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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, July 27, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

This is a hybrid meeting with in-person attendance at the SCRCOG Office and remote access via Zoom.

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

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| 1. Call to Order – <i>First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Chair</i>   |           |
| 2. Adopt Minutes of June 22, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting – <i>First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary</i> | Pages 2,3 |
| 3. Amendment to FY 22 and FY 23 Unified Planning Work Program (attached)  | Page 4    |
| 4. FY 2022-23 Budget Revision #1  | Pages 5-7 |
| 5. Discussion of October 2022 Executive Committee/Board Meeting Date  |           |
| 6. Other Business   |           |
| 7. Adjournment  |           |

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# **SCRCOG**

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

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**TO:** SCRCOG Executive Committee Members  
**FROM:** First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary  
**DATE:** July 20, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** SCRCOG Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2022

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**Present**

Bethany	First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, <i>Secretary</i>
Guilford	First Selectman Matthew Hoey, <i>Chair</i>
Madison	First Selectman Peggy Lyons, <i>Treasurer</i>
Milford	Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven	Kevin Alvarez, <i>proxy for Mayor Justin Elicker</i>
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda, <i>Immediate Past Chair</i>
Wallingford	Mayor William Dickinson
SCRCOG Staff	Carl Amento; Christopher Rappa; Rebecca Andreucci, Andy Cirioli
Guests	Sharon Freilich, <i>Pullman &amp; Comely LLC</i>

**NOTE: The June SCRCOG Executive Committee meeting was a hybrid meeting.**

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**1. Call to order**

Chairman Hoey called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

**2. Adopt Minutes of May 25, 2022 SCRCOG Executive Committee Meeting**

First Selectman Cofrancesco presented the Minutes of the SCRCOG Executive Committee of May 25, 2022, which were included in the agenda packet at Pages 2-4. Chairman Hoey moved for their approval. First Selectman Lyons seconded the motion, which passed with all in favor.

**3. Recommend Approval of Proposed Resolution Authorizing Execution of Documents Regarding the Amending and Restating of the SCRCOG Section 401(a) Money Purchase Plan**

Executive Director Amento presented the resolution on pages 5-6 of the agenda packet. Attorney Sharon Freilich of Pullman and Comely LLC provided an overview of the changes being made. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve, and Kevin Alvarez seconded. All voted in favor.

**4. Report on Discussions of SCRCOG Services for Municipalities**

Executive Director Amento reported on several meetings between the COG and municipal staff to get ideas for next year's programming, as more Regional Services Grant (RSG) funding is expected to be made available next year. SCRCOG met with six municipalities over the course of the previous month. Prominent among the municipalities' needs is assistance with grant writing and administration. Positive feedback was received on hazard mitigation, IT, and housing programs that currently exist. Requests were made to delve into risk management and add to the SCRCOG Purchasing Consortium's on-call consulting services offerings.

**5. Recommend Approval of the FY 2022-23 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Statement of Work**

Andy Cirioli presented the statement of work found on pages 7-16 of the agenda packet. OPM had revised their requirements for statement of work submissions, requiring COGs to assign work activities to one of three

categories: 1) comprehensive planning, 2) regional services, and 3) municipal technical support. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve, and First Selectman Lyons seconded. All voted in favor.

**6. Recommend Approval of a Resolution Authorizing SCRCOG Executive Director to Execute Agreements with FY 2022-23 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Consultants**

As this item was tabled at the previous meeting, First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to take it off the table. Kevin Alvarez seconded, and all voted in favor.

Andy Cirioli presented a breakdown of deliverables outlined on pages 17-18 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Freda stated their town attorney was not completely satisfied with the outcome of the affordable housing plan, and felt it was incomplete. First Selectman Lyons stated their housing committee chose to hire their own consultant. Chairman Hoey asked if there were specific deficiencies identified? First Selectman Freda stated he would get more info from the attorney. Kevin Alvarez also stated that the final plan was incomplete for New Haven, as they would have liked it to go into more in-depth issues.

Andy Cirioli responded to concerns, and reviewed his discussions with various members of the regional housing committee. He stated it was not necessarily an issue with the consultant, but rather it was an issue of it being a regionally developed plan that, given the timeframe and other challenges, could not get into specific details for each municipality. Mayor Blake stated he viewed it as a menu of action items, which their municipality edited and revised to reflect their own needs. Chairman Hoey stated he worked closely with the town planner to pick their own goals and strategies, not viewing the regional plan as a static document. They are planning on incorporating those identified goals into their Plan of Conservation and Development. Mayor Dickinson asked if there was interest in moving forward with an additional year of housing work? First Selectman Cofrancesco stated that this year's work program could be focused on keeping an eye on relevant legislation. Chairman Hoey would like to see implementation be a focus of next year's work plan. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve, and First Selectman Lyons seconded. All voted in favor.

**7. Recommend Approval of a Resolution Endorsing the Phase II Resilient Connecticut Report from the Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation**

Rebecca Andreucci presented the resolution found on page 19 of the agenda packet. SCRCOG has been working with CIRCA throughout the past year to develop Phase II of the Resilient CT project, which analyzed the best available data to identify Resilience Opportunity Areas with combined social, heat, and flood vulnerability. Two areas in the SCRCOG region were identified to move forward with a conceptually designed resiliency project: Branford Center and Fair Haven. Mayor Blake asked for clarification that the report does not contain prescriptive recommendations for municipalities. Rebecca stated no, the Phase II of the report was solely focused on data analysis. Kevin Alvarez made a motion to approve. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. All voted in favor.

**8. Recommend Approval of Proposed SCRCOG Staff Restructuring and Salary Revisions**

Executive Director Amento presented the staff restructuring plan on page 20 of the agenda packet. This will be done within the existing budget for Staff Salaries. James Rode will become Principal Transportation Planner, Rebecca Andreucci will be Senior Transportation Planner, and Andy Cirioli will be Director of Regional Planning and Municipal Services. A new position, Regional Planner, will be advertised starting in July. Chairman Hoey expressed some concern over the entry level salary range. Executive Director Amento stated the salary is on par with other Regional Planning job postings. First Selectman Cofrancesco offered her congratulations to the promoted staff members. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve and First Selectman Lyons seconded. All voted in favor.

**9. Other Business**

There was no other business.

**10. Adjournment**

First Selectman Lyons moved to adjourn; First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, *Secretary*

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** SCRCOG Executive Committee  
**From:** Carl Amento, *Executive Director*  
**Re:** UPWP Amendments 7/27/22  
**Date:** July 20, 2022

SCRCOG is proposing an amendment to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to reflect an increase in funding and to reprogram existing funds. SCRCOG has been made aware of new planning funds becoming available to the COGs from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) in FY23. To utilize the new funding, SCRCOG is proposing adding the Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) Update to the work program. Municipal priorities from the previous plan will be reassessed based on current conditions. Having a current RTSP is a prerequisite to receiving Safe Streets for All (SS4A) funding. The RTSP Update will have a total cost of \$100,000, with \$20,000 of that amount coming from SCRCOG reserve funds.

A Public Participation Guidelines update is being added to the work program to utilize existing funding. The region's guidelines will be revised to reflect current technologies and best practices for public outreach. Updates to this program will meet Title VI requirements and maximize efforts to engage the traditionally underserved and underrepresented groups.

Lastly, four of the studies that began in Fiscal Year 22 are being extended into the next fiscal year. These studies are:

1. Wallingford Northrup Road Study
2. Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluation
3. Meriden CT Loop Trail Connection Study
4. Milford Road Connection Feasibility Study

The Transportation and Transportation Technical Committee recommended the Amended UPWP for adoption at the July 13 meeting. The UPWP is attached to the agenda packet for your approval.

## **FY 2022-23 Budget Revision # 1**

*This budget revision aligns the FY 2022-23 budget with the amended FY 2022-FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program.*

### **Revenue**

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Budget Revision #1 adds a total of \$284,100 to the adopted FY 2022-23 budget for consultant-supported transportation studies, broken down as follows.

- \$38,410 of Fund Balance
- \$147,280 of U.S. DOT Funds
- \$80,000 of U.S. DOT– FY 23 Additional Funds
- \$18,410 of CTDOT Funds

### **Expenses**

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Budget Revision #1 includes the following changes.

- Transportation Consultants increases by \$284,100.

Actual line item revisions are on the following page, followed by a resolution authorizing Budget Revision #1.

**FY 2022-23 Budget Revision # 1**

<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
<b>Municipal Contribution</b>			
Municipal Contribution - Dues	193,900		193,900
Municipal Contribution - Special Projects	2,827		2,827
Fund Balance	40,361	38,410	78,771
Designated Fund Balance*	30,423		30,423
<b>Transportation Planning</b>			
U.S. DOT	1,022,354	147,280	1,169,634
U.S. DOT - FY 23 Additional	0	80,000	80,000
U.S. DOT - Carryover	270,000		270,000
CTDOT	127,794	18,410	146,204
CTDOT - Carryover	33,750		33,750
CTDOT - LOTCIP	203,611		203,611
<b>Regional Planning</b>			-
CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)	573,101		573,101
CT Secretary of the State - Regional Election Monitor	3,691		3,691
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - CARES Act Funds	341,226		341,226
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - 4CT Funds	16,780		16,780
CIRCA - ResilientCT Grant	15,139		15,139
Federal Emergency Management Agency	108,000		108,000
<b>Other</b>			-
Investment Income	2,000		2,000
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	6,600		6,600
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,991,556</b>	<b>284,100</b>	<b>3,275,656</b>

\*as created by SCRCOG Board Resolution on January 26, 2022

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Current Budget</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Revised Budget</b>
Salaries	643,288		643,288
Benefits	271,355		271,355
Travel	7,900		7,900
Computer Supplies & Software	22,600		22,600
Rent	114,500		114,500
General Office Expenses	79,702		79,702
Transportation Consultants	794,500	284,100	1,078,600
Other Consultants	523,700		523,700
Contingency	-		-
Transportation - Reserved	193,589		193,589
LOTCIP - Reserved	161,449		161,449
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved	178,973		178,973
Hazard Mitigation - Reserved	0		-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,991,556</b>	<b>284,100</b>	<b>3,275,656</b>

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***Resolution***

**South Central Regional Council of Governments**

**Fiscal Year 2022-23 - Budget Revision # 1**

Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments adopted an operating budget for FY 2022-23 on May 25, 2022; and

Whereas: The SCRCOG Board, at its July 27, 2022 meeting, amended the FY 2022 - FY 2023 United Planning Work Program to add \$284,100 of consultant-supported work, and associated revenue, in Fiscal Year 2023.

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

That Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Revision # 1, which adds \$284,100 of revenue to the adopted SCRCOG Budget in order to align the SCRCOG Budget with the amended FY 2022 – FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program, 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 July 27, 2022.

Date: July 27, 2022

By:

First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, *Secretary*  
South Central Regional Council of Governments

## **Transportation Planning Work Program**

### **Unified Planning Work Program**

**Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023**

*July 2021 - June 2022*

*July 2022 - June 2023*

*Adopted 5-26-21 Amended 1-26-22, 3-23-22, 4-27-22 7-13-22,*



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## ***Introduction***

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The South Central Connecticut Region includes the entire corporate limits of the fifteen municipalities in the Greater New Haven area - Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge. The Region is a Council of Governments, as permitted by the Connecticut General Statutes, with each municipality represented by its chief elected official. The Council meets monthly to act on regional business and oversee the transportation activities of the Region. Recommendations concerning transportation actions are forwarded to the Council from the Transportation Committee, consisting of six members of the Council, and the Transportation Technical Committee, which includes an appointed staff person from each municipality. These two committees meet jointly each month to recommend actions for consideration by the Council on transportation matters.

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is adopted in accord with federal code (23CFR Part 450.308) and governs the transportation planning activities of the Region. These planning activities include planning partners at the federal level of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and, at the state level, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT).

This UPWP utilizes, builds upon, and continues the required transportation planning activities from previous UPWPs. Specific consultant-supported projects that are continued from previous UPWPs are noted hereafter.

It is noted that the FY 23 activities shown herein are subject to SCRCOG approval of the SCRCOG FY 23 budget and may be adjusted after funding levels are confirmed.

## ***Key Issues for the 2022 and 2023 Program Years***

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### **Responding to the Goals of FAST Act**

The Federal transportation act, Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST), identifies ten (10) planning factors that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), such as the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG), must consider in their Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP). These general planning goals are:

1. **Economic Vitality** – Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency;
2. **Safety** – Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;
3. **Security** – Increase the security of the transportation system for motorized and non-motorized users;

4. **Environment** – Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns;
5. **System Integration** – Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight;
6. **System Accessibility and Mobility** – Increase the accessibility and mobility for people and freight;
7. **System Management** – Promote efficient system management and operation;
8. **System Preservation** – Emphasize preservation of the existing transportation system;
9. **System Resiliency and Reliability** – Improve the resiliency and reliability while reducing or mitigating the stormwater impacts of surface transportation, and;
10. **Travel and Tourism** – Promote and enhance travel and tourism.

Responding to State and Federal guidelines, SCRCOG completed, in May 2019, an update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The MTP incorporates all responses to outreach and establishes regional goals. The update of the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) was completed in the spring of 2018. The SCRCOG POCD suggests strategies for future actions in the Region.

Safety of our transportation network is an important concern and a key consideration in the selection and prioritization of future projects. The Connecticut Strategic Highway Safety Plan provides a framework for increasing highway safety.

Mobility of the region's population is another key goal of any transportation solution. The proposed work program elements respond to the planning goals noted above.

Travel and tourism as a planning goal allows SCRCOG to work with REX Development. REX currently provides travel and tourism promotion for the region. Working with REX, SCRCOG can meet this planning goal.

SCRCOG's FY 2022 and FY 2023 UPWP addresses major regional transportation issues and opportunities through a combination of regional staff effort, consultant support and coordination with CTDOT and the related staff work at our member cities and towns.

This UPWP summarizes ongoing staff work, such as inter-agency coordination, analysis and utilization of the latest available census and demographic data, data monitoring, modeling and outreach, as well as special projects to be conducted during the coming fiscal year. The FY 2022 and FY 2023 UPWP utilizes and builds upon previous year activities.

For each of these tasks, the following sections of the UPWP identify objectives, and major activities for the FY 2022 and FY 2023 work program. Products, such as technical memoranda, final reports or other documentation are also noted, and the anticipated schedule for major work

tasks is identified. Maintaining a balanced, multi-modal transportation program is a critical element in meeting State and Federal planning guidelines.

The FY 2022 and FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program consists of five work tasks:

**Task 1: Management of the Planning Process - Program Administration**

**Task 2: Data Collection/Analysis - Monitoring and Projections**

**Task 3: Planning Activities**

**Task 4: Other Technical Assistance**

**Task 5: Public Participation**

***Work Program Highlights - FY 2022***

<b>Program Element/Study</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Consultant Support</b>
Region-wide Pavement Management System Refresher Training	Provide refresher training in utilization of pavement management programs previously provided to member municipalities needed due to numerous staff changes	\$23,000
*Town of Woodbridge Business Connectivity Study	Review current conditions and limitations and provide recommendations, concept plans and cost estimates for improved connectivity and circulation, with a particular focus on cyclists and pedestrians, in the Village area, including Selden Plaza and the Commercial Park.	\$25,000
City of New Haven	Continuation and Conclusion of Fountain Street Study	\$50,000
*City of West Haven Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan	Creation of a City-wide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan coordinated with other City Plans and with emphasis on intermodal connections and addressing all areas of the City.	\$25,000
GIS Viewer Maintenance and Hosting	Provide annual services to maintain GIS system	***\$25,000

*Town of Wallingford Northrup Road Study	Prepare alternatives assessment for roadway improvements between Barnes Road and North Farms Road/Murdock Ave, including horizontal and vertical geometry, roadway widths Provide conceptual plans and a probable construction cost estimate for the preferred alternative	\$40,000
*Town of Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluations	Evaluation, concept design safety improvements and recommendations with cost estimates for 21 at grade crossings on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail between Goodrich Street and Mt. Sanford Road.	\$35,000
*Travel and Tourism Enhancement	Utilize REX Development to further advance and promote travel and tourism in the region.	\$25,000
*City of Milford Feasibility Study	Feasibility Study for the connection of Plains Road to Oronoque Road including at-grade railroad crossing, identification of permits required and cost/benefit analysis	\$33,500
*City of Meriden CT Loop Trail	CT Loop Trail Connection study from Broad Street to the Middletown line in the vicinity of Westfield Road	\$32,400
Total		\$498,000

\* Expected to continue into FY23

\*\*\* Utilizes FY 19 Carryover federal funds

#### \*\*\*\*\*Work Program Highlights - FY 2023

Program Element/Study	Description	Consultant Support
City of New Haven Conditional Evaluation of Existing Structures	Inventory, documentation and evaluation of Traffic structures including span poles overhead sign poles and other similar structures	***\$87,500
**Town of Wallingford Northrup Road Study	Continuation of the alternatives assessment for roadway improvements between Barnes Road and North Farms Road/Murdock Ave, including horizontal and vertical geometry, roadway widths Provide conceptual plans and a probable construction cost estimate for the preferred alternative	\$40,000
**Town of Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluations	Continuation of the evaluation, concept design safety improvements and recommendations with cost estimates for 21 at grade crossings on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail between Goodrich Street and Mt. Sanford Road.	\$35,000
**Town of Woodbridge Business Connectivity Study	Continuation of review of current conditions and limitations and provide recommendations, concept plans and cost estimates for improved connectivity and circulation, with a particular focus on cyclists and pedestrians, in the Village area, including Selden Plaza and the Commercial Park.	***\$25,000

**City of Milford Feasibility Study	Continuation of the Feasibility Study for the connection of Plains Road to Oronoque Road including at-grade railroad crossing, identification of permits required and cost/benefit analysis	\$33,500
**City of Meriden CT Loop Trail	Continuation of the CT Loop Trail Connection study from Broad Street to the Middletown line in the vicinity of Westfield Road	\$75,600
**City of West Haven Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan	Continuation of City-wide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan coordinated with other City Plans and with emphasis on intermodal connections and addressing all areas of the City.	***\$25,000
Congestion Management Process	Additional data collection and implementation of CMP recommendations from previous study. Continued input to tie our CMP efforts with the Lower Connecticut River Valley COG as the two main areas of the New Haven TMA	\$65,000
City of New Haven One Way Two Way Conversion Study	Building upon 2014 Study, evaluate Church Street between George Street and Grove Street, York Street between Elm Street and George Street, and George Street between Church Street and York Street, along with a small portion of York Street between MLK Jr Blvd and George St..	\$222,000
Town of Hamden Complete Streets Route 10 Study	Existing conditions evaluation and recommendations for implementation of complete streets improvements on Route 10	\$55,000
Town of Hamden Dixwell Avenue and Whitney Avenue Intersection Roundabout Feasibility Study	Build upon previous discussions to determine feasibility of creation of a roundabout at this intersection to improve current level of service “F” with concept plans and preliminary cost estimates.	***\$50,000
**Travel and Tourism Enhancement	Utilize REX Development to further advance and promote travel and tourism in the region	***\$50,000
**GIS Viewer Maintenance and Hosting	Provide annual services to maintain GIS system	***\$25,000
Town of Branford Walkability/Sidewalk Study	Study to improve and expand the sidewalk transportation system within the Town to improve pedestrian safety and walkability, complete connections to key areas of Town and address ADA noncompliance areas including identifying or addressing the following within the Town: Missing connections between sidewalk sections, Areas of sidewalk deterioration requiring repairs or replacement, Enhance mobility within and connection to the Town Center Area and Train Station, Connections to Route 1, Connection to transit	***\$75,000

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stops, Areas of ADA compliance deficiency as compared to PROWAG criteria.

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Town of Madison Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety Improvements Study	Prepare concept plan and preliminary cost estimate for sidewalks, shared use paths and other bicycle-pedestrian safety improvements along Route 1, West Wharf Road and Surf Club Road between downtown and Surf Club. Evaluate existing conditions and identify issues affecting the design related to traffic, utilities, topography, soils, wetlands, right-of-way and permitting.	\$40,000
Public Participation Guidelines Update	The region's Public Participation guidelines will be revised to reflect current technologies and best practices for public outreach. Updates to this program will meet Title VI requirements and maximize efforts to engage the traditionally underserved and underrepresented groups.	\$50,000
****Regional Transportation Safety Plan Update	The Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) will be updated to reflect changes in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Municipal priorities will be reassessed based on current conditions. Having a current RTSP is a prerequisite to receiving SS4A funding.	\$100,000

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\*\* Continued from FY 22

\*\*\* Utilizes FY 19 Carryover federal funds

\*\*\*\* Utilizes FY23 Additional funds

\*\*\*\*\*All FY 23 consultant-supported work subject to the confirmation of funding and the approval of the SCRCOG FY 23 budget.

### ***Task 1: Management of the Planning Process – Program Administration***

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#### ***Objectives***

1. Schedule planning activities and allocate staff resources appropriately to conduct all identified UPWP work tasks in a timely and efficient manner.
2. Prepare and adopt a planning work program for the next fiscal period.
3. Ensure that expenditures are well documented and cost-effective.

#### ***Major 2022 and 2023 Activities***

##### ***Mid-Year FY 2022 Work Program Review***

Review and adjust the work program relative to emerging issues, opportunities and progress through the first six months.

*Review of FY 2023 Work Program*

Review and amend FY 2022 program in response to final funding levels and emerging requests from member municipalities. (February-May 2022)

*Prepare FY24 and FY 25 UPWP*

Preparation of FY24 and FY25 UPWP for adoption prior to start of FY 24. (February-May 2023)

*Certification*

Re-certification process was accomplished in FY 2021. Work with CTDOT, FHWA and FTA to document compliance with applicable federal standards and recertification requirements. For FY 2022 and FY 2023, annual self-certification will be approved by Council members (Mayors and First Selectmen) stating that the planning process is consistent with applicable federal regulations.

*Products/Reports*

- *Financial Control.* Maintain financial records and develop reports in accordance with USDOT and CTDOT regulations and guidance.
- *Quarterly Reports.* Develop quarterly narrative and financial status reports for funding agencies.
- *Annual Affirmative Action Plan.* Review and revise Affirmative Action Plan (February 2022 and February 2023).
- *Annual Audit.* Comprehensive audit of Council FY 2021 and FY 2022 revenue, expenditures and internal management practices (November 2021 and November 2022).

This task requires continuing activity throughout the years. Reporting milestones are noted above.

## ***Task 2: Data Collection/Analysis – Monitoring and Projections***

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### ***Objectives***

1. Provide a database for regional transportation planning in close coordination with Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) data developed for statewide needs.
2. Maintain, as appropriate, regional highway and transit databases as components of SCRCOG's regional travel demand model.
3. Coordinate data acquisition with CTDOT and member municipalities to ensure the utility and compatibility of data.

### ***Major 2022 and 2023 Activities***

#### ***Demand Modeling Database***

Maintain the region's travel demand model. Integrate new CTDOT traffic counts obtained through consultant supported work. Continue network maintenance for additions and changes to the roadway and transit systems.

#### ***Traffic Data Collection Program***

Continue major intersections counting program within the consultant supported project work to collect data at those intersections that are identified at the municipal level for evaluation of congestion and safety-related issues. As in the past, share the proposed counting program with municipalities and CTDOT's Office of Traffic Engineering and coordinate with other data collection programs at the state and local level.

#### ***Rail and Commuter Parking Lot Occupancy Survey***

Monitor late-morning occupancy (maximum occupancy) at New Haven's Union Station, at the West Haven and Milford Railroad Stations and at the Branford, Guilford and Madison Shore Line East stations as well as lots adjacent to I-95 and I-91 on a quarterly basis and publish data on the SCRCOG website.

#### ***Congestion Management and Monitoring***

SCRCOG staff will work with municipal staff to identify target areas for operations and management strategies (O&M) including development and implementation of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategies and technologies in the region, as well as Travel Demand Management (TDM). Consultant-supported work will include preparation of required reports. Staff will continue to cooperate with CTDOT on the six elements of the congestion management process (CMP): (1) Determining the CMP network in the Region, (2) defining congestion, identifying congested links, (3) developing strategies to address congested links, (4) implementing strategies: (5) short and (6) long term, and monitoring the network. Activities will focus on the recommendations from previous consultant supported studies and as per CTDOT guidance.

### *Geographic Information Systems (GIS)*

SCRCOG staff will continue to maintain and utilize our robust GIS system. The system is shared with our member municipalities. Recent data additions (FY18) have provided greater depth to the system data library.

### *Safety Monitoring*

Review safety data, goals, objectives and strategies to promote safety and solicit projects for participation in the CTDOT Local Accident Reduction Program. Work with CTDOT to further implementation of the Connecticut Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

### *Capital Expenditures Report*

Assist CTDOT with the Local Highway Finance Report (form FHWA-536) on capital expenditures on local roads.

### *Products*

- *Model Database Updates.*
- *Traffic Data Collection within consultant-supported work.*
- *Commuter Parking Lot Occupancy Data.*
- *Congestion Management Process review with CTDOT and recommendations.*

### *Schedule*

#### *Traffic Data Collection*

Any counting will occur with FY 2022 and FY 2023 consultant-supported projects.

#### *Rail and Commuter Parking Lot Occupancy Survey*

Quarterly rail and commuter parking lot occupancy data collection. (September and December 2021; March and June 2022, September and December 2022; March and June 2023).

#### *Congestion Monitoring*

Activities will occur over the fiscal years as recommended by previous studies and as per CTDOT and FHWA guidance.

This task requires continuing activity throughout the years. Reporting milestones are noted above.

### **Task 3: Transportation Planning Activities**

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#### ***Objectives***

1. Maintain a four-year Transportation Improvement Program reflecting current regional priorities, long-range regional objectives, and FAST Act transportation planning requirements. Adopt new TIP in accord with CTDOT timeframe. Accompany TIP actions with an air quality conformity statement, as appropriate, establishing relationships to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.
2. Facilitate public awareness of the adoption process for the TIP and STIP, and provide the opportunity for public comment on TIP-related actions at the SCRCOG level.
3. Develop transportation planning proposals and studies that are consistent with the goals identified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and FY2021-FY2024 TIPs and the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (prepared during FY 18), Connecticut's *Conservation and Development Policies Plan, 2013-2018* and any updates, state and local municipal economic development objectives and the region's economic development program. Adopt any new TIP as per CTDOT guidance
4. Develop recommended capital and operational improvements to enhance the existing transportation system, including consideration for the development and implementation of Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) improvements, advancing the use of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) strategies and technologies in the region, as well as Travel Demand Management measures.
5. Coordinate the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development with member municipalities.
6. Identify general direction for future SCRCOG work and offer member municipalities a range of options and experience gained from basic planning research.
7. Continue to work with the State of Connecticut Governor's Transit Oriented Development initiatives, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and other state agencies to plan transit improvements and provide support for transit oriented development (TOD) and affordable housing in the vicinity of existing and proposed transit corridors.
8. Continue coordinated planning to promote safety, livable communities and environmental sustainability.
9. Continue to advance programs for the preservation of the existing transportation system, including actions which maintain the transportation system in a "state of good repair".

10. Continue to meet FAST Act requirements, with the inclusion of performance measures as they are finalized.
11. Participate in any Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) that the Department is conducting.
12. Assist our member municipalities in developing projects and utilizing funds available under LOTCIP, TAP, CMAQ and other grant programs as available.
13. Work with CTDOT regarding electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects and programs.
14. Promote transportation system connectivity to include access to town/city/neighborhood centers and first/last mile connections.

### ***Major 2022 and 2023 Activities***

#### *Review of Land Use and Transportation Models*

SCRCOG staff will work with municipal staff to assess impacts of projected land uses on transportation in the Region. Land use decisions will be analyzed to assess and promote consistency with Long Range Transportation Plan and the State, Regional, and local Plans of Conservation and Development. Identification of major growth corridors and review of major transportation improvements will help frame preferred growth patterns including transit-oriented development (TOD) and smart growth initiatives. Help advance initiatives that reduce dependence on single occupancy vehicles and improve the region's air quality. Technical assistance will be provided to the Region's municipalities as requested. Staff will work to support State efforts to fund transit improvements and TOD through CTDOT projects. These include the West Haven train station related TOD, Union Station proposed TOD, pilot program TOD in Meriden as authorized by statute and other potential TOD proposals throughout the Region. These efforts, in coordination with other tasks outlined herein, will move the region towards the goal of safe, livable communities, and work towards environmental sustainability.

#### *Maintain FY2021-FY2024 TIP adopt TIP FY2024-FY2027*

Update as required the adopted four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is consistent with the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2019-2045 and state-defined financial constraints. Adopt and maintain FY2024-FY2027 TIP in accord with CTDOT timeline. Adopt TIP amendments as appropriate.

#### *Review and update Metropolitan Transportation Plan as necessary*

Review as necessary the Region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan to insure consistency with regional and state goals. Update as necessary through coordination with CTDOT and various other entities in accord with guidance and federal requirements.

### *Environmental Justice and Title VI*

Utilize 2020 Census data and latest available American Community Survey data to identify changes to EJ areas and evaluate impacts of plans and programs on these areas. Continue outreach and activities to meet the requirements of Title VI. Work with the Department to ensure Transportation Equity is observed throughout all phases of project development.

### *Surface Transportation Program*

Establish regional priorities with CTDOT to facilitate the annual statewide program development process. Maintain a multi-year program that balances priorities, costs, available funds and the progress of individual projects. Sustain a continuous interchange with municipalities advancing Surface Transportation Program and Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTCIP) projects on municipal roads per CTDOT guidelines. Continue Council monitoring of programmed work through monthly review. Continue programming consultation with regional planning organizations comprising the Bridgeport-Stamford and New Haven-Meriden urbanized areas.

### *Air Quality/ Environmental Planning*

Work with CTDOT to give consideration to the impacts of climate change and air quality on the transportation decision making process. Work with CTDOT to make the necessary air conformity determinations based upon CTDOT modeling.

### *FTA Section 5310 Outreach to Private Non-Profit Organizations and Local Public Bodies*

Share notice of an annual Section 5310 grant funding and help potential applicants advance proposals consistent with FTA and CTDOT guidelines (January 2022 and January 2023).

### *Local Transit Districts*

Continue cooperation with Greater New Haven Transit District and, periodically, the Meriden Transit District and the Milford Transit District. Cooperation provides feedback for the areawide planning and programming process.

### *Local Accident Reduction Program as applicable*

Prepare municipal local accident reduction program applications per annual state/regional outreach, emphasizing a state/federal pedestrian safety focus. Develop proposals with municipal staff, frame material for municipal review and advance proposals for Council review per longstanding practice (April 2022 and April 2023).

### *Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality*

As per CTDOT guidance, solicit proposals from the Region for ranking and forwarding to CTDOT for new congestion mitigation/air quality funding under the FAST Act.

### *Traffic Diversion Routes*

Continue review of previous individual municipal plans completed by CTDOT and implemented by the Region as they are impacted by new construction and roadway modifications.

### *Performance-based Planning*

Continue to transition to performance-based planning as required under the FAST Act. Review and adopt CTDOT goals and utilize these goals to guide planning and funding decisions.

### **FY 2022 Consultant Supported Activity**

Ten studies and activities will be conducted by consultants engaged by the Region. All consultant work will be undertaken in a manner consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Any studies undertaken by the Region that impact state transportation systems or highways will identify the role and/or assistance expected from CTDOT, including resources and outcome. It is the goal of the Region to accomplish these studies within FY22 unless noted otherwise.

*Pavement Management System Training* - Provide refresher training in utilization of pavement management programs previously provided to member municipalities needed due to numerous staff changes.

*Town of Woodbridge Business Connectivity Study\** – Study to review current conditions and limitations and provide recommendations, concept plans and cost estimates for improved connectivity and circulation, with a particular focus on cyclists and pedestrians, in the Village area, including Selden Plaza and the Commercial Park.

*City of West Haven Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan\** - Creation of a City-wide Bicycle Pedestrian Plan coordinated with other City Plans and with emphasis on intermodal connections and addressing all areas of the City.

*City of New Haven* – Continuation and conclusion of Fountain Street Corridor Study.

*GIS Viewer Maintenance and Hosting* – Provide annual services to maintain GIS system.

*Town of Wallingford Northrup Road Study\** - Prepare alternatives assessment for roadway improvements between Barnes Road and North Farms Road/Murdock Ave, including horizontal and vertical geometry, roadway widths, provide conceptual plans and a probable construction cost estimate for the preferred alternative

*Town of Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluations\** - Evaluation, concept design safety improvements and recommendations with cost estimates for 21 at grade crossings on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail between Goodrich Street and Mt. Sanford Road.

*Travel and Tourism Enhancement\** - Utilize REX Development to further advance and promote travel and tourism in the region.

*City of Milford Feasibility Study\** - Feasibility Study for the connection of Plains Road to Oronoque Road including at-grade railroad crossing, identification of permits required and cost/benefit analysis

*City of Meriden Loop Trail Connection Study\** – Study of potential connection of Connecticut Loop Trail from Broad Street to Middletown line in the vicinity of Westfield Road

\*This project to be continued into FY23.

### **FY 2023 Consultant Supported Activity**

Sixteen studies and activities will be conducted by consultants engaged by the Region. All consultant work will be undertaken in a manner consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Any studies undertaken by the Region that impact state transportation systems or highways will identify the role and/or assistance expected from CTDOT, including resources and outcome.

*Town of Wallingford Northrup Road Study\*\* - Prepare alternatives assessment for roadway improvements between Barnes Road and North Farms Road/Murdock Ave, including horizontal and vertical geometry, roadway widths, provide conceptual plans and a probable construction cost estimate for the preferred alternative*

*Town of Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluations\*\* - Evaluation, concept design safety improvements and recommendations with cost estimates for 21 at grade crossings on the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail between Goodrich Street and Mt. Sanford Road.*

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*Town of Woodbridge Business Connectivity Study\*\*– Study to review current conditions and limitations and provide recommendations, concept plans and cost estimates for improved connectivity and circulation, with a particular focus on cyclists and pedestrians, in the Village area, including Selden Plaza and the Commercial Park.*

*City of Meriden Loop Trail Connection Study\*\* – Study of potential connection of Connecticut Loop Trail from Broad Street to Middletown line in the vicinity of Westfield Road*

*City of New Haven One Way Two Way Conversion – Building upon 2014 Study, evaluate Church Street between George Street and Grove Street, York Street between Elm Street and George Street, and George Street between Church Street and York Street, along with a small portion of York Street between MLK Jr Blvd and George Street.*

*City of New Haven Conditional Evaluation of Existing Structures* - Inventory, documentation and evaluation of Traffic structures including span poles overhead sign poles and other similar structures.

*Congestion Management Process* – Additional data collection and implementation of CMP recommendations from previous studies. Continued input to tie our CMP efforts with Lower Conn River Valley COG as the two main areas of the New Haven TMA.

*Town of Hamden Complete Streets Route 10 Study* - Existing conditions evaluation and recommendations for implementation of complete streets improvements on Route 10.

*Town of Hamden Dixwell Avenue and Whitney Avenue Intersection Roundabout Feasibility Study* - Build upon previous discussions to determine feasibility of creation of a roundabout at this intersection to improve current level of service “F” with concept plans and preliminary cost estimates.

*Travel and Tourism Enhancement\*\** - Utilize REX Development to further advance and promote travel and tourism in the region.

*GIS Viewer Maintenance and Hosting\*\** – Provide annual services to maintain GIS system.

*Town of Branford Walkability/Sidewalk Study* - Study to improve and expand the sidewalk transportation system within the Town to improve pedestrian safety and walkability, complete connections to key areas of Town and address ADA noncompliance areas including identifying or addressing the following within the Town: Missing connections between sidewalk sections, Areas of sidewalk deterioration requiring repairs or replacement, Enhance mobility within and connection to the Town Center Area and Train Station, Connections to Route 1, Connection to transit stops, Areas of ADA compliance deficiency as compared to PROWAG criteria.

*Town of Madison Bicycle-Pedestrian Safety Improvements Study* - Prepare concept plan and preliminary cost estimate for sidewalks, shared use paths and other bicycle-pedestrian safety improvements along Route 1, West Wharf Road and Surf Club Road between downtown and Surf Club. Evaluate existing conditions and identify issues affecting the design related to traffic, utilities, topography, soils, wetlands, right-of-way and permitting.

*Public Participation Guidelines* update - The region’s guidelines will be revised to reflect current technologies and best practices for public outreach. Updates to this program will meet Title VI requirements and maximize efforts to engage the traditionally underserved and underrepresented groups.

*Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) Update* - The RTSP will be updated to reflect changes in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Municipal priorities will be reassessed based on current conditions. Having a current RTSP is a prerequisite to receiving SS4A funding.

\*\* This project continued from FY22.

### ***Other Planning Activities***

#### ***Locally Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (LOCHSTP)***

This requirement is the planning element under which SCRCOG will continue to coordinate transit services to provide for the basic mobility needs of the Region's elderly and disabled under the Section 5310 program, Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities. In 2014, the Region established a Mobility Management Program and engaged a Mobility Ombudsman to facilitate outreach to potential users, service providers and municipalities to identify service gaps and needs. CTDOT has assumed responsibility for the Mobility Manager. During FY 2022 and FY 2023, staff will continue outreach to service providers and CTDOT and work with them to implement service priorities.

#### ***Municipal Assistance***

SCRCOG will assist its member municipalities in ongoing programs such as STP-Urban, CMAQ, TAP, LOTCIP, and other appropriate programs. The assistance shall include information dissemination, assistance in application preparation, screening and prioritization as necessary.

#### ***Transit Planning***

Most day-to-day operational planning for the transit systems in the South Central region is done at the individual agency level (i.e. by Greater New Haven Transit District, CTTransit, Milford Transit District and Meriden Transit District). SCRCOG staff play a role in coordinating programs among these operators, assessing demographic and land use policies that will impact the viability of transit services, and identifying new opportunities for transit service outside the existing route network and service areas. Staff cooperates with transit providers in the region. Initiatives that increase transit usage and reduce the usage of single occupancy vehicles and contribute to improving air quality in the region will be prioritized. It is anticipated that the recommendations of the completed *Move New Haven Study* will be utilized to form additional future initiatives.

#### ***Environmental Planning***

As necessary, SCRCOG's studies and planning efforts will coordinate and participate in any requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act.

#### ***Freight Planning***

Planning for more efficient truck freight movement and reducing the impacts of existing truck trips on adjacent residential areas has been a key element of previous UPWP studies. SCRCOG staff will continue to monitor freight movement trends in the region and identify opportunities for improved movements and efficiencies which will also reduce the impacts of all modes of goods movement on the air quality in the region.

Staff will work with CTDOT on the state freight plan and assist the Department identifying bottlenecks, needed improvements and estimated costs to improve freight movement into and through the region, the state, and surrounding states.

Staff will work with CTDOT to maintain the list of freight stakeholders and operators in the region, as well as GIS data on freight-related land uses and stakeholders and major generators. As known, staff will maintain a multi-modal list of freight movement constraints. Staff will also work with CTDOT on the difficult issue of providing sufficient truck parking opportunities. As appropriate, outreach to freight stakeholders will be made under the Public Participation Guidelines.

Other freight-related staff activities will focus on evaluation of intermodal issues relating to the Port of New Haven and potential expanded utilization, assisting, as appropriate, the City of New Haven and the Port Authority of New Haven with their evaluation of site and development alternatives for the proposed intermodal terminals at the Port. Staff will continue to work with municipalities and the State to maximize future intermodal opportunities as they develop throughout the Region.

Improvements to track connections in the vicinity of the Port of New Haven completed with the cooperation of the property owners allow direct connection between the port area and the mainline rail network. This connection substantially enhances the economics of intermodal freight shipment and will provide strong economic development benefits to the region.

The City of New Haven and the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority have moved forward with a public/private partnership aimed at leveraging private investment to attract commercial passenger flight at Tweed. This project will entail construction of a new passenger terminal and various upgrades to infrastructure. SCRCOG will work in partnership with East Haven, New Haven and the Airport Authority to implement the community benefits, resiliency and regional economic goals of Tweed New Haven Airport.

Staff, in accord with CTDOT, will:

- Maintain a list of freight stakeholders within the COG boundaries.
- Maintain a list of the major freight generators.
- Maintain a GIS file of the above.
- Provide GIS data, as requested, for freight supportive land uses.
- Maintain a list of system constraints for freight movement.
- Seek to identify opportunities for truck parking locations.

#### *Operations and Management Strategies*

SCRCOG staff will continue to review State ITS Architecture refinements, and will ensure coordination with regional and local plans. Many of the study efforts outlined above are focused on alleviating traffic congestion and thereby improving air quality through enhanced operation and utilization of existing transportation highway and transit system assets.

#### *Safety Activities*

SCRCOG staff will continue to work with CTDOT, member municipalities and other regional entities to advance safety programs and activities in the region. SCRCOG will participate in the implementation of CTDOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan and incorporate its recommendations into regional plans and activities. SCRCOG has partnered with CTDOT as an

urban model in the development of a regional transportation safety plan. Difficulties with the emphasis of the plan have resulted in the plan remaining a draft. SCRCOG looks to CTDOT for input to address the concerns. After potential adoption, SCRCOG will consult with CTDOT on updates.

#### *Complete Streets*

Consider the needs of all users of all abilities or mode to provide a comprehensive, integrated and connected multi-modal network of transportation options.

#### *Climate Change and Resiliency*

Work in cooperation with CTDOT and other state and local agencies to improve transportation system resiliency in the face of climate change, sea level rise and severe storms. Support CTDOT's climate change and resiliency planning efforts. SCRCOG's other climate change, coastal resilience, and hazard mitigation efforts in conjunction with additional partners will further regional planning efforts and identify potential opportunities for improving transportation resiliency.

#### *Transition to Performance Based Planning and Programming*

As federal and state standards required under FAST Act are finalized and adopted, SCRCOG staff will work to develop and implement a performance management approach to transportation planning and programming that supports the achievement of transportation system performance outcomes. To date, SCRCOG has adopted all CTDOT proposed goals and expects to continue those endorsements during the term of this UPWP.

#### *Models of Regional Planning*

SCRCOG coordinates with Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments, the other major planning region sharing our urban area. In addition, our participation in the Connecticut Association of Councils of Governments (CTCOG), as well as numerous staff contacts, keeps us in contact and cooperation with not only the other neighboring Councils, but the entire state regional planning community. We will continue to build upon this strong base of cooperation and collaboration.

#### *Ladders of Opportunity*

SCRCOG staff continue to look for means to identify and address transportation connectivity issues. Our previous Transit Study, our commencement of a Mobility Manager Service for elderly and persons with disabilities, and our Jobs Access Study, produced in cooperation with the local NAACP chapter and the Workforce Alliance, among other partners, are examples of the region's commitment to identifying and working to address transportation connectivity issues. These efforts will continue during FY2020 and FY2021.

#### *Products*

- *FY2021-2024 TIP.* Maintain the four-year Transportation Improvement Program and adopt amendments as appropriate throughout the fiscal year.

- *Adopt FY2024-FY2027 TIP.* Coordinate with CTDOT to adopt and, after adopted, maintain and adopt amendments as appropriate.
- *Local Accident Reduction Program or as amended.* Prepare applications, as appropriate, for CTDOT review in association with interested municipalities (April 2022 and April 2023).
- *FTA Section 5310 Program Priorities.* Review and approval of grants, in conjunction with CTDOT (April 2022 and April 2023).
- *Potential regional transportation safety plan* (Awaiting CTDOT answers to SCRCOG concerns).

This task requires continuing activity throughout the years. Reporting milestones are noted above.

#### ***Task 4: Other Technical Assistance***

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##### ***Objective***

1. Coordination with Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) on emergency response planning and transportation security.
2. Provide technical assistance and coordination with Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program participants and CTDOT concerning applications for funding.
3. Provide assistance to new transit station development in the Region, including transit oriented development (TOD) for New Haven, West Haven, North Haven, Branford, Madison, Guilford, Orange, Wallingford, Meriden, and Milford.
4. Work with REX Development to ensure continued regional economic vitality.

##### ***Major 2022 and 2023 Activities***

###### *Coordination with DEMHS*

Continue attendance by staff at DEMHS regional meetings to work with DEMHS and municipal staff on emergency response planning and implementation. Review of DEMHS communications and plans to insure integration with other regional initiatives.

###### *Security of the Transportation System*

Work with DEMHS Region 2 Regional Emergency Preparedness Team Steering Committee to review and offer recommendations on security. The Transportation Regional Emergency Support Function provides an annual SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis to help improve regional transportation function and security.

###### *Transit Stations and TOD*

Work with interested municipalities, CTDOT, local legislators and residents to help promote transit and TOD opportunities to increase mobility, improve transportation options, promote economic vitality, and encourage the linking of transportation and land use decisions.

### *REX Development*

Promote regional economic vitality through representation on the REX Board. Chief Elected Officials serve on the REX Board, which identifies regional economic opportunities. Continued Board membership and participation, with periodic reports to the Council, will help promote economic vitality and opportunities. REX serves as the regional coordinator of brownfields funds, utilizing these opportunities to encourage adaptive reuse of brownfields sites to contribute to the improved economic environment of the region.

This task requires continuing activity throughout the years.

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## ***Task 5: Public Participation***

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### ***Objectives***

1. Facilitate a timely flow of information to interested individuals and organizations through media outreach and our agency website.
2. Provide a focus for public input relative to the region's Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program and other key products by elected officials, any interested citizens, and specifically by minority, low-income and non-English speaking communities.
3. Solicit public interest for each of our regional planning and transportation studies and for the SCRCOG decision-making process in general. Ensure that outreach, review and project definition respond to USDOT/CTDOT Environmental Justice requirements contained in the FAST federal transportation act and federal planning regulations, utilizing latest available census and demographic data.
4. Share technical material with professionals, elected officials and the public at appropriate times as major study efforts progress.

### ***Major 2022 and 2023 Activities***

The Council of Governments will continue its commitment to public outreach through a wide range of outlets:

#### *Annual Report*

SCRCOG's annual report will be made available at the conclusion of each fiscal year.

#### *Media Coverage*

The Transportation Committee agenda notification process includes over thirty area media organizations. Meeting notices for Transportation Committee/Council actions and SCRCOG publications will be regularly shared with a wide range of print and broadcast media including

the *New Haven Register*, the *Connecticut Post*, the *Meriden Record-Journal*, *La Voz Hispana* and other local (non-daily) newspapers in the region, and radio and television news departments.

#### *Transportation Committee and Technical Transportation Committee*

The Region's Transportation Committee (chief elected officials) and Transportation Technical Committee (municipal staff), meeting together monthly, will continue to interact with CTDOT personnel, federal staff and other interested parties. The committees advance programming and planning proposals to the Council as a whole. Over 100 organizations and individuals, including advocacy organizations, environmental groups, social services organizations, and transit operators, will be notified of committee meetings by email. Notice of meetings is also provided on the SCRCOG website. Council-adopted *Public Participation Guidelines* clearly identify the Council's commitment to broad, ongoing participation, and highlight the avenues for public input in the transportation planning process.

#### *Public Meetings*

- Quarterly Greater New Haven Transit District meetings and periodic attendance at meetings of the Milford and Meriden transit districts to facilitate planning and programming activities.
- REX Development, the region's non-profit economic development organization, was established jointly by SCRCOG and the private sector. Chief Elected Officials serve on the REX Board.
- Regional Alliance work sessions. The fourteen-year-old Alliance brings a broad array of regionally oriented organizations together to share experience, initiatives and ideas in the educational, social service, economic development, land use and transportation fields.
- Regional Chambers of Commerce – Municipal Economic Development Directors from the region meet with SCRCOG staff periodically to address business-related transportation issues.

#### *Council of Governments Meetings*

Monthly Council meetings (chief elected officials) provide opportunities to review the status of major planning and programming efforts, gain further guidance from chief elected officials and take formal Council TIP actions.

#### *SCRCOG Web Site*

The agency website provides ready access to Council meeting agendas, reports and memos including *Public Participation Guidelines*, the UPWP, the TIP and proposed TIP amendments, and *South Central Regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2019-2045*. Links to CTDOT, municipalities, data sources and transit/transportation sites are also included on the website.

### *Public Participation Guidelines*

SCRCOG *Public Participation Guidelines* outline broad public involvement. Ongoing public participation confirms their effectiveness.

### *Evaluation of Effectiveness*

Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Region's public outreach is an ongoing process. Staff continually reviews the attendance at SCRCOG and Transportation Committee meetings, as well as at public meetings held as part of consultant supported work. This review indicates that the outreach is working and involving the community and interested parties. Hits on the SCRCOG website indicate a high level of interest in our activities. Staff attendance at public meetings of regional and state organizations and civic groups, and reports back to our members, provide involvement in the region and important communication both within and beyond the Region. This high level of involvement and communication is indicative of the Region's ongoing commitment to effective public outreach.

Efforts will focus on enhanced public awareness and understanding the region's transportation needs. In FY 2022 and FY 2023, public outreach will continue to emphasize the implementation of the Regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, working toward solutions involving policies such as smart growth, non-vehicular transportation, and context-sensitive design solutions. Chief elected officials and SCRCOG staff will continue to participate in the organizations as noted above.

Public outreach will include opportunities for public input on the FY2022 and FY 2023 Consultant supported activity and CTDOT transit improvements.

This task requires continuing activity throughout the years. Reporting milestones are noted above.

## Appendix A

### **Unified Planning Work Program**

#### **Financial Tables – Fiscal Years 22 and 23\***

**\*All FY 23 activities subject to the confirmation of funding and the approval of the SCRCOG FY 23 budget.**

*Table 1*

**Fiscal Year 2022 - Anticipated Revenues**

	<i>Federal</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>FHWA &amp; FTA</i>	875,074	109,384	109,384	1,093,842
<i>FY 2019 Carryover</i>	20,000	2,500	2,500	25,000
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>895,074</b>	<b>111,884</b>	<b>111,884</b>	<b>1,118,842</b>

*Table 2*

**Fiscal Year 2022 - Planning Costs by Task**

	<i>Federal</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Management of the Planning Process</i>	61,191	7,649	7,649	76,489
<i>Transportation Planning Activities</i>	305,423	38,178	38,178	381,779
<i>Data Collection / Analysis</i>	14,679	1,835	1,835	18,349
<i>Planning Projects</i>	400,978	50,122	50,122	501,222
<i>Public Participation</i>	112,805	14,101	14,101	141,007
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>895,074</b>	<b>111,884</b>	<b>111,884</b>	<b>1,118,842</b>

*Table 3*

**Fiscal Year 2022 - Direct Salaries by Task - Hours & Cost (Hourly Rate) <sup>1</sup>**

	Personnel Costs by Task									
	Ex. Dir.		Trans. Dir.		Planners		Field		Total	
	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost
<i>Management of the Planning Process</i>	300	21,538	100	5,754	100	4,869	0	0	500	32,161
<i>Transportation Planning Activities</i>	345	24,768	250	14,388	3,600	120,134	0	0	4,195	159,290
<i>Data Collection / Analysis</i>	0	0	0	0	150	6,132	50	900	200	7,032
<i>Planning Projects</i>	100	7,179	1,050	60,431	300	10,628	0	0	1,450	78,239
<i>Public Participation</i>	55	3,949	100	5,755	1,100	48,844	0	0	1,255	58,548
<b>Total</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>57,434</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>86,329</b>	<b>5,250</b>	<b>190,608</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>7,600</b>	<b>335,271</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Table 15 for FY 2022 maximum hourly rates

General Classification duties – Executive Director - Oversees agency operations, administers planning program, financial oversight, oversees status of UPWP, reports to SCRCOG Board on agency operations and progress. Transportation Director - administers transportation planning, works with municipalities, FHWA and CTDOT staff to facilitate transportation planning, oversees consultants, prepares necessary planning documents. Planners - duties include financial administration, budget oversight, transportation document preparation, coordination of transportation planning and land use, sustainability, economic vitality, environmental concerns, management and utilization of GIS database for transportation planning, coordination of transportation system integration, management and preservation, data acquisition and utilization. Field - Acquisition of parking occupancy data and other data acquisition.

*Table 4*

**Fiscal Year 2022 - Total Labor by Task - Salaries & Overhead Applied <sup>1</sup>**

	Labor Costs by Task				
	Ex. Dir.	Trans. Dir.	Planners	Field	Total
<i>Management of the Planning Process</i>	50,989	13,623	11,528	0	76,139
<i>Transportation Planning Activities</i>	58,637	34,063	284,404	0	377,104
<i>Data Collection / Analysis</i>	0	0	14,518	2,131	16,648
<i>Planning Projects</i>	16,996	143,064	25,161	0	185,222
<i>Public Participation</i>	9,348	13,625	115,633	0	138,607
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,969</b>	<b>204,375</b>	<b>451,244</b>	<b>2,131</b>	<b>793,720</b>

1. Estimated overhead rate @ 1.3674

*Table 5*

**Fiscal Year 2022 - Direct Expenditures by Task**

	Direct Expenditures by Task					<i>Total</i>
	<i>Print &amp; Repro</i>	<i>Travel</i>	<i>Data Proc</i>	<i>Consult</i>	<i>Misc <sup>1</sup></i>	
<i>Management of the Planning Process</i>	0	100	0	0	250	350
<i>Transportation Planning Activities</i>	775	2,300	0	0	1,600	4,675
<i>Data Collection / Analysis</i>	0	200	1,500	0	0	1,700
<i>Planning Projects</i>	0	200	0	313,900	1,900	316,000
<i>Public Participation</i>	500	100	0	0	1,800	2,400
 <b>Total</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>313,900</b>	<b>5,550</b>	<b>325,125</b>

1. Miscellaneous expenses include technical training & support, technical publications, and advertising expenses.

*Table 6*

**Fiscal Year 2022 - Planning Projects with Consultant Assistance**

<i>FY 22 Funds</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>FY 19 Carryover Funds</i>	<i>Cost</i>
<i>Region-wide Pavement Management System Training</i>	23,000	<i>GIS Viewer Maintenance and Hosting</i>	25,000
<i>West Haven Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan</i>	25,000		
<i>Wallingford Northrup Road Study</i>	40,000		
<i>Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluations</i>	35,000		
<i>Milford Feasibility Study</i>	33,500		
<i>Meriden CT Loop Trail Connection Study</i>	32,400		
<i>Travel and Tourism Enhancement</i>	25,000		
<i>Woodbridge Business Connectivity Study</i>	25,000		
<i>New Haven Continuation of Fountain St. Study</i>	50,000		
 <b>Total</b>	<b>288,900</b>	 <b>Total</b>	<b>25,000</b>

**Table 7**  
**Fiscal Year 2022 - Total UPWP Program Cost**

	Cost
<i>SCRCOG Salaries</i>	335,271
<i>Overhead - Indirect Applied (1.3674)</i>	458,449
<i>Print &amp; Reproductions</i>	1,275
<i>Travel</i>	2,900
<i>Data Processing</i>	1,500
<i>Consultants - FY 22 Funds</i>	288,900
<i>Consultants - FY 19 Carryover Funds</i>	25,000
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	5,550
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,118,842</b>

**Table 8**  
**Fiscal Year 2023 - Anticipated Revenues**

	<i>Federal</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>FHWA &amp; FTA</i>	1,169,634	146,204	146,204	1,462,042
<i>FY 2019 Carryover</i>	270,000	33,750	33,750	337,500
<i>FY 23 Additional</i>	80,000	0	20,000	100,000
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>1,519,634</b>	<b>179,954</b>	<b>199,954</b>	<b>1,899,542</b>

**Table 9**  
**Fiscal Year 2023 - Planning Costs by Task**

	<i>Federal</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Local</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Management of the Planning Process</i>	64,196	8,024	8,024	80,244
<i>Transportation Planning Activities</i>	321,148	40,144	40,144	401,436
<i>Data Collection / Analysis</i>	15,453	1,932	1,932	19,317
<i>Planning Projects</i>	1,000,342	115,041	135,042	1,250,425
<i>Public Participation</i>	118,493	14,812	14,812	148,117
<b><i>Total</i></b>	<b>1,519,634</b>	<b>179,954</b>	<b>199,954</b>	<b>1,899,542</b>

*Table 10*

**Fiscal Year 2023 - Direct Salaries by Task - Hours & Cost (Hourly Rate) <sup>1</sup>**

	Personnel Costs by Task									
	Ex. Dir.		Trans. Dir.		Planners		Field		Total	
	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost
<i>Management of the Planning Process</i>	307	22,591	102	6,017	102	5,090	0	0	511	33,698
<i>Transportation Planning Activities</i>	353	25,976	256	15,102	3,689	126,193	0	0	4,298	167,271
<i>Data Collection / Analysis</i>	0	0	0	0	153	6,411	51	941	204	7,352
<i>Planning Projects</i>	102	7,506	1,076	63,476	307	11,143	0	0	1,485	82,125
<i>Public Participation</i>	56	4,121	102	6,017	1,127	51,296	0	0	1,285	61,435
<b>Total</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>60,194</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>90,612</b>	<b>5,378</b>	<b>200,134</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>7,783</b>	<b>351,881</b>

<sup>1</sup> See Table 16 for FY 2023 maximum hourly rates

General Classification duties – Executive Director - Oversees agency operations, administers planning program, financial oversight, oversees status of UPWP, reports to SCRCOG Board on agency operations and progress. Transportation Director - administers transportation planning, works with municipalities, FHWA and CTDOT staff to facilitate transportation planning, oversees consultants, prepares necessary planning documents. Planners - duties include financial administration, budget oversight, transportation document preparation, coordination of transportation planning and land use, sustainability, economic vitality, environmental concerns, management and utilization of GIS database for transportation planning, coordination of transportation system integration, management and preservation, data acquisition and utilization. Field - Acquisition of parking occupancy data and other data acquisition.

*Table 11*

**Fiscal Year 2023 - Total Labor by Task - Salaries & Overhead Applied <sup>1</sup>**

	Labor Costs by Task				
	Ex. Dir.	Trans. Dir.	Planners	Field	Total
<i>Management of the Planning Process</i>	53,483	14,245	12,050	0	79,777
<i>Transportation Planning Activities</i>	61,496	35,752	298,749	0	395,997
<i>Data Collection / Analysis</i>	0	0	15,178	2,228	17,406
<i>Planning Projects</i>	17,769	150,272	26,381	0	194,422
<i>Public Participation</i>	9,756	14,245	121,439	0	145,440
<b>Total</b>	<b>142,504</b>	<b>214,515</b>	<b>473,796</b>	<b>2,228</b>	<b>833,043</b>

1. Estimated overhead rate @ 1.3674

**Table 12**

**Fiscal Year 2023 - Direct Expenditures by Task**

	Direct Expenditures by Task					
	Print & Repro	Travel	Data Proc	Consult	Misc <sup>1</sup>	Total
<i>Management of the Planning Process</i>	0	105	0	0	363	468
<i>Transportation Planning Activities</i>	831	2,415	0	0	2,192	5,438
<i>Data Collection / Analysis</i>	0	210	1,700	0	0	1,910
<i>Planning Projects</i>	0	210	0	1,053,600	2,195	1,056,005
<i>Public Participation</i>	525	105	0	0	2,046	2,676
 <b>Total</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>1,700</b>	<b>1,053,600</b>	<b>6,796</b>	<b>1,066,496</b>

1. Miscellaneous expenses include technical training & support, technical publications, and advertising expenses.

**Table 13**

**Fiscal Year 2023 - Planning Projects with Consultant Assistance**

FY 23 Funds	Cost	FY 19 Carryover Funds	Cost
<i>New Haven 1-Way 2-Way Conversion Study</i>	222,000	<i>Travel and Tourism Enhancement</i>	50,000
<i>Hamden Complete Streets Route 10 Study</i>	55,000	<i>Hamden Dixwell Ave. and Whitney Ave. Intersec<i>1</i></i>	50,000
<i>Madison Bicycle-Ped. Safety Improvements Study</i>	40,000	<i>Branford Walkability/Sidewalk Study</i>	75,000
<i>Public Participation Guidelines Update</i>	50,000	<i>Woodbridge Business Connectivity Study</i>	25,000
<i>Congestion Management Process</i>	65,000	<i>West Haven Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan</i>	25,000
<i>Wallingford Northrup Road Study</i>	40,000	<i>GIS Viewer Maintenance and Hosting</i>	25,000
<i>Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluations</i>	35,000	<i>New Haven Conditional Eval. of Existing Structu</i>	87,500
<i>Milford Feasibility Study</i>	33,500		
<i>Meriden CT Loop Trail Connection Study</i>	75,600		
 <b>Total</b>	<b>616,100</b>	 <b>FY23 Additional Funds</b>	
		<i>Regional Safety Plan Update</i>	100,000
		 <b>Total</b>	<b>437,500</b>

**Table 14**  
**Fiscal Year 2023 - Total UPWP Program Cost**

	Cost
<i>SCRCOG Salaries</i>	351,881
<i>Overhead - Indirect Applied (1.3674)</i>	481,165
<i>Print &amp; Reproductions</i>	1,356
<i>Travel</i>	3,045
<i>Data Processing</i>	1,700
<i>Consultants - FY 23 Funds</i>	616,100
<i>Consultants - FY 19 Carryover Funds</i>	337,500
<i>Consultants - FY 23 Carryover Funds</i>	100,000
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	6,796
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,899,542</b>
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**Table 15**  
**Fiscal Year 2022 - Job Titles and Maximum Hourly Rates**

<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Maximum Hourly Rate</i>
<i>Executive Director</i>	\$ 75.00
<i>Transportation Director</i>	\$ 60.00
<i>Planner</i>	\$ 50.00
<i>Field Personnel</i>	\$ 18.00

**Table 16**  
**Fiscal Year 2023 - Job Titles and Maximum Hourly Rates**

<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Maximum Hourly Rate</i>
<i>Executive Director</i>	\$ 75.00
<i>Transportation Director</i>	\$ 60.00
<i>Planner</i>	\$ 55.00
<i>Field Personnel</i>	\$ 18.00

## Appendix B

### Statement of Cooperative MPO/State/Transit Operators Planning Roles & Responsibilities

#### Purpose

The purpose of this statement is to outline the roles and responsibilities of the State, the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) and appropriate providers of public transportation as required by 23 CFR Sec. 450.314(a), (h)"Metropolitan Planning Agreements".

#### General Roles & Responsibilities

SCRCOG will perform the transportation planning process for their region and develop procedures to coordinate transportation planning activities in accordance with applicable federal regulations and guidance. The transportation process will, at a minimum, consist of:

1. Preparation of a two-year Unified Planning Work Program that lists and describes all transportation planning studies and tasks to be completed during this two-year period.
2. Preparation and update of a long range, multi-modal metropolitan transportation plan.
3. Preparation and maintenance of a short-range transportation improvement program (TIP).
4. Financial planning to ensure plan and program are financially constrained and within anticipated funding levels.
5. Conduct planning studies and system performance monitoring, including highway corridor and intersection studies, transit system studies, application of advanced computer techniques, and transportation data collection and archiving.
6. Public outreach, including survey of affected populations, electronic dissemination of reports and information (website), and consideration of public comments.
7. Ensuring the transportation planning process evaluates the benefits and burdens of transportation projects and/or investments to ensure significant or disproportionate impacts on low income and minority populations are avoided and/or mitigated. This will be accomplished using traditional and non-traditional outreach to Title VI populations, including outreach to LEP populations.
8. Development and implementation of a Congestion Management Process as appropriate.
9. Ensuring plans, projects and programs are consistent with and conform to air quality goals of reducing transportation-related emissions and attaining National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

## **Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

1. SCRCOG will be responsible for preparing and developing the (20-25 years) metropolitan transportation plans for their respective region.
2. SCRCOG may develop a consolidated transportation plan summary report for the planning region that includes the key issues facing the area and priority programs and projects.
3. CTDOT will provide the following information and data in support of developing the transportation plan:
  - a. Financial information - estimate of anticipated federal funds over the 20-25 year time frame of the plan for the highway and transit programs.
  - b. Trip tables - for each analysis year, including base year and the horizon year of the plan by trip purpose and mode. (*CTDOT will provide this only if requested since SCRCOG may maintain their own travel forecast model.*)
  - c. Traffic count data for state roads in the SCRCOG region, and transit statistics as available.
  - d. List of projects of statewide significance by mode, with descriptions, so that they can be incorporated into the long range metropolitan transportation plans.
  - e. Assess air quality impacts and conduct the regional emissions assessment of the plan. Will provide the results of the assessment in a timely manner to allow inclusion in the plan and to be made available to the public at public information meetings. (Refer to air quality tasks.)
4. SCRCOG may conduct transportation modeling for the area.
5. SCRCOG will consult with the appropriate providers of public transportation on local bus capital projects to include in the transportation plan, and will work together to develop local bus improvements for the plan from the 10-year capital program. Through consultation, they will identify future local bus needs and services, including new routes, service expansion, rolling stock needs beyond replacement, and operating financial needs.

## **Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

1. The selection of projects in the TIP and the development of the TIP will occur through a consultative process between CTDOT, SCRCOG, and the appropriate provider(s) of public transportation.
2. CTDOT will send a draft proposed 5-year Capital Plan to SCRCOG for review and comment. The draft list will reflect input that CTDOT received from SCRCOG during the consultation process on the previous year's plan.
3. CTDOT will prepare an initial list of projects to include in the new TIP. This list will be based on the current TIP that is about to expire and the 5- year Capital Plan.

4. CTDOT will consult with and solicit comments from SCRCOG and transit providers on the TIP and incorporate where practicable.
5. CTDOT will provide detailed project descriptions, cost estimates and program schedules. The project descriptions will provide sufficient detail to allow SCRCOG to explain the projects to the policy board and the general public.
6. CTDOT will provide a list of projects obligated during each of the federal fiscal years covered by the expiring TIP/STIP. The annual listing of obligated projects should include both highway and transit projects.
7. SCRCOG will compile the TIP for the Region, including preparing a narrative. Projects will be categorized by federal aid program and listed in summary tables. The TIP will be converted into a format that will allow it to be downloaded to the Region's website. SCRCOG will maintain the TIP by tracking amendments and changes to projects (schedule, scope and cost) made through the TIP/STIP Administrative Action/Amendment/Notification process.
8. CTDOT will develop the STIP based on the MPOs' TIPs and projects located in the rural regions of the State.
9. CTDOT will include one STIP entry each for the Bridge program and the Highway Safety Improvement program. This entry will list the total funds needed for these programs for each fiscal year. All Regions will receive back up lists in the form of the Bridge Report and the Safety Report monthly. The one-line entry will reduce the number of entries needed in the STIP. Any projects listed in the Bridge and or Safety Report that are over \$5m and on the NHS, will be transferred directly into the STIP as its own entry per the TIP/STIP Administrative Action/Amendment/Notification process.
10. CTDOT will provide proposed amendments to SCRCOG for consideration. The amendment will include a project description that provides sufficient detail to allow SCRCOG to explain the proposed changes to the SCRCOG board and project management contact information. It will also provide a clear reason and justification for the amendment. If it involves a new project, CTDOT will provide a clear explanation of the reasons and rationale for adding it to the TIP/STIP.
11. When an amendment to the TIP/STIP is being proposed by SCRCOG, the project sponsor will consult with CTDOT to obtain concurrence with the proposed amendment, to obtain Air Quality review and consistency with Air Quality Conformity regulations and ensure financial consistency.
12. CTDOT will provide a financial assessment of the STIP with each update. SCRCOG should prepare a TIP summary table listing all projects by funding program sorted by year based on CTDOT's financial assessment.

## Air Quality Planning

1. CTDOT and SCRCOG should meet at least once per year to discuss the air quality conformity process, the regional emissions analysis and air quality modeling.
2. CTDOT will conduct the regional emissions analysis, which includes the SCRCOG area and provide the results to SCRCOG. The regional emissions analyses for the build or future years will include the proposed transportation improvements included in the regional long-range metropolitan transportation plans and TIP.
3. SCRCOG will prepare a summary report of the conformity process and regional emissions analysis for the Region. It will contain a table showing the estimated emissions from the transportation system for each criteria pollutant and analysis year.
4. The summary report on the regional emissions analyses will be inserted into the long-range transportation plan and TIP.
5. SCRCOG will make the regional emissions analysis available to the public.

## Public Participation Program

1. SCRCOG will annually review and evaluate their public participation program.
2. SCRCOG will update and prepare a list of neighborhood and local organizations and groups that will receive notices of MPO plans, programs and projects.
3. SCRCOG will work to ensure that low-income, minority and transit dependent individuals are afforded an adequate opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process, receive a fair share of the transportation improvement benefits and do not endure a disproportionate transportation burden, SCRCOG will comply with federal legislation on these issues.
4. SCRCOG's process for developing plans, projects, and programs will include consultation with state and local agencies responsible for land use and growth management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation and historic preservation.
5. SCRCOG will maintain their website to provide clear and concise information on the transportation planning process and provide an opportunity to download reports and documents. This will include developing project and study summaries, converting reports into a pdf or text format, and maintaining a list of available documents. The website will provide links to other associated organizations and agencies.

## **Public Transportation Planning**

1. SCRCOG will allow for, to the extent feasible, the participation of transit providers at all transportation committee and policy board meetings to provide advice, information and consultation on transportation programs within the planning region.
2. SCRCOG will provide the opportunity for the transit provider(s) to review and comment on planning products relating to transit issues within the region.
3. SCRCOG will allow for transit provider(s) to participate in UPWP, long-range plan, and TIP development to ensure the consideration of any appropriate comments.
4. SCRCOG and CTDOT will assist the transit provider(s), to the extent feasible, with planning for transit-related activities.

## **Fiscal/Financial Planning**

1. CTDOT will provide SCRCOG with up-to-date fiscal and financial information on the statewide and regional transportation improvement programs to the extent practicable. This will include:
  - a. Anticipated federal funding resources by federal aid category and state funding resources for the upcoming federal fiscal year, as shown in the TIP financial chart.
  - b. Will hold annual meetings to discuss authorized funds for the STP-Urban and LOTCIP accounts.
  - c. Annual authorized/programmed funds for the FTA Section 5307 Program as contained in the STIP and the annual UZA split agreements.
  - d. Monthly updates of STP-Urban Program showing current estimated cost & scheduled obligation dates.
2. CTDOT will notify SCRCOG when the anticipated cost of a project, regardless of funding category, has changed in accordance with the agreed upon TIP/STIP Administrative Action/Amendment/Notification process.
3. SCRCOG will prepare summary tables and charts that display financial information for presentation to the policy board.

## **Congestion Management Process (CMP) Program**

1. SCRCOG, as part of a TMA, will conduct a highway performance monitoring program that includes the gathering of available traffic counts and travel time information and determination of travel speeds and delay.
2. SCRCOG will conduct congestion strategies studies for critical corridors and identify possible improvements to reduce congestion and delay.

3. SCRCOG will work with CTDOT on programming possible congestion-reducing projects.
4. SCRCOG will, upon implementation of a congestion reduction improvement, assess post-improvement operations and determine level of congestion relief.

### **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program**

1. CTDOT will maintain the statewide ITS architecture and ensure consistency with the Regional ITS Architecture for SCRCOG.
2. SCRCOG will maintain and update the Regional ITS Architecture for SCRCOG, where appropriate.

### **Performance Based Planning and Programming**

#### **(I) Collection of Performance Data**

1. All data collected for performance measure goals will be collected by CTDOT and will meet the MAP21/FAST ACT provisions and requirements.
2. All data collected for goals for Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) State of Good Repair performance measures will include data provided by the Transit Districts through CTDOT, in accordance with the Transit Asset Management Rule.
3. CTDOT will make the compiled data collected for each performance measure available on the CTDOT MAP21 website.
4. CTDOT will develop a Measures and Deliverables tracking spreadsheet outlining each Performance Measure, the deliverables required, the submittal dates and CTDOT contact and provide to SCRCOG.

#### **(II) Selection of Performance Targets**

CTDOT will draft statewide performance targets for each of the FAST Act performance measures and coordinate with the MPOs and Transit Representatives, as required by 23 CFR Parts 450 and 771, as well as 49 CFR Part 613 as outlined below:

1. CTDOT will discuss performance measures at each of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings (via teleconference or in person meeting).
2. CTDOT will present data collected for each performance measure and collaborate with SCRCOG and Transit Representatives on assumptions.

3. CTDOT will provide SCRCOG and Transit Representative with 30 days to provide feedback on the data received and the assumptions provided.
4. The feedback received will be discussed at the next scheduled monthly meeting.
5. CTDOT will set targets for each performance measure based on feedback received.

## **(II) Reporting of Performance Targets**

1. CTDOT will notify SCRCOG and Transit Representatives by email when final statewide targets are established.
2. CTDOT will send the targets that have been set, the backup information and a PowerPoint presentation to SCRCOG for their use in educating the MPO Policy Board. CTDOT will provide region level data summaries, if available.
3. SCRCOG has 180 days after CTDOT establishes their targets to establish their own targets or endorse the State's targets and agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the performance targets.
4. If SCRCOG is establishing their own targets, SCRCOG will report those targets to CTDOT by email no later than the 180 day timeframe.
5. SCRCOG will share this information with the Policy Board and will require Policy Board resolution to support the targets set by CTDOT or endorse their own targets.
6. SCRCOG will forward the Policy Board resolution to the Performance Measures Unit at CTDOT before the 180 day limitation for FHWA performance measures.
7. For FTA performance measures, it is noted that SCRCOG provided a resolution of support for the initial transit State of Good Repair (SGR) performance targets on July 1, 2017. Thereafter, in accordance with FTA, transit providers will continue to share their targets annually with SCRCOG. However, SCRCOG targets are not required to be updated annually, only revisited whenever SCRCOG updates their MTP and/or TIP on or after October 1, 2018.
8. SCRCOG set initial SGR targets as required by FTA on 7/1/17. Thereafter, SCRCOG needs to set SGR targets for the first time when the TIP or MTP is amended or updated on or after October 1, 2018. Following this date, targets should be updated upon the development of future TIPs and MTPs.

## **(IV) Reporting of progress toward achieving goal**

1. CTDOT will document progress towards achieving statewide performance targets and report that information to SCRCOG and transit representatives in the Long Range Transportation

Plan, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, the CTDOT TAM Plans and the FTA Annual report by email after the required reports are issued to Federal Agencies.

2. CTDOT will share the TAM Plans with SCRCOG in a timely manner, and the MPOs will incorporate them into their planning process.
3. SCRCOG will document progress towards achieving performance targets and report that information to CTDOT in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan as outlined in the Measures and Deliverables tracking spreadsheet via email. CTDOT will collect this information and file until requested from FHWA.

#### **(V) The collection of data for the State asset management plan for the NHS**

1. CTDOT will collect all asset management data required for all NHS routes, regardless of ownership.

#### **23 Performance Measures**

Highway Safety	Number of Fatalities - 5-Year Rolling Average
Highway Safety	Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT - 5-Year Rolling Average
Highway Safety	Number of Serious Injuries - 5-Year Rolling Average
Highway Safety	Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT - 5-Year Rolling Average
Highway Safety	Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries - 5-Year Rolling Average
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of Pavements of the Interstate System in Good Condition
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of Pavements of the Interstate System in Poor Condition
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Good Condition
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of NHS Bridges classified in Good Condition (by deck area)
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of NHS Bridges classified in Poor Condition (by deck area)
System Performance	Percent of the Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate That Are Reliable
System Performance	Percent of the Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS That Are Reliable
Freight	Percent of the Interstate System mileage providing for reliable truck travel times
Congestion and Air Quality	Annual Hours of Peak-Hour Excessive Delay (PHED)

Congestion and Air Quality	Percent of Non-SOV Travel
Congestion and Air Quality	Total Emissions Reduction
Transit Asset Management	Percentage of Service (non-revenue) Vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)
Transit Asset Management	Percentage of Facilities with an asset class rated below condition 3 on the TERM scale.
Transit Asset Management	Infrastructure (rail, fixed guideway, track, signals, and systems) - Percentage of track segments with performance restrictions
Transit Asset Management	Percentage of Revenue Vehicles within a particular asset class that have met or exceeded their ULB
FTA C 5010.1E	Number of fatalities per “vehicle revenue miles.” by mode.
FTA C 5010.1E	Number of serious injuries per “vehicle revenue miles.” by mode.

### **Amendment**

This Statement on Transportation Planning may be amended from time to time or to coincide with annual UPWP approval as jointly deemed necessary or in the best interests of all parties, including Federal transportation agencies.

### **Effective Date**

This Statement will be effective after it has been endorsed by SCRCOG as part of the UPWP, and as soon as the UPWP has been approved by the relevant Federal transportation agencies.

### **No Limitation on Statutory Authority**

Nothing contained in this Statement is intended to or shall limit the authority or responsibilities assigned to signatory organizations under Connecticut law, federal law, local ordinance, or charter.