomed Laura Bedoya, UConn Dept. of Public Policy Intern, who will be joining us for the academic year to assist in the research and development of the 2022 CEDS Annual Update and Performance Report, as well as the 2023-2028 CEDS 5-year plan.

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

Sincerely,

Ginny Kozlowski
Executive Director
Regional Initial Claims – Updated September 6, 2021
Dept. of Labor Office of Research
Claims after August 8, 2021 are incomplete.
Note: The spikes, January 3, 2021 & April 4, 2021 & July 4, 2021, are due to the QRS (Quarterly Record Search)
Regional Continuing Claims – Updated September 6, 2021
Dept. of Labor Office of Research
Claims after August 14, 2021 are incomplete.
Regional Initial Claims – Updated August 16, 2021
Dept. of Labor Office of Research
Claims after July 18, 2021 are incomplete.
Note: The spikes, January 3, 2021 & April 4, 2021 & July 4, 2021, are due to the QRS (Quarterly Record Search)
Regional Continuing Claims – Updated August 16, 2021
Dept. of Labor Office of Research
Claims after July 24, 2021 are incomplete.