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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG BOARD

MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 – 10:00 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, 4th Floor West, North Haven, CT 06473

Zoom Information: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82672968058>

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1. Call to Order – *First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Chair*
2. **Presentation: Connecticut’s Inspector General and Police Accountability Act** –
Inspector General Robert J. Devlin, Jr. and Chief Inspector James Viadaro
3. Adopt Minutes of July 27, 2022 SCRCOG Board Meeting – *First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary* Pages 2-5
4. Treasurer’s Report for the month ending 7/31/2022 – *First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, Treasurer* Pages 6,7
5. Transportation Committee Report – *Mayor William Dickinson, Committee Chair* Pages 8-13
Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Nineteen Pages 12,13
6. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Agreement for LOTCIP Consultant Services – *Carl Amento, Executive Director and James Rode, Principal Planner* Page 14
7. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Agreement Page 15
for Acceptance of 2022-23 Regional Services Grant – *Carl Amento, Executive Director*
8. Update on Regional Housing Action Plan – *Andy Cirioli, Director of Regional Planning* Pages 16,17
9. Congressional Reports – *Louis Mangini, Aide to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Ellen Graham, Aide to U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal; Jameson Foulke, Aide to U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy*
10. State Legislative Reports – *Michael Muszynski, CCM; Betsy Gara, COST*
11. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report – *Carl Amento, Executive Director* Pages 18-21
12. REX Development Report – *Ginny Kozlowski, REX Development* Page 22
13. Greater New Haven Transit District Report – *Mario Marrero, Executive Director*
14. DESPP/DEMHS Report – *Nicole Velardi, Region 2 Coordinator*
15. Regional Planning Commission (RPC) August Action Table Page 23
16. Regional Cooperation/Other Business
17. Adjournment

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“Necesidades especiales: a las personas con discapacidad auditiva se les proveerá con medios auditivos y/o intérpretes de signos. Igualmente intérpretes para personas que hablan poco inglés, pero será preciso avisar con dos semanas de antelación. Se puede solicitar la agenda en otro idioma que no sea inglés comunicándose con SCRCOG”.



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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

TO: SCRCOG Board Members
FROM: First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary
DATE: August 17, 2022
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Meeting Minutes July 27, 2022

Present:

Bethany First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, *Secretary*
Branford First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey, *Chair*
Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett
Madison First Selectman Peggy Lyons, *Treasurer*
Meriden Tim Coon, *proxy for Mayor Kevin Scarpati*
Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker
North Branford Michael Paulhus, *proxy for Mayor Jeffrey Macmillen*
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda, *Immediate Past Chair*
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli, *Vice Chair*
West Haven Christopher Soto, *proxy for Mayor Nancy Rossi*
Woodbridge Sheila Dravis-Cosgrove, *proxy for First Selectman Beth Heller*

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Laura Francis, James Rode, Andy Cirioli, Rebecca Andreucci

Guests: Erik Woyciesjes and Kyle Talenti, RKG Associates; David Fink, *Housing Consultant*; Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Jennifer Pacacha, *CT Department of Transportation*; Louis Mangini, *Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro*; Michael Muszynski, *CCM*; Betsy Gara, *COST*; Nicole Velardi, *DEMHS*; Mario Marrero, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Thalia Fuentes, *CT Rides*; Keyri Ambrocio, *Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce*; Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina*; Pamela Roach, *Solid Waste and Recycling Consultant*; Gabe Mongelli, *Town of Guilford*; Lorena Venegas, *Member of the Public*.

NOTE: The July SCRCOG Board meeting was held with both in-person and virtual attendance.

1. Call to order and Introductions

Chairman Hoey called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

Town Manager Michael Paulhus announced this would be his last SCRCOG meeting, as he has accepted an offer to be the Town Manager in Plainville.

Executive Director Amento introduced Laura Francis, SCRCOG’s new Deputy Director and Director of Transportation Planning.

2. Presentation: Regional Housing Plan

Andy Cirioli introduced Erik Woyciesjes from RKG Associates who presented the data and findings that came out of the planning process for the SCRCOG Regional Housing Plan.

Mayor Blake discussed Milford's intention to opt-out of Public Act 21-29, which legalizes accessory dwelling units as-of-right wherever single family housing is allowed. Christopher Soto stated West Haven was intending to opt-out, as well. Kevin Alvarez stated that local control is what has created the affordable housing issues that have been discussed in the plan. Chairman Hoey stated Guilford will also be opting out in order to keep the decision-making at the local level. First Selectman Zeoli stated Orange has been looking into expanding their housing options, however limitations with well water, septic, and lack of transit have caused barriers to expansion. He stated the cost of constructing new affordable units has increased greatly. Laura Francis asked if anyone has created an ADU deed restriction policy, or if that is something that should be researched further. Chairman Hoey stated more information on that would be helpful. Mayor Blake asked for clarification on the ADU deed restriction timeframe. David Fink responded that an ADU must be deed restricted for 10 years. Mayor Elicker noted that these conversations surrounding affordable housing often go around in circles, with New Haven supporting the creation of new housing while the surrounding suburbs deflect. He stated there is a need to push the envelope in order to see change made. He then asked about the timeline for approval of the Regional Housing Plan. Andy Cirioli stated the current plan is to share it in August for review, followed by adoption in September. Mayor Elicker stated he would like to see more concrete actions in the plan itself rather than continuing to research and plan.

3. Adoption of the June 22, 2022 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes

First Selectman Cofrancesco presented the minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of May 25, 2022, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-5. First Selectwoman Lyons moved to approve the adoption of the minutes. Mayor Garrett seconded. All voted in favor.

4. Treasurer's Report for month ending 6/30/22

First Selectwoman Lyons presented the Treasurer's Report on pages 6-7 of the agenda packet. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of \$1,300,000 with \$1,050,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also \$149,000 due from CTDOT and \$28,000 due from DESPP. Expenses for the month were in order. First Selectman Cofrancesco moved to accept the report, and Mayor Garrett seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. Transportation Committee Report

James Rode presented the Transportation Committee report on pages 8-18 of the agenda packet, with the Resolutions found on pages 15-18.

- First Selectwoman Lyons made a motion to approve TIP Amendment Eighteen. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded and all voted in favor.
- First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve the Amended UPWP. Mayor Garrett seconded and all voted in favor.
- First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve the Amended UPWP. Mayor Garrett seconded and all voted in favor.

6. FY 2022-23 Budget Revision #1

Rebecca Andreucci presented the revised budget on pages 19-21 of the agenda packet. Mayor Garrett made a motion to approve, and First Selectwoman Lyons seconded. All voted in favor.

7. Congressional Reports

Louis Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's office reported that the House has passed six of the 12 appropriations bills. First Selectwoman Lyons asked about the status of their community grant, stating it was part of the Homeland Security appropriations bill. Lou Mangini replied that the Homeland Security bill has not yet been voted on, however, it is anticipated to happen by October 1st.

8. Legislative Reports

Michael Muszynski from CCM reported they are currently developing the 2023 legislative program. They are looking for members to serve on legislative policy committees. CCM is currently working with the COGs on a variety of grants available through IJA. A connectivity survey on broadband availability is now available for residents to participate in. Kevin Alvarez asked about the consolidation of committees and if anything else has changed in the upcoming legislative process. Michael Muszynski stated that there have been a few process changes, which he will share with the Board.

Betsy Gara from COST reported they are monitoring the progress of the many legislative working groups. She is currently serving on the Affordable Housing Plan Working Group. The Governor is making appointments to the Lead Poisoning, Trash to Energy, and Opioid Settlement Working Groups. The Bond Commission is meeting on July 29. Several grants are open right now for open space acquisition, school security, and transit-oriented development. Chairman Hoey asked about the working group on affordable housing plans, and if the work from that group can be shared. He stated it seemed like many different groups are all working on the same thing. Betsy stated they have been having discussions on whether the State or COGs should complete the housing needs assessments so there could be a statewide standard. Kevin Alvarez asked for the deadline for committee appointments. Betsy stated the deadline is October 1.

9. SCRCOG Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Amento reviewed the SCRCOG Newsletter found on pages 22-27 of the agenda packet. Laura Francis has been selected as the new Deputy Director/ Director of Transportation Planning and started on July 19. There is an RFQ out for a community development coordinator. SCRCOG has been having discussions with CCM and Commissioner Boughton regarding assistance with regional infrastructure grant applications. An update to the Regional Safety Plan is anticipated this fiscal year to satisfy requirements of the Safe Streets for All program. First Selectwoman Lyons asked if all Safe Streets for All applications need to be submitted through the COG. James Rode responded yes, that is the preferred method for submission. Laura Francis stated that individual municipal applications will not be the most favored, so consider if a project could be funded through LOTCIP instead. Executive Director Amento presented the current grant opportunities and the FY 22 Annual Report.

10. Discussion of October 2022 Executive Committee/Board Meeting Date

Executive Director Amento discussed the possibility of moving the October 2022 meeting date back to Wednesday, October 26. It had been moved to avoid conflict with the CCM Annual Convention, which has since been rescheduled. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to move the meeting date back to Wednesday, October 26. First Selectwoman Lyons seconded. The vote was unanimous.

11. REX Development Report

Barbara Malmberg from REX Development reviewed her report on page 28 of the agenda packet. She reported that Ginny Kozlowski is attending the Raleigh/Durham Trade Mission to discuss possible relocation of businesses.

12. Greater New Haven Transit District Report

Mario Marrero reported the Transit District's ridership is up, which is likely due to free fares. The Transit District is averaging one complaint per 1,000 trips. The fund balance has increased due to the labor shortage. They are currently hiring for six new positions. First Selectman Freda asked about the vacancies on the GNHTD Board. Mario Marrero stated there are three seats for New Haven, one for East Haven and one for West Haven open on the Transit District Board. Nominations are welcomed. Mayor Garrett stated the importance of coordinating the affordable housing plans with the transit districts.

13. CT Rides Report

Thalia Fuentes was not present to make a report.

14. DESPP/DEMHS Report

Nicole Velardi introduced herself as the new DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator. She reported the 2018 EMPG grant will be closing in September. The 2022 Homeland Security Grant has been sent out. The Region 2 REPT Steering Committee has had two positions temporarily filled: First Selectman Cofrancesco as Chair and First Selectman Freda as Vice Chair.

15. Regional Planning Commission (RPC) July Action Table

The Regional Planning Commission July Action Table was reviewed on Page 29.

16. Regional Cooperation/Other Business

Mayor Garrett asked about the State's intentions to lay fiber for broadband. The Town of Hamden has fiber that needs to be laid, but they are waiting on the State. First Selectman Freda stated they are working with Frontier in North Haven. Mayor Blake stated Frontier was difficult to work with in Milford. Chairman Hoey stated they are working with GoNetSpeed in Guilford and utilizing the municipal gain. Mayor Blake stated they utilized municipal gain to connect city buildings and have free wireless internet in their parks and beaches. Mayor Elicker stated it is a challenge to get fiber in multi-family dwellings, but they are looking to collaborate with private companies to do so.

17. Adjournment

First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to adjourn, and First Selectman Freda seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, *Secretary*

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 7/31/2022

| |
|---------------|
| Assets |
|---------------|

Cash and Investments

| | |
|--|------------|
| Key Bank - Checking Account | 249,182.31 |
| State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund | 652,096.54 |
| New Haven Bank | 108,336.16 |

Accounts Receivable

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| CT Department of Transportation | 338,426.09 |
| CT Office of Policy and Management | 19,176.10 |
| CT DESPP - FEMA Grant | 28,685.93 |
| CT DECD - EDA Grant | 1,583.20 |
| CIRCA Grant | (819.76) |

Other Assets

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Accrued Leave & Security Deposit | 27,989.19 |
| Furniture & Equipment | 18,878.93 |

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total Assets | 1,443,534.69 |
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| Liabilities |
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| Accounts Payable | 93,932.11 |
| Deferred Revenue - Municipal | 76,123.65 |
| Deferred Revenue - OPM | 18,356.45 |
| Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP | 199,211.21 |
| Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor) | 3,690.77 |
| Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment | 10,826.63 |

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|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Total Liabilities | 402,140.82 |
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| Fund Balance |
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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Fund Balance | 782,225.38 |
| Designated Fund Balance | 300,000.00 |
| Amount for Accrued Leave | 16,326.27 |
| Investment in Equipment | 18,878.93 |
| Change in Fund Balance | (76,036.71) |

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|---|---------------------|
| Total Fund Balance | 1,041,393.87 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balance | 1,443,534.69 |

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 7/31/2022

| | Current | Year-to-Date | Budget |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Resources | | | |
| Municipal - Revenue | 6,080.19 | 6,080.19 | 303,094.00 |
| Municipal - Special Assessment | | | 2,827.00 |
| CT OPM - Regional Planning | 19,176.10 | 19,176.10 | 573,101.00 |
| CTDOT - Transportation Planning | 40,238.69 | 40,238.69 | 1,699,588.00 |
| CTDOT - LOTCIP | 1,601.53 | 1,601.53 | 203,611.00 |
| FEMA - Hazard Mitigation Plan | 399.96 | 399.96 | 108,000.00 |
| CT DECD (EDA Grant) | 1,086.92 | 1,086.92 | 358,006.00 |
| CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor | | | 3,690.00 |
| CIRCA - Resilient CT Grant | | | 15,139.00 |
| Interest - Revenue | 995.28 | 995.28 | 2,000.00 |
| Retiree Health Insurance Contribution | | | 6,600.00 |
| Total Resources | 69,578.67 | 69,578.67 | 3,275,656.00 |
| Direct Expenses | | | |
| Retiree Benefits | | | 6,600.00 |
| Transportation Planning Consultants | | | 1,078,600.00 |
| Land-Use Planning Consultants | | | 143,500.00 |
| Other Consultants | | | 380,200.00 |
| Travel | | | 7,800.00 |
| Data Processing | 2,000.00 | 2,000.00 | 4,000.00 |
| Commercial Printing | | | 2,500.00 |
| Subscriptions and Books | 50.00 | 50.00 | 3,100.00 |
| Meeting Expenses and Advertising | 901.00 | 901.00 | 19,200.00 |
| Miscellaneous | (2.34) | (2.34) | 152.00 |
| Transportation - Reserved | | | 193,589.00 |
| LOTCIP - Reserved | | | 161,449.00 |
| CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved | | | 178,973.00 |
| Total Direct Expenses | 2,948.66 | 2,948.66 | 2,179,663.00 |
| Direct Labor | | | |
| Direct Labor – Employees | 29,103.80 | 29,103.80 | 458,472.00 |
| Overhead | | | |
| Indirect Labor - Employees | 12,606.91 | 12,606.91 | 184,816.00 |
| Employee Benefits | 35,102.84 | 35,102.84 | 264,755.00 |
| Travel | | | 100.00 |
| Data Processing | | | 18,600.00 |
| Rent | 9,528.82 | 9,528.82 | 114,500.00 |
| Telephone and Internet | 205.92 | 205.92 | 7,400.00 |
| Office Supplies | 50.03 | 50.03 | 3,600.00 |
| Equipment Maintenance | 1,243.18 | 1,243.18 | 18,300.00 |
| Insurance and Professional Services | 9,078.00 | 9,078.00 | 24,100.00 |
| Meeting Expenses and Advertising | | | 650.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 66.12 | 66.12 | 700.00 |
| Total Overhead | 67,881.82 | 67,881.82 | 637,521.00 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 99,934.28 | 99,934.28 | 3,275,656.00 |

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 19

Project **0083-0272 2022-A19-2 EXTEND DECELERATION LN FOR SB OFF-RAMP**

Changes Amendment 19 adds a new project

Reason Project for the extension of the deceleration lane for the I-95 Southbound off-ramp at Exit 38 (Milford Connector) in Milford. Culvert lining under I-95 is also included in the scope.

Project **0083-0273 2022-A19-1 SIGNING & PAVEMENT MARKING CHANGES**

Changes Amendment 19 adds a new project

Reason Project for the signing and pavement marking changes on SR 796 (Milford Parkway) North and South in Milford to reconfigure lane arrangements, at entrance and exit ramps with inadequate/non-existent acceleration and deceleration lanes, to best match ramp volumes..

Project **0156-0181 2019-TIP21-1 Replace Br #00162 Design-Build**

Changes Amendment 19 accelerates funding schedule. This project will now be phase financed over FY22/23.

Reason Action is necessary in order to make the best use of available funding.

There was an increase in Federal funds/obligation limitation (ceiling) received in FFY 2022. This combined with a request for \$40 million of additional ceiling that CTDOT submitted to FHWA could allow the department to obligate a significant amount of funds on project 0156-0181 before Federal fiscal year end.

This project is using the Design-Build (DB) methodology and CTDOT expects to request Federal authorization of the "CN" phase (which will include Final Design and Construction) in mid-August.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 19

State Project #0083-0272

SCRCOG # 2022-A19-2

Municipality Milford

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name EXTEND DECELERATION LN FOR SB OFF-RAMP AT EXIT 38

Description Extension of the deceleration lane for the I-95 Southbound off-ramp at Exit 38 (Milford Connector) in Milford. Culvert lining under I-95 is also included in the scope.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

| <i>Funding</i> | <i>Phase</i> | <i>Prior</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>2022</i> | <i>2023</i> | <i>2024</i> | <i>FYI</i> |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| NHPP | PD | Federal | | 810 | | | |
| | | State | | 90 | | | |
| | FD | Federal | | | | | 540 |
| | | State | | | | | 60 |
| | ROW | Federal | | | | | 45 |
| | | State | | | | | 5 |
| | CON | Federal | | | | | 4,050 |
| | | State | | | | | 450 |
| TIP Funds | \$6,050 | 0 | 0 | 900 | 0 | 0 | 5,150 |

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 19 adds a new project

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 19

State Project #0083-0273
Municipality Milford

SCRCOG # 2022-A19-1
AQ Code X6
 Proposed

Project Name SIGNING & PAVEMENT MARKING CHANGES

Description Signing and pavement marking changes on SR 796 (Milford Parkway) North and South to reconfigure lane arrangements, at entrance and exit ramps with inadequate/non-existent acceleration and deceleration lanes, to best match ramp volumes.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

| <i>Funding</i> | <i>Phase</i> | <i>Prior</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>2022</i> | <i>2023</i> | <i>2024</i> | <i>FYI</i> |
|------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| NHPP | PD | Federal | | 560 | | | |
| | | State | | 140 | | | |
| | FD | Federal | | | | | 240 |
| | | State | | | | | 60 |
| | CON | Federal | | | | | 2,480 |
| | | State | | | | | 620 |
| TIP Funds | \$4,100 | 0 | 0 | 700 | 0 | 0 | 3,400 |

Amendment Notes

FYTIP Amend 19 adds a new project

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 19

State Project #0156-0181
Municipality West Haven

SCRCOG # 2019-TIP21-
AQ Code X6
 Proposed

Project Name Replace Br #00162 Design-Build

Description NHS - Replacement of Bridge No. 00162 (including addition of operational lane) carrying Interstate-95 over Metro North Railroad in West Haven. This project will use the Design-Build delivery method.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

| <i>Funding</i> | <i>Phase</i> | <i>Prior</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>2022</i> | <i>2023</i> | <i>2024</i> | <i>FYI</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| NHPP-BRX | CON AC-Entry | | | 0 | | | |
| | Federal | | | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 | 34,500 |
| | State | | | 2,222 | 2,222 | 2,222 | 3,833 |
| Total Cost | \$104,999 | 0 | 0 | 22,222 | 22,222 | 22,222 | 38,333 |

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

| <i>Funding</i> | <i>Phase</i> | <i>Prior</i> | <i>2021</i> | <i>2022</i> | <i>2023</i> | <i>2024</i> | <i>FYI</i> |
|------------------|------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| NHPP-BRX | CON AC-Entry | | | 0 | | | |
| | Federal | | | 85,000 | 9,500 | | |
| | State | | | 9,444 | 1,056 | | |
| TIP Funds | \$105,000 | 0 | 0 | 94,444 | 10,556 | 0 | 0 |

Amendment Notes

Moved to FY21 TIP, FY21 TIP Amend 17 adds CON Funding. FY21 TIP Amend 19 adjusts schedule



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

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

- Whereas:* U.S. Department of Transportation “Metropolitan Planning Regulations” (23 *CFR* 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a *State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP)* conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and *SIP*-established mobile source emissions budgets; and
- Whereas:* The Council, per 23 *CFR* 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a *Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program* on September 23, 2020, after finding the *Program* conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 *CFR* 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: *Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2019 to 2045, (April, 2019)*; and
- Whereas:* The Council, on *September 23, 2020*, indicated that periodic *Program* adjustment or amendment was possible; and
- Whereas:* Projects referenced in the *Program* amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s metropolitan transportation plan *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2019 to 2045, (April, 2019)*; and
- Whereas:* Council *Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning* have been observed during the development of the proposed *Program* amendment (below); and
- Whereas:* By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program* and/or its amendment; and
- Whereas:* Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the *Program*.



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Resolution

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

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

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

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **August 24, 2022**

Date August 24, 2022

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



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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreement for LOTCIP Consultant Services

Whereas: SCRCOG administers the Local Transportation Capital Improvements Program (LOTCIP) for its member municipalities; and

Whereas: SCRCOG solicited price quotes on June 8, 2022 from the region's On-Call List of Engineering Consultants for application and final design reviews; and

Whereas: After review of the quotes received, SCRCOG is recommending the selection of BETA Group for a period of one fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, with the option to continue for the subsequent fiscal year.

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

That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and sign a consulting services agreement with the above consultant consistent with the LOTCIP guidelines.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on August 24, 2022.

Date: August 24, 2022

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



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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

***Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Agreement
for Acceptance of 2022-23 Regional Services Grant***

Whereas: SCRCOG has been awarded \$573,431.16 for the 2022-23 Regional Services Grant for Councils of Governments from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management; and

Whereas: The Office of Policy and Management requires an adopted resolution by the SCRCOG Board.

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

That SCRCOG execute and deliver to the State of Connecticut a Notice of Grant Award (the "Agreement") in the amount of \$573,431.16 for the 2022-23 Regional Services Grant; and

Be It Further Resolved:

That Carl Amento, as Executive Director of SCRCOG, is directed to execute and deliver the Agreement on behalf of SCRCOG and to do all things necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of the Agreement, including executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by the Agreement.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on August 24, 2022.

Date: August 24, 2022

By: _____
First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments

SCRCOG Regional Housing Plan

Outline of Proposed Housing Action Plan

Purpose

At the July 2022 Board meeting, SCRCOG staff received feedback on the goals and strategies sections of the Regional Housing Plan. There were concerns regarding the lack of concrete, actionable items for the region and a menu of actionable items for the municipalities. In response to these reasonable concerns, SCRCOG staff will draft a supplementary document to the Regional Housing Plan called the “Housing Action Plan: Supplement to the Regional Housing Plan”.

The purpose of this action plan is to assign a set of actions for the region that would further affordable housing policies and creation. Additionally, the action plan will propose a menu of actions municipalities can take to achieve similar outcomes.

Content

The Housing Action Plan will open with a brief overview of the goals, strategies, and major themes of the Regional Housing Plan. Following the overview will be concrete deliverables/ outcomes and projected dates of completion for each of the thirteen strategies in the regional plan. In addition to the regional action items, the plan will include a menu of items municipalities can implement to further affordable housing creation. The final component of the Action Plan will be a proposed timeline of all of the regional action items depicting the region’s steps between now and the next affordable housing plan update in five years.

Integration

While the Housing Action Plan will be a separate document from the Regional Housing Plan, a hyperlink to the action plan will be included in the regional plan after the goals and strategies sections. The Housing Action Plan will also include a hyperlink to the Regional Housing Plan as part of the brief overview.

Proposed Adoption Process Timeline

| | Sept. 2022 | Oct. 2022 | Nov. 2022 | Dec. 2022 | Jan. 2023 |
|--|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| SCRCOG Staff draft Housing Action Plan. | | | | | |
| Share Draft Regional Housing Plan and Draft Action Plan with Board and Housing Working Group. | | | | | |
| SCRCOG Board discusses the two plans at a special or regular Board meeting. | | | | | |
| Incorporate feedback from the Board and Working Group, post documents for public comment, and incorporate any public comments. | | | | | |
| SCRCOG Board Adopts the two plans. | | | | | |

Note: Depending on feedback received in October, the timeline may shift accordingly. There is no official deadline for SCRCOG to adopt this plan.

Overview of the 2022 – 2023 SCRCOG Housing Initiative

SCRCOG developed a two-pronged approach to the 2022-2023 SCRCOG housing initiative. Each prong—detailed below—serves a unique purpose in continuing the momentum of the regional housing effort beyond the adoption of the Affordable Housing Plans (AHPs). The prongs were developed through conversations with municipal representatives during the AHPs process and Working Group meetings, and they were designed as a holistic approach to promoting healthy housing creation and policy development.

1. Housing Working Group Meetings

David Fink will facilitate small, tailored group meetings of municipalities with similar needs where ideas, tools, methods, strategies, and guest speakers are presented to assist communities in operationalizing their AHPs. Municipalities will be categorized into one of three groups:

a. Group 1: Meriden, West Haven, New Haven, Hamden

Urban group with denser housing and development, and widely available water and sewer service and other infrastructure

b. Group 2: Woodbridge, Orange, North Branford, Bethany, East Haven

Rural group, with minimal infrastructure to create a lot of dense housing but still seeking expansion to their housing options.

c. Group 3: Milford, North Haven, Wallingford, Madison, Guilford, Branford

Transit Oriented Development (TOD) group with bus and commuter rail services that may be looking to create new housing options near or connected to those stations

A kick-off meeting will be scheduled in September, and then each group will meet separately every three months (i.e. Group 1 – Oct., Jan, Apr.; Group 2 – Nov., Feb., May; Group 3 – Dec., Mar., Jun.).

Session topics will be announced in September. These sessions will be open to Chief Elected Officials, municipal staff, community leaders, and other municipal representatives. While the sessions are oriented toward specific communities, the meetings are open and any one is welcome to attend.

2. Community Engagement

Through education and engagement, the selected consultant will form a growing number of community members who understand healthy housing development and policies that reflect their municipality's needs and interests. Community members should feel their concerns have been heard so that, in coming years, there can be wide agreement among residents on their municipality's housing needs and possible areas for future housing creation.

For each participating municipality, the selected consultant is expected to facilitate honest and productive community discussions, answer questions, address misinformation, and hear the concerns of community members. Specifically, municipal leaders have expressed a need for assistance with:

- Implementing the strategies and goals outlined in the municipal AHPs
- Educational forums for community members on general affordable housing concepts
- Educational forums for community members on discussing the purpose and contents of the AHPs
- Engaging community members in discussions about their thoughts on affordable housing (i.e. their goals, concerns, and perspectives about the housing needs of their municipality)



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Planning for Our Region's Future

NEWSLETTER

Volume II, Issue 2

AUGUST 2022

Welcome to the SCRCOG monthly newsletter where you can find updates on our transportation planning, regional planning, and municipal services programs.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Southern Connecticut State University Drone Academy

Southern Connecticut State University's Drone Academy is a five-module, non-credit program geared towards both enthusiastic hobbyists and working professionals who are interested in gaining the knowledge and skills needed for drone operation, aerial photography and videography, FAA-certification exam preparation, and computational photography and 3D mapping. The Drone Academy will begin instruction on Saturday, Sept. 17. Below is a link to the course.

[WEBSITE | SCSU Drone Academy](#)



HAZARD MITIGATION

SCRCOG held its second advisory committee meeting on August 11. The consulting team is processing the results of the Risk Assessment, which includes modeling earthquake, hurricane wind, and flood impacts in the region using Hazus software. Mapping of critical

facilities and their vulnerability to natural hazards has been completed. Municipal staff are currently reviewing their list of mitigation actions from the last plan and updating the list with new actions, as necessary. The public survey remains open, with 290 responses received so far.

[LINK | South Central Region, Hazard Mitigation Survey](#)



MUNICIPAL GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Grants

DEEP announced the launch of the first round of Light Duty Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program (EVSE) funding under its Volkswagen NOx Mitigation Program. The Application Deadline is 5:00 pm on September 30, 2022.

The program will pay for up to 100% of the cost to purchase, install and maintain eligible light duty electric vehicle supply equipment that will be available to the public at a government-owned property.

Proposals are due September 30, 2022. For more information, including application forms and guidance, visit DEEP's [website](#).



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (RPC)

[LINK | August 2022 RPC Meeting Agenda](#)

[DOWNLOAD | August 2022 RPC Action Table](#)



SUSTAINABLE CT

Sustainable CT Summer Fellows Affordable Housing Project

Each year Sustainable CT Summer Fellows undertake a project that supports wider SCT programming. This year, with input from Sustainable CT and COG staff across the state of Connecticut, SCT Fellows created a series of tools to assist SCT with the development of programming to support towns as they work to implement strategies they have adopted as part of their municipal Affordable Housing Plans.

The Fellows created a searchable database cataloging municipal Affordable Housing Plan content, including functionality that allows the user to search by strategy, region, or specific demographic data point. The searchable database can be used to identify opportunities among communities and COGs for the creation of implementation strategies.

Taking the assigned project one step further, the SCT Fellows analyzed the municipal Affordable Housing Plan data for each COG region and suggested strategies for Affordable Housing Plan Implementation Programming by Sustainable CT.

An interactive Affordable Housing Story Map was created by the SCT Fellows. The map allows the user to access Affordable Housing Plans and Plans of Conservation and Development for all of Connecticut's 169 towns with the click of a button. The presentation of recommendations to Sustainable CT and COG staff on August 8th included demonstrations of their database tools as well as their interactive Affordable Housing Story Map and is available for viewing on the [Sustainable CT channel on YouTube](#). Stay tuned for more information from Sustainable CT on how this tool will be available for municipalities to use.



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

COG Coordination Meeting: SCRCOG attended the monthly COG Coordination Meeting with DOT where presentations were given on Federal Grant Opportunities by Joseph Cristalli, Trans. Principal Safety Program Coordinator, Highway Safety Office, and Edgardo Block, gave a presentation on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) – for Proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions. There was also a monthly update of the LEAN process.

Unified Planning Work Program: SCRCOG continues working with the consultants selected to complete FY 23 UPWP projects to finalize scopes for the seven new transportation studies in the upcoming fiscal year, while completing an additional five studies which began in FY 22.

LOTICIP: The [LOTICIP page on the SCRCOG website](#) has been updated to include a new SCRCOG Guide to the LOTICIP process and a Pre- Application form for new projects. SCRCOG staff met with a consultant firm selected to assist with the review and submission of LOTICIP projects.

Data Collection: Commuter Parking lot counts, for the 1st Quarter were completed on August 17, 2022 and are available on our [website](#).



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Responding to Racial Tension in Your Municipality - CCM Webinar

Date and Time: Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

[Click Here to Register and for more Information](#)

Transportation Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

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

Agenda: [Click Here to Access the Meeting Agenda](#)

Regional Planning Commission Meeting

Date and Time: Thursday, September 15, 2022 from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM

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

Agenda: [Click Here to Access the Meeting Agenda](#)

Executive Committee Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

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

Agenda: [Click Here to Access the Meeting Agenda](#)

SCRCOG Board Meeting

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

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

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August 17, 2022

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

In conjunction with the City of New Haven, REX completed its first trade mission to Raleigh/Durham. As part of an overall strategy to establish business relationships with our counterparts in Avelo destinations, we met with representatives from Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, RTA, Wake County Economic Development, Durham Convention & Visitors Bureau, and others. Raleigh/Durham's Research Triangle aligns with the region's bioscience and tourism sectors. Through these trade missions, we hope to develop opportunities for collaboration with mutual benefit. Upcoming trade shows in September are the International Technology and Manufacturing Show in Chicago and two motorcoach shows in Maryland and New Jersey.

We are currently hiring a new tourism manager. We've interviewed several strong candidates and hope to complete the hire shortly. We are also supporting local businesses by advertising the Visit New Haven app in the E-List, a popular shoreline newsletter. A major distribution of the 2022 Greater New Haven Visitors Guide is planned in conjunction with the fall tourism season. We will also be providing 5,000 guides for distribution at the Big E. Next week, we will be promoting Greater New Haven at the Yale Grad Student Fair. This is the first time the event has been held in person since 2019.

The 2023-2028 5-year South Central Connecticut Comprehensive Economic Strategy committees are making progress on the SWOT analyses and interviews. A minimum of one committee member has been assigned to each of the key sectors to gather information regarding the current state of the industry and projections for growth. Rapid technological changes and growth pathways for these sectors drove the decision to interview regional visionary leaders to prepare Greater New Haven for future growth. The 5-year strategy needs to focus on longer-term objectives, 10 to 20 years, to establish the region's inclusive growth plan.

The Connecticut Department of Labor is implementing a new IT system and is not providing weekly unemployment claims yet. We will provide the information when it is available.

Sincerely,

Ginny Kozlowski
Executive Director

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Regional Planning Commission**

August 2022 RPC Action Table

| <i>Ref. #</i> | <i>Received</i> | <i>Description</i> | <i>Adjacent RPC Towns</i> | <i>Abridged RPC Action</i> |
|---------------|-----------------|---|--|---|
| 2.1 | 07/18/2022 | Town of Hamden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to Section 638.1 – Outdoor Café | Bethany, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, Woodbridge | By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impact to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound. |
| 2.2 | 07/26/2022 | Town of Orange: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Cannabis Establishments as a Special Use in C-2 District | Milford; New Haven; West Haven; Woodbridge | By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound. |

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