



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

October 27, 2021– 10:00 A.M.

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

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1. Call to Order and Introductions – *First Selectman Michael Freda, Chair*
2. Approval of 9/22/21 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes – *First Selectman James Zeoli, Secretary* Pages 2-4
3. Treasurer's Report for month ending 9/30/21 – *First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Treasurer* Pages 5,6
4. Transportation Committee Report – *Mayor William Dickinson, Committee Chair* Pages 7-12
Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Ten Pages 11,12
5. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Sole Source for Geographic Information System Consultant Services Page 13
6. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Sole Source for Travel and Tourism Consultant Services Page 14
7. Consideration of Resolution of SCRCOG Board Supporting the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) Legislation Pages 15-17
8. Preliminary Review of Draft Partial Revision of SCRCOG By-Laws Pages 18-35
9. Congressional Reports – *Louis Mangini, Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Ellen Graham, Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal*
10. Legislative Reports – *Michael Muszynski, CCM; Betsy Gara, COST*
11. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report – *Carl Amento, Executive Director* Pages 36-40
12. REX Development Report – *Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director, REX Development* Pages 41-45
13. DEMHS Region 2 Report – *Jacob Manke, Region 2 Coordinator*
14. Greater New Haven Transit District Report – *Mario Marrero, Executive Director*
15. Regional Planning Commission October Action Table Page 46
16. Regional Cooperation/Other Business
17. Adjournment

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TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
FROM: **First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Acting Secretary**
DATE: **October 20, 2021**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Meeting Minutes of September 22, 2021**

Present:

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

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

Guests: Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Kathryn Faraci and Jennifer Pacacha, *CTDOT*; Louis Mangini, *Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro*; Betsy Gara, *COST*; Jake Manke, *DEMHS*; Laurie McElwee, *Kennedy Center*; Lori Vitagliano, *Regional Water Authority*; Katie Dykes, *CT DEEP*; Charles Sherwood, *South Central Criminal Justice Administration*; Frank Cappiello, *Woodbridge Police Department*; Charles Rothenberger, *Save the Sound*; John Stuckey, *Volta*; Daphne Dixon, *LiveGreen*; Sean Grace, *Town of Hamden*.

NOTE: The September 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 10:05 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. Presentation: Transportation and Climate Initiative

Katie Dykes, the Commissioner of the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, gave a presentation on the state's Transportation Climate Initiative. She asked for the COG's support on the initiative. A draft resolution of support was reviewed on pages 2-3 of the agenda packet.

3. Presentation: Volta's EV Charging Infrastructure Solutions

Antoine Campbell introduced John Stuckey from Volta, who presented on the company's electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

4. Adoption of the August 25, 2021 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes

Chairman Freda presented the Minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of August 25, 2021, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 4-8. First Selectman Hoey moved for their approval, and First Selectman Heller seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report for month ending August 31, 2021

First Selectman Cofrancesco presented the Treasurer's Report for the month ending August 31, 2021, which was included in the agenda packet at pages 9-10. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of \$1,486,000 with \$1,190,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also \$174,000 due from CTDOT, \$63,000 due from OPM and \$400 due from CIRCA. Expenses for the month were in order. First Selectman Cosgrove moved for acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. First Selectman Hoey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

6. Transportation Committee Report

Mayor Dickinson reviewed the Transportation Committee report on pages 11-17 of the agenda packet, with the resolutions found on pages 13-17.

- Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Nine:
Mayor Dickinson moved to adopt the resolution, and First Selectman Cosgrove seconded. All voted in favor.
- Adopt Resolution on Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors Program Priorities:
Mayor Dickinson moved to adopt the resolution, and First Selectman Cosgrove seconded. All voted in favor.

7. FY 2021-22 Regional Services Grant Spending Plan Amendment #2

Executive Director Amento presented the amendment on page 18 of the agenda packet, which moves \$10,000 from IT/Cybersecurity to Staff Labor & Expenses in order to fund internships. Kevin Alvarez moved to approve. First Selectman Heller seconded, and all voted in favor.

8. FY 2021-22 Budget Revision #3

Executive Director Amento reviewed the budget revision on pages 19-21 of the agenda packet. Kevin Alvarez moved to adopt, and First Selectman Heller Seconded. All voted in favor.

9. Presentation: Report from the South Central Criminal Justice Administration

Charles Sherwood discussed the South Central Criminal Justice Administration, which is a networking organization for sharing best management practices among the region's police departments. Woodbridge Police Chief Frank Capiello presented on handling cybersecurity and ransomware attacks.

10. Congressional Reports

Lou Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's office discussed the House passing a continuing resolution. The House will take up the Infrastructure Bill next week. Lastly, updated ARPA information will be coming soon.

11. Legislative Reports

Michael Muszynski noted the legislature will go into session next month to extend Governor Lamont's Executive Authority.

12. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Amento reviewed the SCRCOG Newsletter found on pages 22-25 of the agenda packet. Information on EV infrastructure and the Transportation Climate Initiative will be sent out following the meeting.

13. Grant Opportunities

Executive Director Amento reviewed the grant opportunities on pages 26 of the agenda packet.

14. REX Development Report

Ginny Kozlowski of REX Development reviewed her written report on pages 27-31 of the agenda packet. REX has met with EDA on the Build Back Better program, and the REX proposal is moving forward.

15. Region 2 DEMHS Report

Jacob Manke presented on COVID-19 updates. SCRCOG and REX are working on recovery from the pandemic. DEMHS is working on damage assessments from the storms Henri and Ida. Ida has met the state damage threshold, but the threshold has not been met in New Haven County. DEMHS is looking for municipalities in New Haven County to submit their damage reports.

16. Adjournment

First Selectman Cofrancesco moved to adjourn, and First Selectman Hoey seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman Matthew Hoey, *Acting Secretary*

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 9/30/2021

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	158,585.12
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	898,785.68
New Haven Bank	108,108.48

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	155,529.00
CT Office of Policy and Management	92,208.03
Other State Grants (CIRCA)	435.84

Other Assets

Prepaid Expense (UConn MPA Intern)	(4,230.75)
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	31,197.52
Furniture & Equipment	27,183.40

Total Assets	1,467,802.32
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Liabilities

Deferred Revenue - Municipal	183,156.79
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	205,301.72
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment	10,826.63

Total Liabilities	402,975.91
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	1,002,300.26
Amount for Accrued Leave	19,534.60
Investment in Equipment	27,183.40
Change in Fund Balance	15,808.15

Total Fund Balance	1,067,223.00
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	1,467,802.32

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 9/30/2021

	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Resources			
Municipal - Revenue	16,125.02	37,123.59	325,950.00
Municipal - Special Assessment			10,827.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	28,556.13	92,706.05	573,101.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	41,841.97	133,209.00	1,318,898.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	160.91	965.46	211,465.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,690.00
CIRCA - Resilient CT Grant		435.84	19,000.00
Interest - Revenue	66.12	221.76	2,000.00
Total Resources	86,750.15	264,661.70	2,464,931.00
Direct Expenses			
Transportation Planning Consultants			660,500.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants			8,000.00
Other Consultants	13,384.60	25,730.75	377,200.00
Travel	64.40	89.04	7,800.00
Data Processing		2,400.00	4,000.00
Commercial Printing			500.00
Subscriptions and Books			3,675.00
Insurance and Professional Services	449.32	449.32	
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	119.79	198.30	16,200.00
Miscellaneous	21.78	21.78	532.00
Transportation - Reserved			158,674.00
LOTCIP - Reserved			199,248.00
Hazard Mitigation Grant - Reserved			10,827.00
Total Direct Expenses	14,039.89	28,889.19	1,447,156.00
Direct Labor			
Direct Labor - Employees	32,410.36	105,091.43	437,378.00
Overhead			
Indirect Labor - Employees	14,583.64	43,274.97	173,434.00
Employee Benefits	17,333.20	67,514.97	227,463.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing		1,312.49	13,600.00
Rent	9,344.79	27,891.12	112,300.00
Telephone and Internet	295.92	727.76	7,400.00
Office Supplies		274.00	3,725.00
Equipment Maintenance	899.02	3,097.56	17,500.00
Subscriptions and Books			425.00
Insurance and Professional Services	356.68	9,368.12	23,100.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising			700.00
Miscellaneous	51.35	159.70	650.00
Total Overhead	42,864.60	153,620.69	580,397.00
Total Operating Expenses	89,314.85	287,601.31	2,464,931.00

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 10

Project	0061-0153 2018-A4-1 Walkable Sidewalk Ped/Bike Improvements
Changes	Amendment 10 moves ROW and updates funding amount
Reason	This action is necessary based on an updated cost estimate received on 9/10/21
Project	0079-0212 2018-A9-1 Rehab Br# 04185 Center st o/Harbor Brook
Changes	Amendment 10 adjusts funding
Reason	This action is necessary based on a revised cost estimate.
Project	0171-0471 2021-A10-1 Replace Traffic Signals @Various Locations Dist 1
Changes	Amendment 10 adds a new project.
Reason	Funding is required to replace traffic control signals to meet current standards at various locations in District 1.
Project	0173-0510 2021-A10-1 Replace Traffic Signals @Various Locations Dist 3
Changes	Amendment 10 adds a new project.
Reason	This project was previously in the 2018 STIP, but has no entries in the current TIP. Construction phase 100% state funded.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 10

State Project #0061-0153

SCRCOG # 2018-A4-1

Municipality Hamden

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	248				
		Local	62				
	ROW	Federal	40				
		Local	10				
	CON	Federal		1,723			
		Local		431			
Total Cost	\$2,514	0	360	2,154	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		92			
		Local		23			
	CON	Federal		1,723			
		Local		431			
TIP Funds	\$2,579	0	310	2,269	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

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 10

State Project #0079-0212

SCRCOG # 2018-A9-1

Municipality Meriden

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	1,067				
		Local	2,523				
REP		Federal	152				
		Local	38				
Total Cost	\$3,780	0	3,780	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		4,283			
TIP Funds	\$5,350	0	0	5,350	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY 18 TIP Amend 9 adds new project. FY21 TIP Amend 3 moves schedule. FY TIP Amend 10 adjusts funding

State Project #0171-0471

SCRCOG # 2021-A10-2

Municipality District 1

AQ Code X7

Proposed

Project Name Replace Traffic Signals @ Various Locations Dist 1

Description Replacement of traffic control signals to meet current standards at various locations in District 1

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		631			
	FD	Federal			517		
	ROW	Federal			140		
TIP Funds	\$1,288	0	0	631	657	0	0

Amendment Notes

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FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 10

State Project #0173-0510

SCRCOG # 2021-A10-1

Municipality District 3

AQ Code X7

Proposed

Project Name Replace Traffic Signals @Various Locations Dist 3

Description Add new project. This project was previously in the 2018 STIP, but has no entries in the current STIP. Construction phase 100% state funded.

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	FD	State		406			
	ROW	State		110			
TIP Funds	\$516		0	0	516	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY TIP Amend 10 adds a new project



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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Ten

- 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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Resolution

***Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Ten
(Continued)***

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

The Program Amendment *Ten* 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 **October 27, 2021**

Date October 27, 2021

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



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Resolution

Authorizing Sole Source for Geographic Information System Consultant Services

Whereas: SCRCOG's Geographic Information Services have been provided by New England Geosystems for a number of years, based upon prior solicitations; and

Whereas: Geographic Information System website hosting, maintenance and data refresh are approved tasks in the Unified Planning Work Program approved by the Council on May 26, 2021; and

Whereas: New England Geosystems also provides Geographic Information Services to a number of our member municipalities; and

Whereas: the utilization of New England Geosystems by SCRCOG and our member municipalities has provided coordinated data sets to the benefit of the region and the municipalities; and

Whereas: The hosting of the regional site, maintenance and data refresh is efficiently and cost-effectively accomplished by New England Geosystems as in years past; and

Whereas: The SCRCOG By-Laws provide that "The Executive Director may at his/her discretion and under unusual circumstances, suggest that the Executive Committee consider only a single consultant possessing unique prerequisites, clearly establishing skills and background which might render "sole source" selection in the best interests of the Council"; and

Whereas: The "unusual circumstances" of regional data coordination, cost-effectiveness, prior knowledge of the various systems and inter-connections, and coordination with the systems of the member municipalities are demonstrated by the past experience, skills and background of New England Geosystems.

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

That the Board approves the utilization of the sole source and that the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and sign a consulting services agreement with New England Geosystems.

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.

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Resolution

Authorizing Sole Source for Travel and Tourism Consultant Services

Whereas: SCRCOG's Travel and Tourism Services have been provided by REX Development for a number of years; and

Whereas: Travel and Tourism Services are an approved task in the Unified Planning Work Program approved by the Council on May 26, 2021; and

Whereas: REX Development was originally created in coordination with SCRCOG and provides services to a number of our member municipalities; and

Whereas: REX Development shares and coordinates with Visit New Haven and other hospitality based services which has benefited the region and our member municipalities; and

Whereas: The unified travel and tourism services provided by REX Development have efficiently and cost-effectively promoted the region as in years past; and

Whereas: The SCRCOG By-Laws provide that "The Executive Director may at his/her discretion and under unusual circumstances, suggest that the Executive Committee consider only a single consultant possessing unique prerequisites, clearly establishing skills and background which might render "sole source" selection in the best interests of the Council"; and

Whereas: The "unusual circumstances" of unified travel and tourism services, cost-effectiveness, vast knowledge of the region and the economic impact of travel and tourism, knowledge of the attractions and services available to the visiting and traveling public in our member municipalities have been demonstrated by the past experience, skills and success of the outreach of REX Development.

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

That the Board approves the utilization of the sole source and that the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and sign a consulting services agreement with REX Development.

Certificate

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Draft Resolution Supporting Proposed Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI)

At the September SCRCOG Board Meeting, CT DEEP Commissioner Katie Dykes presented on the Transportation and Climate Initiative (TCI) Program. As you may know, the TCI program is a multi-jurisdictional collaboration to cap and reduce greenhouse gases from the transportation sector and accelerate investments in an equitable, cleaner, and more resilient transportation system for Connecticut and the region. For your review, attached are an infographic describing the program (attached) and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining Connecticut's commitment.

For more information, you may visit CT DEEP's TCI program webpage (<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/Transportation-Climate-Initiative>) or the TCI program's FAQ webpage (<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Climate-Change/TCI-P-Frequently-Asked-Questions>).



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-- DRAFT --

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;



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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:

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Draft Partial Revision of SCRCOG By-Laws

October 2021

SCRCOG staff is working on a complete revision of the SCRCOG By-Laws., which were last amended in 2010. It is a rather large document, so we will be presenting proposed By-Laws revisions to the SCRCOG Board a section or two at a time over the next several months.

The By-Laws amendment process takes at least two months for each set of revisions. The current By-Laws read:

Article XIII. By-Laws Amendments

These *By-Laws* may be amended by a vote of a majority of the representatives of the members of the Council at any regular or special meeting of the Council. Any proposed amendment to these *By-Laws* shall first be submitted to any regular or special meeting of the Council for preliminary consideration and only then, if preliminarily approved, placed on the agenda of the next succeeding regular or special meeting of the Council for formal adoption. Notice of any amendment shall be sent to all representatives of the Council.

The first portion of the By-Laws we are placing before the Board for consideration involves a Corrective Action cited by the U.S. Department of Transportation, in the Transportation Management Area Planning Certification Review, New Haven, CT, Transportation Management Area, May 26, 2021

The corrective action cited was: “SCRCOG and CTDOT should work together to formally include a state transportation official on the MPO Board, to comply with 23 CFR 450.310(d), no later than December 31, 2021. FHWA and FTA can provide guidance as needed”.

In response to this request for Corrective Action, the SCRCOG staff is proposing the addition of a new Article X “Metropolitan Planning Organization” which includes “a state transportation official on the MPO Board” who shall be a non-voting member.

PROPOSED CHANGES ARE IN RED

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Preamble

The purposes of the South Central Regional Council of Governments are to serve as a continuing forum to promote cooperative arrangements between its members to initiate and implement programs and coordinate actions on a voluntary basis determined to be of benefit to the South Central Connecticut Region and to serve as a regular forum for contact and discussion of items of mutual interest among town and city officials. The Council shall consider such matters of a public nature common to two or more members of the Council as it deems appropriate, including matters affecting the health, safety, welfare, education and economic conditions of the area as comprised by its members.

Article I. Organization

- A. *Name.* The name of this voluntary association shall be the South Central Regional Council of Governments.
- B. *Structure and Definitions.* The internal structure and organization of this voluntary association shall be according to the statutes of the State of Connecticut and as further provided in these *By-Laws*, and, as used in these *By-Laws*, the following terms shall have the meanings hereinafter ascribed to them, unless the context shall otherwise require:
 - (1) “Council” shall mean this regional council of governments as authorized and organized under Sections 4-124i through 4-124p of the *General Statutes* of the State of Connecticut.
 - (2) “Regional Planning Commission” shall mean a subdivision of the Council organized under Section 4-124o of the Connecticut *General Statutes*.
 - (3) Unless otherwise provided herein, terms used in these *By-Laws* shall have the same meanings as set forth in Section 4-124i of said *General Statutes*.
 - (4) “Member” shall mean each municipality of the South Central Region.
 - (5) “Representative” shall mean the mayor, first selectman or first selectwoman of the member city or town unless referenced in the context of the Regional Planning Commission.

Article II. Declaration of Policy

The Council finds and declares that the need for a Regional Council of Governments within the South Central Region (hereinafter “Region”), is based on the recognition that:

- A. Plans and decisions made by each local government with respect to land use, circulation patterns, capital improvements and economic development initiatives which affect the welfare of neighboring jurisdictions should be coordinated.
- B. It is imperative for the regional planning process to be directly related to the elected local government decision and policy makers, the chief elected officials.

- C. The people within the Region have a fundamental interest in the orderly development of the Region in which a large segment of the State's population is concentrated.
- D. Municipalities within the Region have a positive interest in the preparation and maintenance of a long-term comprehensive Plan of Development, hereinafter referred to as the "Plan", for the benefit of the Region to serve as a guide to the political subdivisions within the Region.
- E. The continuing growth of the Region presents problems that are not confined to the boundaries of any single town or city.
- F. The Region, by reason of its numerous governmental jurisdictions, presents special problems of development that can be dealt with best through a regional council of governments.
- G. In order to assure, insofar as possible, the orderly and harmonious development of the Region and to provide for the needs of future generations, it is necessary for the people of the Region to cooperatively plan for the future, as defined by statute, and for the Council to coordinate the activities of federal, state, regional and municipal agencies concerned with the Region and to render assistance and service and create public interest and participation for the benefit of the Region.

Article III. Powers and Responsibilities

The Council shall have all rights and authority and shall be subject to all of the responsibilities and duties as are granted to and required of a regional council of governments under the *General Statutes* of the State of Connecticut, as amended, or by special acts of the Connecticut General Assembly.

Article IV. Functions

- A. *Coordinating Functions.* The Council shall promote regional coordination and cooperation through activities designed to:
 - (1) Strengthen local governments and their individual capacities to deal with local problems.
 - (2) Serve as a forum to identify, study and resolve area-wide problems.
 - (3) Provide the organizational framework to insure effective communication and coordination among governmental bodies.
 - (4) Serve as a vehicle for the collection and exchange of information for the membership.
 - (5) Encourage action and implementation of regional plans and policies by local, state and federal agencies.
 - (6) Provide, if requested, mediation in resolving conflicts among members and between members and other parties.

(7) Provide technical and general assistance to members within its staff and financial capabilities.

- B. Regional Plan.* The Council may adopt a Plan of Development and recommend policy for the development of the Region. The Plan shall be based on comprehensive surveys and studies of the existing conditions and probable future growth of the Region. The Plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding a coordinated and harmonious development that, considering present and future needs and resources, will best promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people and shall be developed in accordance with Article X.

Article V. Membership

- A. Eligibility.* All towns and cities within the Region are eligible for membership. To become a member of and retain membership in the Council, any town or city shall adopt Sections 4-124i through 4-124p of the Connecticut *General Statutes*, as amended, by ordinance of its legislative body.
- B. Annual Assessments.* Each member shall pay its annual assessment of Council costs as specified by the Council in an approved annual budget, provided that any such annual assessment shall be paid during July of each fiscal year as provided in Section C of Article XI. Any member who has failed to pay at least one-half of its assessment prior to October 1 and the balance by March 1 of any year shall be notified by the Secretary and shall not be eligible for continued voting membership on the Council after October 31 or March 31, respectively, of such year unless or until its dues for such year have been fully paid.
- C. Withdrawal.* Any member town or city may withdraw from the Council by adoption of an appropriate ordinance of its legislative body to become effective on the date of such adoption; provided that any such withdrawing member shall remain responsible for the payment of its dues for the balance of the then-current fiscal year of the Council, and, unless such withdrawing member shall give notice to the Council of its withdrawal not less than thirty (30) days prior to the end of the Council's fiscal year, such withdrawing member shall also be responsible for its dues assessment for the next succeeding fiscal year. Notice of withdrawal shall be given by certified mail of a copy of the pertinent ordinance to the attention of the Chairman(woman) of the Council as soon as reasonably possible following the adoption of such ordinance and shall be deemed given when received by the Chairman(woman).
- D. Operations.* The activities and affairs of the Council shall be managed by the representatives of its members.
- E. Suspended Membership.* Any member may be suspended from active membership for non-payment of assessments as provided in Section C, Article XI. Any such suspended member shall not be entitled to participate in the affairs of the Council but shall be permitted to again become an active member immediately upon payment of all its unpaid assessments.

Article VI. Representation and Meetings

- A. *Representation.* Each member of the Council shall be entitled to one representative on the Council who shall be the chief elected official and shall have one vote at meetings of the Council. In the event a chief elected official cannot attend a meeting of the Council, the chief elected official may, in writing, designate an alternate for that meeting who need not be an elected official. The designated alternate may vote on business matters presented to the Council.
- B. *Meetings*
1. *Regular Meetings.* Unless otherwise specified by resolution of the Council, the regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September and October; the third Wednesday of November; and the second Wednesday of December at such times and places as may be established by the Council.
 2. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings shall be held by call of the Chairman(woman) or by petition to the Secretary of the Council from at least 20 percent of the representatives to the Council.
 3. *Annual Meeting.* Unless otherwise specified by resolution of the Council, the annual meeting shall be held in January of each calendar year.
 4. *Call of Meeting.* Each representative shall be sent notices of regular meetings in writing by hand-delivery, or by electronic or facsimile transmission to be received by the representative at least seven (7) days before the meeting date. The notices shall include the place and time of the meeting and an agenda for the meeting. Only items included in the agenda shall be acted upon at such meeting other than routine ministerial and administrative matters, except by the unanimous approval of all representatives present and constituting a quorum. Notices of special meetings shall be sent in writing by hand-delivery, or by electronic or facsimile transmission to be received by the representative at least seven (7) days before the meeting date.
 5. *Minutes.* Minutes of the Council meetings and other official actions shall be filed in the Council's office and shall be of public record.
 6. *Standing Rules.* The Council may from time to time adopt or amend Standing Rules for the conduct of meetings of the organization.
- C. *Quorum.* A majority of the members of the Council or of a committee shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of the Council or committees shall be conducted in accordance with *Roberts Rules of Order*.
- D. *Action of the Council.* Action of the Council, except as otherwise provided, will require an affirmative vote of at least a majority of members of the Council present and voting and constituting a quorum.

- E. *Action of the Council on Appeals from Article X, Sections C and D.* Appeals by parties to Regional Planning Commission findings conducted under Article X, Sections C and D, shall be acted on by a majority of the representatives of the Council. The Council shall consider the finding of the Commission regarding any such matter, but shall be entitled to take any action regarding such matter as it shall deem appropriate.
- F. *Committees.* By resolution, the Council may establish such standing, special and advisory committees as it shall deem appropriate.

Article VII. Officers

- A. *Title and Terms.* Officers of the Council shall include a Chairman(woman), a Vice Chairman(woman), a Secretary and a Treasurer who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Council and shall serve until their successors have been elected. No representative shall be eligible to serve more than one consecutive calendar year in the same office.
- B. *Election of Officers.* A Nominating Committee of three (3) members shall be appointed by the Council at the November meeting of the Council and shall serve until a succeeding Nominating Committee is appointed. The Nominating Committee shall send to the members of the Council, by hand-delivery, or by electronic or facsimile transmission to be received by the member at least seven (7) days prior to the annual meeting
- C. The slate of officers and Executive Committee members shall be elected by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present.
- D. *Vacancies.* In the event any vacancy occurs in any office during the year, a successor shall be proposed by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Council to serve the unexpired term. Such service shall not constitute a calendar year of service as specified in Article VII, A.
- E. *Chairman.* The Chairman(woman) of the Council shall be a duly elected member of the Council. He(she) shall preside at all meetings of the Council, and in his(her) absence, the Vice Chairman(woman) will preside and in the absence of the Chairman(woman) and Vice Chairman(woman), a member of the Executive Committee designated by the Chairman(woman). When so authorized by the Council, the Chairman(woman) and/or Executive Director may sign contracts in the name of the Council.
- F. The Chairman(woman) may call special meetings of the Council as specified in Article VI, Section B. As a representative on the Council, the Chairman(woman) shall have the right to vote on all matters which may come before the Council. The Chairman(woman) shall be a voting member of all committees, but shall not be considered as part of the quorum.
- G. *Vice Chairman(woman).* At the request of the Chairman(woman) or in the absence of the Chairman(woman), or during his(her) inability to act, the Vice Chairman(woman) shall assume the powers and duties of the Chairman(woman). The Vice Chairman(woman) shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him(her) by the Council.

- H. Secretary.* The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall see that all meeting notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of the *By-Laws* or as required by law, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the Council.
- I. Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall receive all money, property and securities of the Council delivered to him (her). Under the direction of the Treasurer, the Executive Director, or his(her)designee, will take charge of all funds and deposit all money so received to the credit of the Council in a bank or banks selected by the Executive Committee. Under the directions of the Treasurer, the Executive Director, or his(her) designee, shall make all disbursements, and an accurate record of receipts and disbursements will be kept and a report given to the Council at each regular meeting of the Council.

Article VIII. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall be made up of eight (8) members: the Chairman(woman), the Vice Chairman(woman), the Treasurer and the Secretary and three members chosen by the Council. The Chairman(woman) in the preceding year shall be a member of the Executive Committee. A quorum shall consist of five (5) Executive Committee members.

The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman(woman), provided there shall be written notice of a meeting sent by hand-delivery, or by electronic or facsimile transmission, to be received by the members at least seven (7) days before the meeting, and shall have such powers and duties as are granted to it by the Council.

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

- A.* The Executive Committee shall supervise the annual audit of the books of the Council and employ auditors approved by the State Office of Policy and Management in connection therewith. The annual audit shall be made available for Executive Committee review no later than the second Wednesday in November following the end of the fiscal year and shall be reviewed for acceptance by a majority of the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee meeting following receipt of the audit.
- B.* The Executive Committee shall adopt such personnel policies, administrative regulations and financial procedures as may be needed within the pertinent *General Statutes*, Federal requirements, the *By-Laws* and the program and budget adopted by the Council.
- C.* The Executive Committee shall have such other duties as are assigned to it by the Council as required for the management of the business affairs of the Council and consistent with the *General Statutes* and *By-Laws*.
- D.* The Executive Committee shall have the authority to create and discontinue staff positions of the Council except that of the Executive Director and to fix salaries within the approved budget of the Council.

- E. The Executive Committee shall recommend for approval by the Council any and all contracts of the Council, including any contracts with the Federal, State or other public, non-profit and private organizations. Proposed agreements, except those with an agency of the State of the Connecticut or of the United States, shall be reviewed as to legal form by an attorney designated by the Council before being advanced to Committee.
- F. The Executive Committee shall develop procedures to be used for awarding of contracts and of all non-recurring expenditures above one thousand dollars (\$1,000).
- G. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to recruit, select and fix the salary of an Executive Director subject to approval of the Council.
- H. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for carrying out policy decisions made by the Council.
- I. The Executive Committee shall consider a budget, as prepared by the Executive Director, and recommend for approval a budget to the Council during April of each year. Budget proposals shall reflect: (1) annual Council goals advanced by the Committee and approved by the Council at the time of annual budget approval; and (2) January personnel evaluations conducted by the Executive Director, including his(her) self-evaluation, under the direction of the Committee. During the course of the fiscal year, the Executive Committee shall review proposals for budget changes, amendments and transfers of funds between accounts that may be made from time to time and shall have the authority to approve such changes, amendments or transfers provided such changes, amendments or transfers do not increase the assessments of the members of the Council and do not exceed ten percent (10%) of the approved budgeted item. In order to recommend the annual budget to the Council, the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of the Executive Committee membership is required.
- J. The Executive Committee may with the concurrence of the Council appoint an Acting Executive Director.

Article IX. Executive Director

- A. *Appointment.* The Council, upon recommendation of the Executive Committee, shall appoint an Executive Director by a majority vote of all representatives of the total membership of the Council. The salary of the Executive Director shall be fixed at the time of the appointment and shall thereafter be reviewed annually at the time of the adoption of the budget.
- B. *Removal.* The Council may remove the Executive Director by a majority vote of all representatives of the total membership of the Council.
- C. *Duties and Responsibilities.* The Executive Director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Council. He(she) shall be responsible to the Council for the administration of the Council's affairs placed in his(her) charge by or under these *By-Laws* and for implementing policy directives. The Executive Director shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) The Executive Director shall prepare proposed annual Council fiscal year goals, January staff evaluations, proposed work programs and a proposed annual budget for submission to the Executive Committee and adoption by the Council. Upon adoption by the Council, he/she shall execute the work program and budget.
- (2) The Executive Director shall keep the Council advised as to progress of the work program of the organization by monthly reports accompanying meeting agendas and make recommendations to the Executive Committee concerning the affairs and operations of the organization as appropriate or necessary.
- (3) The Executive Director shall prepare notices, agendas and other material necessary for meetings of the Council and Executive Committee. The Executive Director shall prepare minutes of the Council and Executive Committee meetings on behalf of and with the approval of the Secretary.
- (4) The Executive Director shall prepare and administer the Council's financial accounting system in accordance with appropriate state and/or federal guidelines.
- (5) The Executive Director shall countersign with the Treasurer, or other designated officers, all checks issued by the Council, except that payroll checks may be processed electronically for direct deposit provided that such payroll checks are approved in writing and in advance by the Treasurer or other designated officers. The Executive Director shall prepare and administer a system of internal control over all cash disbursements that is consistent with appropriate state and/or federal guidelines.
- (6) The Executive Director, subject to prior concurrence of the Executive Committee, shall appoint personnel within the limitations of the approved budget and, when he/she deems it necessary, suspend or remove any employee. The Executive Committee shall review proposed job qualifications and establish an initial salary for each appointment in advance of personnel selection by the Executive Director. Any staff suspension or removal shall immediately be communicated to the Executive Committee. The Executive Director may authorize appropriate staff personnel who are subject to his/her direction and supervision to exercise the duties and responsibilities placed in his charge by or under these *By-Laws*.
- (7) The Executive Director shall perform such other duties and responsibilities as are required or prescribed by the Council or the Executive Committee.

D. Evaluation Process

- (1) The Executive Director shall submit goals and a proposed work program to the Executive Committee, along with the proposed budget, in April of each year. The budget and work program should be approved by the Council at its May meeting.
- (2) The Executive Director shall submit a progress report on the approved work program for discussion at each monthly Executive Committee meeting.
- (3) The Executive Director may submit proposed revisions, adjustments, additions and/or subtractions to the approved work program at any monthly meeting of the Executive Committee;

such amendments of the work program must be approved by the Executive Committee in order to become effective.

- (4) Monthly work program progress reports should be discussed at each meeting of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee should convey its satisfaction or dissatisfaction with such progress, and any recommendations for corrective action, to the Executive Director at such meeting.
- (5) If, at any time, the Executive Committee believes it would be beneficial, it may request the Council Chairman or the Personnel Committee to meet at another date with the Executive Director to discuss any issues that have arisen as to the Executive Director's performance. The Council Chairman and/or the Personnel Committee would then report on the outcome of such meetings.
- (6) The Executive Director shall submit a self-evaluation of his/her performance to the Executive Committee as part of the agenda package for both its January and its July meetings. The Executive Committee shall discuss with the Executive Director the self-evaluations and the Executive Director's progress with regard to the approved work program, as it may be amended.
- (7) Any salary increase for the Executive Director shall be determined in conjunction with the annual budget and shall be based upon the Executive Committee's review and assessment of the Executive Director's performance with regard to the approved work program and its review and assessment of the Executive Director's self-evaluations.
- (8) If, at any time, and after exhausting all reasonable attempts to resolve the matter otherwise, the Executive Committee believes that the performance of the Executive Director is so deficient as to warrant termination, it may vote to recommend such action to the Council. The Council would then proceed in accordance with the termination provisions of the By-Laws and the Employment Agreement.

Article X. Metropolitan Planning Organization

The Council shall serve as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Region. The Policy Board of the MPO shall consist of the Council and such other stakeholders as may be required pursuant to federal statute or regulation.

- A. *Purpose.* South Central Regional Council of Governments is a metropolitan planning organization established under the requirements of 23 CFR 450C OPI:HEP, as required in urbanized areas with populations over 50,000, and as designated by local officials within the South Central Regional Council of Governments and by the Governor of the State of Connecticut. The South Central Regional Council of Governments is responsible, in cooperation with regional, state and other transportation providers, for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning requirements of federal highway and transit legislation and regulation.

- B. *Membership.* MPO Policy Board membership shall be comprised of the members of the Council, one (1) transit provider representative, and one (1) state transportation representative. The transit provider official and the state transportation representative shall be non-voting members of the MPO Policy Board.
- C. *State transportation representative.* A State Transportation Representative shall be a non-voting member assigned by the Connecticut Department of Transportation.
- D. *Transit provider representation.* An official of a public agency that administers or operates a major mode of transportation in the metropolitan area, including a representative of a provider of public transportation, shall be a non-voting member.

Public Law 112-141 requires representation by providers of public transportation in each MPO that serves an area designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA). The South Central Regional Council of Governments is such an MPO. The representative of a transit provider shall be either a board member (elected or appointed) or officer of a provider of public transportation in the metropolitan planning area.

The transit representative shall be appointed by the Council.

The transit representative shall maintain contact with the providers of public transportation in the metropolitan planning area throughout his/her term of service on the MPO Policy Board, and the representative must consider the needs of all eligible public transportation operators that provide service in the metropolitan planning area.

- E. *Quorum.* When acting in its MPO capacity, a majority of the voting representatives of the Council shall constitute a quorum.
- F. *Meetings of the MPO.* All regularly scheduled meetings of the Council shall serve as meetings of the MPO Policy Board and shall be advertised and accessible to the general public and persons with disabilities.

Article XI. Regional Planning Commission

- A. *Powers and Duties.* As directed by the Council, the planning duties and responsibilities of the Council shall be carried out by the Regional Planning Commission. The Commission shall act on behalf of and as a subdivision of the Council according to procedures as may be established by the Commission and approved by the Council. The planning duties and responsibilities of the Commission shall include but need not be limited to (1) comprehensive planning and (2) functional planning as follows:
 - (1) *Comprehensive Planning.* As directed by the Council, the Regional Planning Commission shall propose and keep up-to-date a Plan of Development as called for in Section 8-35a and related sections of the Connecticut *General Statutes*, as amended.

(2) *Functional Planning.* As directed by the Council, the Regional Planning Commission shall carry out planning activities for specific functional areas, directed at achieving more immediate implementation of policies contained in the Plan of Development for the region.

- B. *Reports, Plans and Policies.* The Council may instruct the Regional Planning Commission to prepare and keep up-to-date a Plan of Development and to prepare reports, plans and policies as required by law and by the Connecticut *General Statutes*, as amended, and may instruct the Commission to prepare other plans and documents as the Council shall deem appropriate. Any such instructions of the Council shall specify a reasonable time period in which the Commission shall take action required by such instructions.
- C. *Zoning and Subdivision Referrals.* All zoning and subdivision matters which by *Statute* are referred to the Council may be considered by, commented upon, and findings issued by the Regional Planning Commission.

Any party initiating a referral request to the Council or initiating an application giving rise to a referral by a municipal planning and/or zoning commission may appeal any finding of the Commission to the Council for further consideration. To be considered by the Council, all appeals must be received in writing within ten (10) days of the transmittal of the Commission finding; transmittal as established by postmark. Appeals shall fully state the reasons for review of the Commission's finding and, as initially received by the Council, shall constitute the sole basis for Council review.

Appeals by parties to Regional Planning Commission findings conducted under this Article shall be acted on by a majority of the members of the Council present at the next Council meeting. The Council shall consider the findings of the Commission regarding any such matter and the nature of the appeal but shall be entitled to take any action regarding such matter as it shall deem appropriate. If no appeal is filed, then the findings of the Commission shall be deemed the findings of the Council.

- D. *Other Referrals.* Other referrals or requests for comment to determine consistency with regional plans and policies, arising as a result of federal or state law or regulation, shall be addressed by the Commission. Matters pertaining to surface transportation planning, generally falling within the purview of 23 USC 134 and 49 USC 1602, shall however be addressed directly by the Council.
- E. *Submission of Commission Action to the Council.* Reports, plans and policies of the Commission, other than Commission findings in response to referrals under Sections C and D of this Article X from which no appeal has been taken as herein provided, shall be presented to the Council as proposals at the next regular meeting of the Council, and the Council shall act upon such submission (by adopting, rejecting, modifying or referring the same back to the Commission for further consideration) at the earliest practicable point in time.
- F. *Membership and Representation.* Each member of the Council shall appoint one representative to the Regional Planning Commission. The representative shall be an elector, and staff for or member of that member's planning commission. The representative shall be appointed by the planning commission with the concurrence of the appointing authority. Each member may also appoint an alternate who shall be an elector of such member and who shall be appointed by such planning

commission with the concurrence of the appointing authority. The alternate shall, when the representative of the member from which he is appointed is absent, have all the powers and duties of the representative. The representative and alternate shall serve until a successor is appointed by the appointing authorities.

Each representative shall be entitled to one vote in the affairs of the Commission but shall not be entitled a vote in the affairs of the Council.

- G. *Resignation.* In the event a representative or alternate of the Commission resigns, a copy of the letter of resignation shall be filed with the Secretary of the Council and the Secretary of the Commission, and sent to the appointing authority of the member represented by such resigning party.
- H. *Meetings of the Commission.* Unless otherwise specified by resolution of the Commission, the regular meetings of the Commission shall be held on the second (2nd) Thursday of each month subject to the right of the Chairperson of the Commission to cancel regular meetings in the absence of any business to come before any such meeting. Times and places of meetings shall be established by the Commission.
- I. *Special Meetings.* Special meetings of the Commission shall be held by call of the Council Chairperson or the Commission Chairperson or by petition of the Commission Secretary from not less than twenty percent (20%) of the representatives of the Commission.
- J. *Call of Meeting.* Each representative shall be sent notices of regular meetings in writing, by hand-delivery, or by electronic or facsimile transmission, to be received by the representative at least seven (7) days before the meeting date. The notices shall include the place and time of the meetings and an agenda for the meeting. Notices of each meeting shall also be sent to representatives to the Council. All items included in the agenda shall be acted upon at such meeting other than routine ministerial and administrative matters, except by the unanimous approval of all representatives present and constituting a quorum. Notices of special meetings shall be sent in writing by hand-delivery, or by electronic or facsimile transmission, to be received by the representative at least seven (7) days before the meeting date.
- K. *Quorum.* A majority of the Commission's authorized representatives shall constitute a quorum.
- L. *Action of the Commission.* Action of the Commission shall be by majority vote of those representatives constituting the quorum; provided, however, that adoption of a Plan of Development or part or amendment thereof, shall be by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of all authorized representatives of the Commission.
- M. *Officers.* Officers of the Commission shall include a Chairman(woman), a Vice Chairman(woman) and a Secretary, to be selected by the Commission representatives. The officers shall perform all duties incident to the particular office. The officers shall serve for one year with new officers to be selected once a year at the regular meeting of the Commission in the month of January. No representative shall be eligible to serve more than two (2) consecutive years in the same office.
- N. *Executive Committee.* The Commission may establish an Executive Committee which may, in the absence a regular Commission meeting during a calendar month or in the absence of a quorum at a

regular Commission meeting, address zoning, subdivision and other referrals on behalf of the Commission. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman(woman), Vice Chairman(woman), Secretary and four additional representatives. Four Executive Committee members shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Committee shall be elected at the January meeting.

- O. The Commission may, by resolution, establish such other committees as it shall deem appropriate.

Article XII. Fiscal Management

- A. *Fiscal Year.* The fiscal year of the Council for purposes of work program development, budgeting, accounting, auditing and fiscal reporting shall commence July 1.
- B. *Budget Adoption.* A preliminary budget shall be prepared on or before April 30 by the Executive Committee and disseminated to the Council. The preliminary budget advanced to the Council shall be based upon: (1) a detailed chart of expenditure accounts considered by the Executive Committee; (2) January and July personnel evaluations conducted by the Executive Director under the guidance of the Executive Committee; (3) a staffing-salary plan approved by the Executive Committee; and (4) proposed goals for the ensuing fiscal year which shall accompany the proposed budget. The Council may amend the preliminary budget and shall adopt said budget on or before May 31 of each year. In the event a budget is not adopted for the ensuing fiscal year, the budget for the preceding fiscal year shall be considered to be the approved budget until a new budget is adopted.
- C. *Membership Assessments.* In January of each year preliminary assessments for all participating members shall be established by the Council upon recommendation of the Executive Committee to assist in the municipal budgeting process for the ensuing fiscal year. Preliminary assessments shall be determined by comparing the member's population to that of the aggregate population of the members in amounts sufficient to provide funds believed necessary to sustain the following fiscal year's budget. Final assessments shall be established in concert with the annual budget and shall not exceed those fixed as preliminary assessments. As used in this Section, population shall be determined by the latest U.S. Census or by the most recent State Department of Public Health and Addiction Services estimated populations available to the Council on January 1. The circumstances of any member whose annual assessments have not been paid by the end of the first quarter of the Council's fiscal year shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee which may take action as it deems appropriate in accordance with Sections B, C and E of Article V.
- D. *Disbursements.* All disbursements shall be by check drawn on the Council depository or depositories. Prior to signing any check, the disbursement voucher shall be pre-audited and certified in writing as to the correctness and propriety of the disbursement by staff persons designated by the Executive Director.

Each check shall be signed by the Executive Director and countersigned by the Treasurer, except that payroll checks may be processed electronically for direct deposit provided that such payroll checks are approved in writing and in advance by the Treasurer or other designated officers. In the absence of the Executive Director or Treasurer, or in the event of their inability to sign, checks may be signed or countersigned by the Chairman or Vice Chairman or an alternate member appointed by the

Council. Facsimile signatures of the Executive Director or Treasurer may be used to sign and countersign checks, subject to policies approved by the Executive Committee.

- E. *Petty Cash Fund.* To facilitate prompt payment of small amounts, there may be a petty cash fund of a maximum of \$100.00. An advance of this principal sum is authorized to be placed in the custody of the Executive Director or a staff member designated by him(her), which fund when it nears depletion shall be replenished through the regular disbursement procedure.
- F. *Financial Reports.* At each regular meeting the Treasurer shall report to the Council on the Council's financial condition.
- G. *Annual Audit.* In accordance with Article VIII, Section B and under the direction of the Executive Committee, the Council shall contract with an independent certified public accountant to prepare a complete financial audit of its affairs under the provisions of the "Municipal Auditing Act" of the Connecticut *General Statutes*, as amended, and the U.S. Office of Management and Budget's Circular A-128 or its successor. Such audit shall be received by the Executive Committee not later than the second Wednesday in November following the close of the previous fiscal year and reviewed for acceptance by the Executive Committee at the first Executive Committee meeting following receipt of the audit and, upon acceptance, shared with representatives.

Copies of the annual audit shall be transmitted to persons as required by state *Statute* or specified in agreement(s) of the Council.

- H. *Funds, Gifts, Bequests, Contributions.* Funds, gifts, bequests and contributions may be received by the Council for its own use and purposes from any source including local, state and federal governments, individuals, corporations or associations.
- I. *Purchase of Goods and Services*

Good and services purchases will be accomplished at the lowest possible price consistent with qualitative needs and timely delivery. The Executive Director shall provide direct management control consistent with Article IX [duties of the Executive Director] of these *By-Laws*.

- (1) *Purchase Orders.* A purchase of or commitment to purchase goods and non-professional services shall occur only after approval of a purchase order by the Executive Director or his/her designee. The purchase order, signed by the Executive Director or his/her designee, shall assure adequate budget authority the availability of funds to make payment as necessary and Executive Committee approval if necessary. Each purchase order shall be associated with (charged to) an appropriate Council of Governments' project and work task.
- (2) *Expendable Supplies* Expendable supply purchases shall take advantage of favorable State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services' purchasing arrangements when available and consistent with the Council's qualitative requirements. At a minimum, prices available to Connecticut agencies and municipalities as a result of statewide purchasing arrangements shall provide a bench mark. Expendable supplies may be purchased from other vendors offering goods below such prices or offering necessary goods unavailable from State

of Connecticut sources. Annual comparisons may be secured and evaluated for goods purchased on a recurrent basis.

- (3) *Services.* Costs associated with vendor services, including repairs, shall be assessed on an annual basis prior to the onset of each fiscal year to insure that the Council continues to purchase services in the most cost effective manner possible. Annual review shall include, but not be limited to, computer repair and maintenance, insurance, telephone service, photographic and printing services. The Executive Director shall share a review and recommendations with the Executive Committee each March as the Council's draft budget for the succeeding fiscal year is being prepared. The provision of accounting/auditing services shall be reviewed at least every five years; the longer review period reflecting benefits inherent in a sustained relationship. Annual accounting/auditing fee agreements shall be reviewed by the Executive Committee and approved by the Council at the time of annual budget approval.
- (4) *Consultants.* Professional consulting services shall, in general, be secured via a qualifications-based process insuring broad outreach and review. Outreach to secure proposals or qualifications statements shall be effected by direct mail and paid legal advertising. The Executive Director may, at his/her discretion and under unusual circumstances, suggest that the Executive Committee consider only a single consultant possessing unique prerequisites; clearly establishing skills and background which might render "sole source" selection in the best interests of the Council. The Executive Committee may refer resulting qualifications statements or proposals for comment and recommendation to committees established per Article V, F of these *By-Laws*.
- (5) The Executive Committee may, if deemed in the best interests of the Council, invite municipal, state and/or private sector personnel to frame requests for proposals or qualifications and/or assess consultant qualifications or proposals; sharing an assessment and a suggestion relative to a preferred consultant with committees established by the Council or the Council's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consider each proposed agreement relative to budget, proposed fee and a recommendation received; advancing its recommendation to the Council of Governments. The Executive Committee's proposals shall be considered by the Council of Governments which shall make a final determination relative to consultant acceptability and fee.
- (6) *Capital Items.* Equipment purchases of \$1,000 or more (whether for a single unit or for several like units collectively costing more than \$999) shall be effected only after Executive Committee review and approval. A minimum of three quotations shall be secured for each item purchased. The Executive Director shall, reflecting upon a mix of cost, quality and COG experience, suggest a preferred vendor; clearly sharing the basis for the recommendation with the Committee. All major capital purchases, including computers, printers and copying equipment, shall be depreciated over their useful lives consistent with guidelines established in annual COG audits.

Article XIII. Agreements

The Council may enter into agreements with local political jurisdictions, the state government and its agencies, the federal government and its agencies, regional agencies, and other public, non-profit and private organizations for the purpose of carrying out the powers and duties conferred upon the Council by the *General Statutes*, as amended.

Article XIV. By-Laws Amendments

These *By-Laws* may be amended by a vote of a majority of the representatives of the members of the Council at any regular or special meeting of the Council. Any proposed amendment to these *By-Laws* shall first be submitted to any regular or special meeting of the Council for preliminary consideration and only then, if preliminarily approved, placed on the agenda of the next succeeding regular or special meeting of the Council for formal adoption. Notice of any amendment shall be sent to all representatives of the Council.



NEWSLETTER

Volume I, Issue 4

OCTOBER 2021

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.

TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

LOTICIP Annual Meeting

On October 4, SCRCOG staff had their annual meeting to discuss LOTICIP financials. SCRCOG is continually accepting applications for projects under the LOTICIP program.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

SCRCOG is reviewing draft Scopes of Service submitted by the consulting firms selected to complete studies under the UPWP.

DOT - COG Coordination Meeting

DOT COG Coordination Meeting: On October 5, staff attended the monthly COG Coordination Teleconference. This month's presentation discussed the results of the DOT's Transportation Barriers Survey. The goal of the survey was to understand the barriers that prevent people from using public transportation. Results from the survey can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

REGIONAL PLANNING

FEMA / DEMHS Region 2: Regional Recovery Project Submissions

This past September and October, the SCRCOG staff assisted its municipalities in identifying and submitting for consideration local and regional projects related to COVID recovery and resilience which have funding gaps or have not previously been awarded funds. This was done in response to a call for projects from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Region 1 which is collaborating with CT Office of the Governor, the CT Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) and the CT Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) to strengthen the economic resilience of towns and regions in the face of future public health disasters.

SCRCOG municipalities and SCRCOG staff submitted local and regional projects and project ideas to FEMA. Project topics were wide ranging, related to Economy, Health and Human Services or Housing, and did not need to be related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), FEMA topics or infrastructure. Regional projects submitted included region-wide cybersecurity assessments, regional digital government program, and a regional solid waste & recycling initiative. Local projects included coastal resilience, flood protection, trail improvements, and restoration and enhancements to public spaces.

The deadline for project submission was October 15, 2021. The State of CT is now reviewing and prioritizing the projects and will send their selections to the FEMA Region 1 Interagency Recovery Coordination team. This Team will review the project needs and search for funding sources from across the 107 federal agencies and private foundations. Projects and resources will be assembled by FEMA in a Recovery Support Strategy report to be published in 2022. We are hoping that our region's projects will be selected for funding!

Regional Planning Commission (RPC)

[October 2021 RPC Meeting Agenda](#)

[October 2021 Action Table](#)

Affordable Housing

The deadline for the *South Central Region: Community Housing Plan Survey* has been extended to Saturday, October 30, 2021. Please use the link below to access the digital version of the survey, the printable promotional flyer, and the SCRCOG informational webpage.

[Survey - Digital Version](#)

[Housing Survey Flyer](#)

[SCRCOG Webpage on "South Central CT: Housing Plan Survey"](#)

SCRCOG has created Housing Factsheets for each of the region's fifteen municipalities. The Factsheets are designed to give citizens and community leaders a snapshot of the housing situation in their respective city/town. These Factsheets are part of the larger SCRCOG Housing Plan community engagement process. Please use the link below to access the Factsheets.

[2021 SCRCOG Municipal Housing Factsheets](#)

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Energy Conservation

Live Green is continuing their free EV project support for SCRCOG municipalities and is developing a guidebook to use when revising Zoning Regulations to allow for EV infrastructure. Municipalities interested in an individualized meeting to discuss electric vehicle options, charging stations, and fleet electrification plans should contact [Daphne Dixon](#) at Live Green. Participation in such sessions can earn municipalities 5-10 Sustainable CT points.

SolSmart is providing free technical assistance to SCRCOG municipalities to help them receive SolSmart Designation. SCRCOG has achieved SolSmart Silver Designation. So far, three SCRCOG municipalities have achieved SolSmart designations. Designation can earn municipalities 20 Sustainable CT points. Contact [Teyah Barigye](#) at SolSmart for support.

SCRCOG has been assisting Naugatuck Valley COG (NVCOG) in their effort to promote SolSmart designation to their region's municipalities. SCRCOG has shared any relevant resources and offered to provide further assistance as well.

Information Technology / Cybersecurity

About 700 employees across eight 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](#).

Purchasing

SCRCOG is launching the second year of the Municipal Procurement Training Series facilitated by consultant Wilma Petro, CPM. This year's session was designed based on feedback provided by SCRCOG municipal employees who participated in last year's training program. This year's training series will feature topics such as CHRO, ARPA, bidding fraud and collusion, and procurement court cases in CT. Please use the link below to access the promotional flyer and schedule.

[2021-22 Municipal Procurement Training Series Flyer and Schedule](#)

Solid Waste, Recycling, Food Waste Diversion, and Municipal Composting

A Solid Waste and Recycling Working Meeting was held on October 6. The meeting featured robust discussions on topics such as West Haven's Demonstration Project for adding food scraps to their leaf compost site, Clynk's Bottle Bag Drop Program, and UBP/co-collection of food waste grant opportunities via CT DEEP's \$5 million pool of funds.

SCRCOG Consultant Pamela Roach and CT DEEP Consultant Kristen Brown have been meeting with SCRCOG municipalities individually to review co-collection pilot options that may be funded by CT DEEP's \$5 million pool of grant funds. So far, three municipalities have submitted letters to DEEP expressing interest in utilizing grant funding to establish co-collection pilot programs. An additional five or six municipalities are also considering submitting similar letters of interest. Letters are due by Friday, October 29.

West Haven was awarded a [USDA-NRCS](#) grant for its community compost and food waste reduction. West Haven, SCRCOG, the Center for EcoTechnology (CET), and the four public schools included in the project have begun collaborating on the implementation of the program.

The RecycleCT Board has awarded West Haven \$14,250 as part of the Lee Sawyer Community Waste Reduction & Recycling Grant. This grant will be used to expand the city's municipal leaf composting operation to include food scraps, develop protocols for monitoring static aerated piles, and testing finished compost, in addition to collecting food scraps for the program.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Municipal Purchasing Responsibilities under CHRO and Department of Labor - Municipal Procurement Training Series

Date and Time: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Meeting Type: Virtual - [Click Here to Register for Zoom Meeting](#)

Transportation Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, November 10, 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, November 18, 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, November 17, 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, November 17, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / [Click Here to Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Agenda: [Click Here](#)



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October 20, 2021

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

The region's Build Back Better proposal was selected by DECD as one of the four projects it would support for submission to EDA. Working with municipal and private partners, we completed the Phase 1 Project Narrative and gathered the necessary support letters. As a rapidly emerging bioscience cluster reshapes our economic landscape and skyline, we have an opportunity to accelerate this organically emerging regional technology cluster through talent, infrastructure, and transportation to Build Back Better through inclusion. The region's bioscience sector has strong institutional competitive advantages. Yale University, a global academic powerhouse, and Yale New Haven Health, a leader in patient health care, attract substantial federal research funding. The plan includes five projects: Innovation District Buildout, Bioscience Public Center, Regional Transit-Oriented Development, Regional Workforce Talent Pipeline, and Translational Research Joint Effort.

In conjunction with SCRCOG and River COG, we have solicited FEMA recovery projects from individual municipalities and for the region. In total, 38 projects were proposed.

The 2022 Greater New Haven Visitors and Relocation Guide is complete and will be distributed to hotels, attractions, town halls, libraries, AAA offices, transportation centers, welcome centers, events, meetings, conferences, tradeshow, and more. We are also currently testing the Visit New Haven app that helps visitors plan their trip in advance and utilize their phones to find nearby restaurants, shopping, hotels, events, and attractions.

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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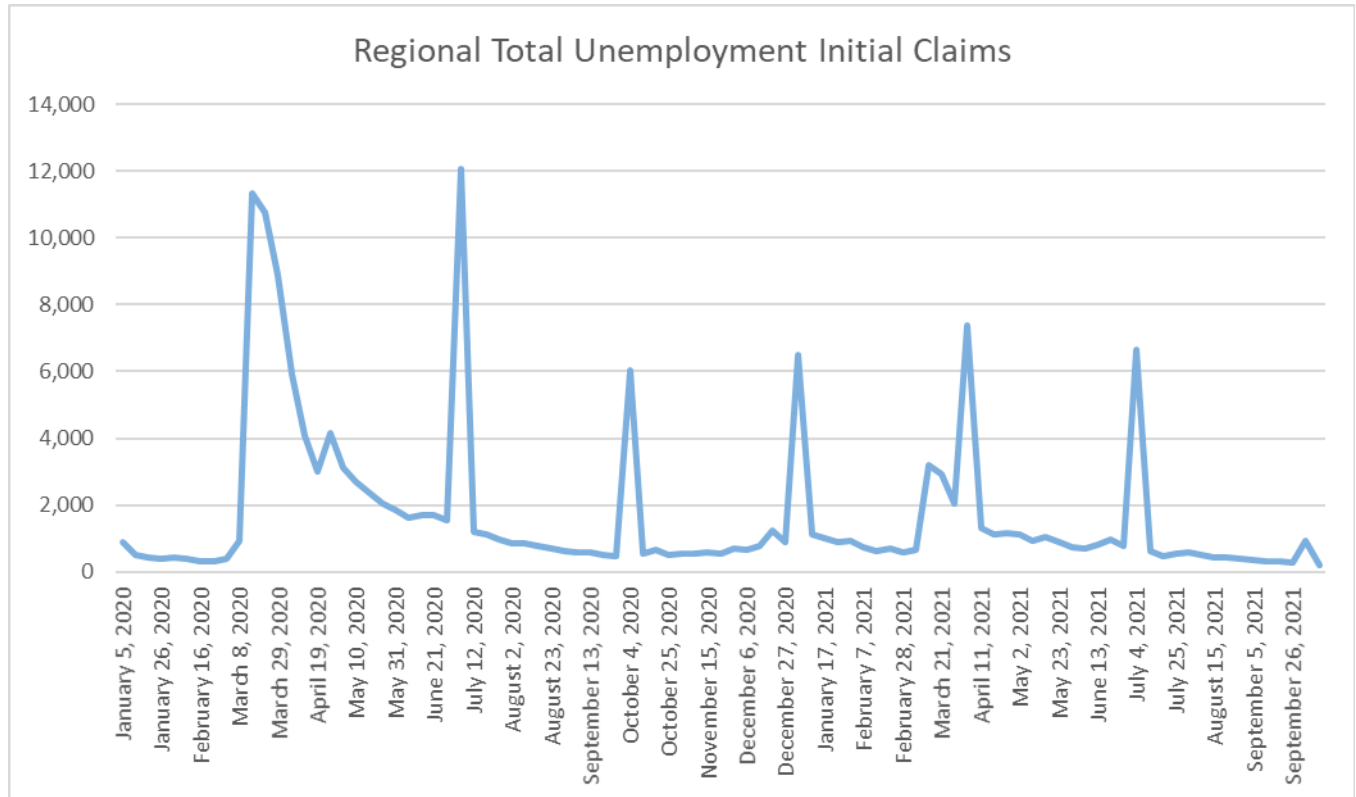
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Regional Initial Claims – Updated October 18, 2021

Dept. of Labor Office of Research

Claims after September 19, 2021 are incomplete.

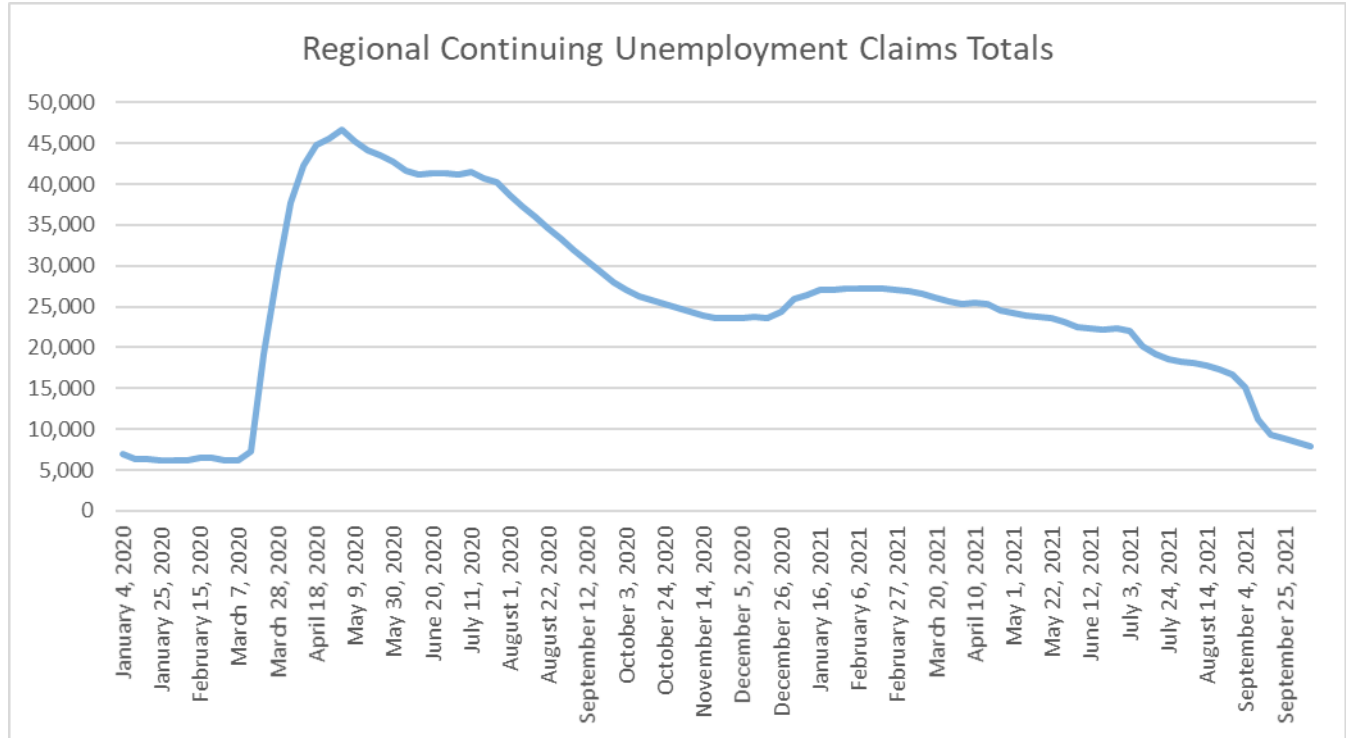
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 Dept. of Labor Office of Research
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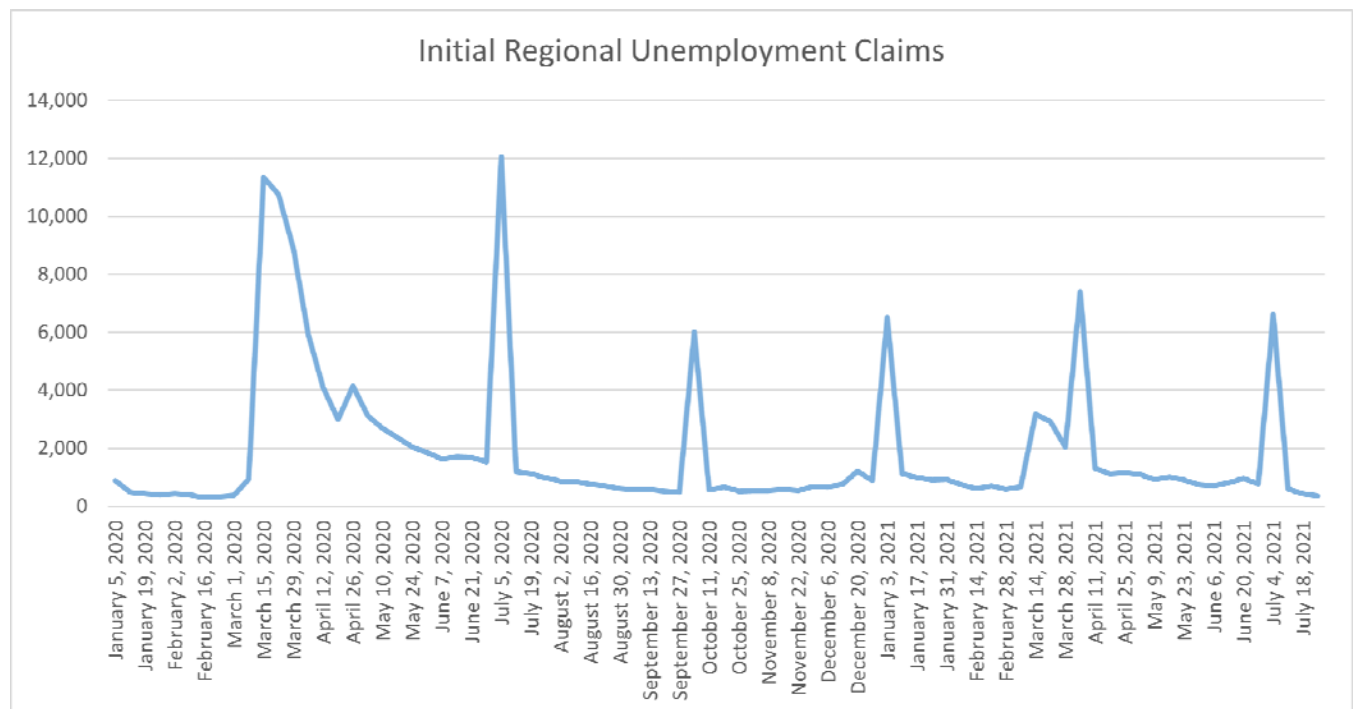


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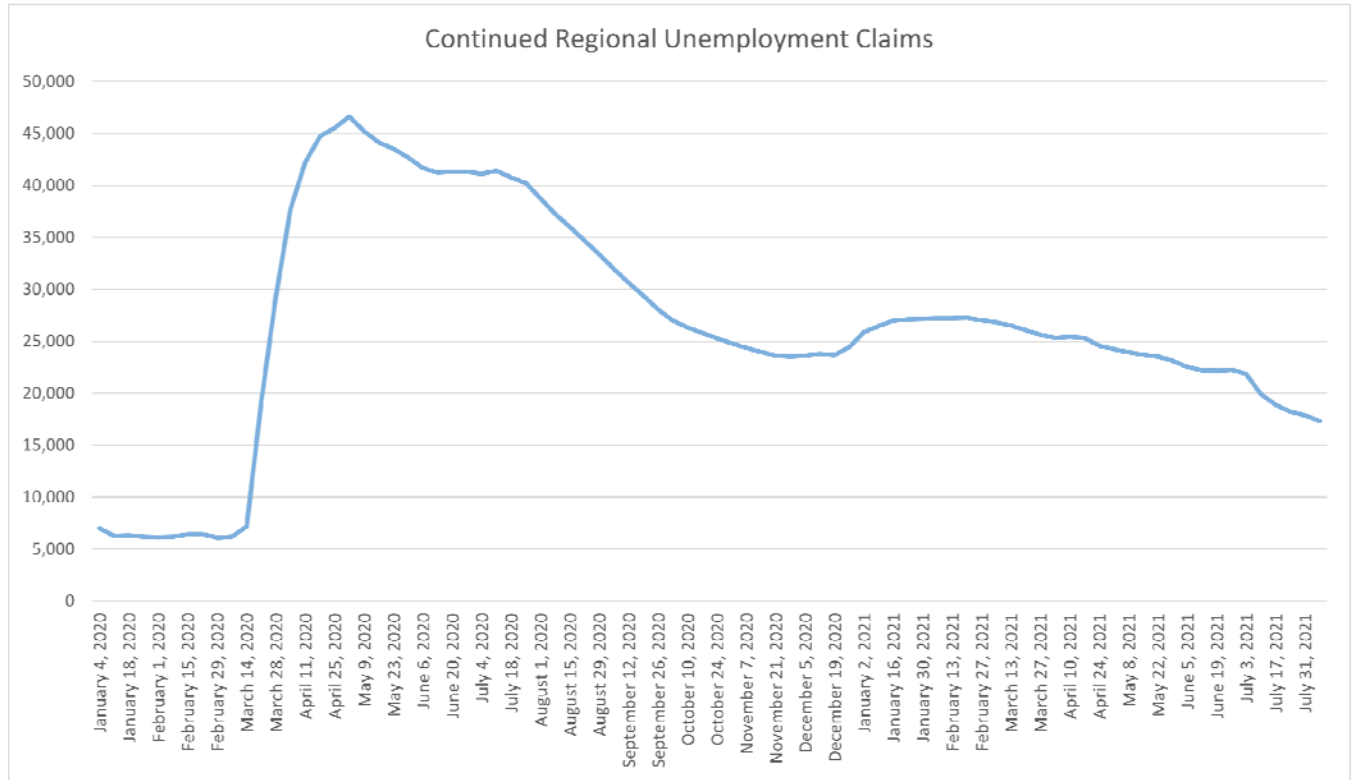
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 Claims after July 24, 2021 are incomplete.



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Regional Planning Commission**

October 2021 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	09/08/2021	Town of Wallingford: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Data Centers	Hamden, Meriden, North Branford, North Haven	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.
2.2	09/15/2021	Town of Orange: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Cannabis Establishments/Distributors	Milford, New Haven, West Haven	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.
2.3	09/29/2021	City of Meriden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments pertaining to Cannabis Micro-Cultivator	Wallingford	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.