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1. Call to Order – First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Chair
2. Presentation: Combat Rising Energy Costs with an Energy Saving Performance Project – Kendra McQuilton, CEO, Energia
3. Adopt Minutes of August 24, 2022 SCRCOG Board Meeting – First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary
4. Treasurer’s Report for the month ending 8/31/2022 – First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, Treasurer
5. Transportation Committee Report – Mayor William Dickinson, Committee Chair
   Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Twenty
   Approve Resolution for Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT
   Pages 2-5
6. Report on Executive Committee Personnel Discussions—First Selectman Matthew Hoey
7. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Agreement for Community Engagement Facilitator for SCRCOG Affordable Housing Initiative—Carl Amento, Executive Director
8. Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Agreement for Acceptance of DEEP Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant for Up to $100,000 – Carl Amento, Executive Director
10. State Legislative Reports – Michael Muszynski, CCM; Betsy Gara, COST
11. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report – Carl Amento, Executive Director
12. REX Development Report – Ginny Kozlowski, REX Development
13. Greater New Haven Transit District Report – Mario Marrero, Executive Director
14. CTRides Quarterly Report—Marisa Kaplita, Outreach and Engagement Specialist

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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”.
15. DESPP/DEMHS Report – Nicole Velardi, Region 2 Coordinator
16. Regional Planning Commission (RPC) September Action Table
17. Regional Cooperation/Other Business
18. Adjournment
TO: SCRCOG Board Members
FROM: First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary
DATE: September 21, 2022
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Meeting Minutes August 24, 2022

Present:
Bethany First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary
East Haven Jamie Cuticello, proxy for Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Chair
Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett
Madison First Selectman Peggy Lyons, Treasurer
Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake
New Haven Kevin Alvarez, proxy for Mayor Justin Elicker
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda, Immediate Past Chair
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson
Woodbridge First Selectman Beth Heller

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Laura Francis, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Andy Cirioli, Rebecca Andreucci, Heba Naqvi

Guests: Robert Devlin Jr., James Viadero, David Sydnor, Stephen Hunt, and Frank Coposi, CT Office of the Inspector General; Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, REX Development; Jennifer Pacacha, CT Department of Transportation; Eric Lindquist, CT Office of Policy and Management; Louis Mangini, Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Jameson Foulke, Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy; Michael Muszynski, CCM; Betsy Gara, COST; Nicole Velardi, DEMHS; Mario Marrero, Greater New Haven Transit District; Anne Benowitz and Keyri Ambrocio, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce; David Fink, Housing Consultant; Pamela Roach, Solid Waste and Recycling Consultant; Nan Birdwhistell, Murtha Cullina; Lorena Venegas, Member of the Public.

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

2. Presentation: Connecticut’s Inspector General and Police Accountability Act
Inspector General Robert J. Devlin, Jr. presented on the work being done by his office regarding the Police Accountability Act, investigating the use of deadly force, and investigating in-custody deaths. IG Devlin introduced Chief Inspector James Viadaro, who made additional comments.

Mayor Dickinson asked if the Inspector General’s office is available to set up meetings with local police departments. Robert Devlin responded yes, and they have already met with Wallingford PD. They are also open to setting up community meetings. First Selectman Freda asked if the Inspector General’s office does any data analysis of the use-of-force data that is available. IG Devlin stated their job mostly involves analyzing individual cases. First Selectman Cofrancesco asked in the case of not having town police, who is the first point of contact for the Inspector General’s office? IG Devlin stated towns without local PDs should reach out to the State’s
Attorney’s Office. Chairman Hoey asked if there was any union opposition to the creation of the Inspector General’s office? IG Devlin responded that the unions were initially opposed and concerned about due process. They felt more secure after meetings were scheduled with them. Kevin Alvarez asked if there were any unmet needs for the office, such as additional staffing or funding? IG Devlin responded that the office is correctly sized for now and there doesn’t seem to be any additional needs.

3. **Adoption of the July 27, 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 7/31/22**
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 $1,430,000 with $1,230,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also $338,400 due from CTDOT, $19,100 due from OPM, 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**
Mayor Dickinson presented the Transportation Committee report on pages 8-13 of the agenda packet, with the Resolutions found on pages 12, 13.

   Mayor Dickinson made a motion to approve TIP Amendment Nineteen. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded, and all voted in favor.

Mayor Blake stated he did not know about the Milford projects listed in this TIP amendment. He asked for more information on their prioritization. Jennifer Pacacha from DOT stated she can review their processes to be more transparent. DOT will be rolling out the eSTIP soon which will provide more information on projects. Chairman Hoey asked for a presentation by DOT at a future COG meeting. Mayor Dickinson suggested anyone interested attend the Transportation Committee meetings, as that is where these projects are reviewed and discussed prior to the Board Meeting.

6. **Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Agreement for LOTCIP Consultant Services**
James Rode presented the resolution on page 14 of the agenda packet. SCRCOG will be consulting with BETA Group to review LOTCIP applications. The cost of this review will be negotiated within the contracting process, but is funded by CTDOT. Mayor Blake asked how this was completed previously? James Rode responded that Stephen Dudley was able to review applications as a professional engineer. Mayor Dickinson stated that there will be a one-week turnaround on application review. First Selectman Heller made a motion to approve, and First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. All voted in favor.

7. **Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Agreement for Acceptance of 2022-23 Regional Services Grant**
Executive Director Amento presented the resolution on page 15 of the agenda packet. RSG funding is in the same amount as the previous fiscal year and has already been approved in the overall SCRCOG budget. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve, and First Selectman Heller seconded. The vote was unanimous.

8. **Update on Regional Housing Action Plan**
Andy Cirioli presented the materials on pages 16, 17 of the agenda packet. He reviewed concerns about the actions outlined in the Regional Housing Action Plan. The regional plan should include items that are possible to accomplish at the regional level. The regional plan will also include a section on actions we are recommending that municipalities take. A draft of these proposals will be presented in October. The action plan will also include a schedule for the next five years.
Andy Cirioli also presented an overview of the FY 22-23 affordable housing work program. A community engagement consultant will be selected next month. Kevin Alvarez commented on New Haven having the lowest rental vacancies in the country. The state is on-trend for a mass exodus of low-mid income people. Many of the housing challenges can be addressed regionally. Mayor Garrett commented that people move to our towns not for the town itself, but for jobs in the entire region.

9. **Congressional Reports**
Louis Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro’s office reported that the state’s capital plan was created before the Infrastructure bill passed. His office is looking to add projects to that plan. This is a great opportunity to advance projects in the TIP. Firefighter grants will be announced this month. He also reported there is a new program in the Comptroller’s office called the CT Premium Pay Program. It will award $1,000 to private sector workers making less than $150,000 who were required to work throughout the pandemic.

10. **Legislative Reports**
Michael Muszynski from CCM reported that they are working with COST to fill vacancies on legislative commissions. Payments have begun being distributed to towns from the opioid settlement. To receive payment, municipalities must create an account through the National Opioid Settlement Portal. Additionally, CCM has sent out information on the Local Infrastructure Hub which has bootcamp trainings on IIJA grants and will provide grant assistance to any municipality with a population under 150,000.

Betsy Gara from COST reported they are waiting for many of the legislative working groups to convene. COST has been providing compliance assistance to members and are coordinating a Land Use and Economic Development conference on November 17. They are working with Senate Majority Leader Jason Rojas to identify tools and resources to update the municipal affordable housing plans in five years. The Commission on Connecticut’s Development and Future is looking at housing and wastewater issues and is developing recommendations for the upcoming legislative session.

11. **SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report**
Executive Director Amento reviewed the SCRCOG Newsletter found on pages 18-21 of the agenda packet. New SCRCOG Deputy Director Laura Francis is being honored in Durham this morning by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. SCRCOG recently welcomed our newest intern, Heba Naqvi, from the UConn MPA program. Interviews were completed for the vacant Regional Planner position and the selection panel is deliberating on the selection.

12. **REX Development Report**
Ginny Kozlowski from REX Development reviewed the written report on page 23 of the agenda packet. She reported that there is a new hotline number for the unemployment office. Additionally, REX will be participating in a retail-focused trade show on December 7-8.

13. **Greater New Haven Transit District Report**
Mario Marrero reported the Transit District saw 17,000 total trips in July, which was 90% of pre-pandemic ridership.

14. **DESP/DEMHS Report**
Nicole Velardi from DEMHS reported the REPT Region 2 Steering Committee has had two positions filled: First Selectman Cofrancesco as Chair and First Selectman Freda as Vice Chair. The committee is still looking for additional municipal representation. The committee finalized its budget on Friday. A federal grant to support nonprofits is expected to be announced on Friday.

15. **Regional Planning Commission (RPC) August Action Table**
The Regional Planning Commission August Action Table was reviewed on Page 23. Chairman Hoey asked about the cannabis referral in Orange. Andy Cirioli stated the referral was reviewed but was found to have no regional impact.

16. **Regional Cooperation/Other Business**
   
   There was no other business.

17. **Adjournment**
   
   First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to adjourn, and First Selectman Heller seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

   Respectfully submitted,

   First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, **Secretary**
Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

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## Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
As of period 8/31/2022

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South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 20

Project 0170-3633  2022-A20-1  Asset Management Group (AMG)
Changes Amendment 20 adds a new project to maintain and enhance CTDOT's Transportation Asset Management Program.

Project 0170-3635  2022-A20-2  Bridge Management Group (BMG)
Changes Amendment 20 adds a new project to manage, maintain, and enhance a Bridge Management System for the Connecticut Department of Transportation, including project initiation.

Project 0170-3636  2022-A20-3  Pavement Management Group (PMG)
Changes Amendment 20 adds a new project to maintain and enhance a Pavement Management System (PMS) for the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Reason
Since these projects will utilize federal funding, FHWA has determined that they are not STIP exempt and will require individual STIP entries. As a result, CTDOT is initiating stand-alone term projects that will go through the Statewide STIP/TIP amendment process.

Project 0170-3639  2022-A20-4  COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS OIP
Changes Amendment 20 adds the Statewide Computerized Traffic Signal Systems (CTSS) Operational Improvement Project (OIP) for support of traffic signal central control system software, operations and maintenance of traffic signal equipment. CTSS activities were previously funded under the Newington Highway Operations Center projects, but FHWA has requested that a standalone CTSS OIP be initiated.

Project 0170-5032  2022-A20-5  TA PROGRAM- Consulting Engineer PE Activities
Changes Amendment 20 adds a new project to provide funding for CTDOT and their consultant liaison engineer (CLE) to perform federally eligible engineering activities associated with administration and oversight of the Federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program.
## Asset Management Group (AMG)

**Description**
This project is to maintain and enhance CTDOT's Transportation Asset Management Program. PODI term project 1/1/23 - 12/31/24

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**TIP Funds** $3,140

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**TIP Funds** $2,400

### Amendment Notes
- FY21 TIP Amend 20 adds new project

## Bridge Management Group (BMG)

**Description**
This project is to manage, maintain, and enhance a Bridge Management System for the Connecticut Department of Transportation, including project initiation.

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**TIP Funds** $2,400

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**TIP Funds** $2,400

### Amendment Notes
- FY21 TIP Amend 20 adds new project
South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 20

State Project #0170-3636
Municipality

Project Name Pavement Management Group PMG

Description This project is to maintain and enhance a Pavement Management System (PMS) for the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

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Amendment Notes
FY21 TIP Amend 20 adds new project

State Project #0170-3639
Municipality Statewide

Project Name COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEMS OPS IMPROVMT

Description Statewide Computerized Traffic Signal Systems (CTSS) Operational Improvement Project (OIP) for support of traffic signal central control system software, operations and maintenance of traffic signal equipment.

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Amendment Notes
FY 21 Amend 20 adds new project
**South Central Regional Council of Governments**  
**FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program**  
**Amendment 20**

**State Project #0170-5032**  
**Municipality** Statewide  
**SCRCOG #** 2022-A20-5  
**AQ Code** X6

**Project Name** TA PROGRAM- Consulting Engineer PE Activities

**Description** This project provides funding for CTDOT and CTDOT's consultant liaison engineer (CLE) to perform federally eligible engineering activities associated with administration and oversight of the Federal Transportation Alternatives (TA) Program

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**Amendment Notes**  
FY 21 Amend 20 adds new project
Resolution
Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty

Whereas: U.S. Department of Transportation “Metropolitan Planning Regulations” (23 CFR 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP) conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and SIP-established mobile source emissions budgets; and

Whereas: The Council, per 23 CFR 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program on September 23, 2020, after finding the Program conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 CFR 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and the Region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2019 to 2045, (April, 2019); and

Whereas: The Council, on September 23, 2020, indicated that periodic Program adjustment or amendment was possible; and

Whereas: Projects referenced in the Program amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s metropolitan transportation plan Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2019 to 2045, (April, 2019); and

Whereas: Council Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning have been observed during the development of the proposed Program amendment (below); and

Whereas: By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and/or its amendment; and

Whereas: Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the Program.
Resolution
Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty (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 September 28, 2022.

Date September 28, 2022

By: __________________________
First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments
Safety Performance Targets
CTDOT’s proposed targets for year 2023
April 2022

This technical memo documents the safety target selection process used by CTDOT to select the 5 safety performance targets for 2023 that CTDOT will submit to USDOT in two separate reports.

- The Safety Engineering Section within the Division of Traffic Engineering will submit the targets through the annual report of its Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) that is submitted to FHWA.
- The Highway Safety Office (HSO) in the Policy and Planning Bureau will submit the targets through the annual update of its Highway Safety Plan (HSP) that is submitted to NHTSA.

It is important to note that the term “Target” used in this technical memo is in accordance with the Federal Register. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determines whether a State has met its Safety Performance Targets based on the 5-year moving average.

The USDOT requires that each State DOT evaluate highway safety in the state using 5 highway safety performance “measures” and data from motor vehicle crashes in the state for the previous 5 years.

1. **Number of traffic fatalities**
2. **Fatality rate** (Fatalities/100 million vehicle miles traveled)
3. **Number of serious (A) injuries**
4. **Serious (A) injury rate** (Serious Injuries/100 million vehicle miles traveled)
5. **Number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries**

Every year the State DOT must establish a specific performance “target” for each performance measure. The Safety Engineering Section in the Bureau of Engineering and Construction, and the Highway Safety Office in the Bureau of Policy and Planning must work collaboratively to establish a single common set of five (5) performance targets. The shared targets are subsequently submitted to and tracked by the USDOT through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). FHWA and NHTSA encourage setting objectives that are Specific, Measurable, Action-oriented, Reasonable and Time-Bound (S.M.A.R.T). Federal regulations require that states must achieve their targets or risk penalties applied to Federal Highway safety funds. There are two (2) penalties, if states fail to meet four (4) of the five (5) targets:

- States lose the ability to “flex” some of their FHWA safety funds to other programs and are required to spend 100% of their safety funds on safety projects.

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1. Non-motorists include pedestrians, other pedestrians (wheelchair, person in a building, skater, pedestrian conveyance), bicyclists, and other cyclist (non-motorist using a non-motorized pedal-powered vehicle other than a bicycle, such as a unicycle or adult tricycle), per the MMUCC investigators guide.
This penalty has no real impact on CTDOT since safety is a priority and our goal for the last few years has been to spend all of our federal safety funds on safety projects.

- States must prepare an HSIP Implementation Plan which details how the safety funds will be spent and how the proposed program will improve safety.

The CTDOT tries to balance the target-setting process by selecting targets that:

- impact safety programming in a way that accomplishes the overall goal of reducing serious injuries and fatalities on the State’s roadways, and
- are still practical and achievable.

**Smoothing Data with 5-Year Moving Averages.** FHWA uses 5-year moving averages to determine the State’s progress towards achieving safety targets. However, States may use any methodology deemed appropriate to calculate the target value for each performance measure. States are encouraged to review data sets, trends, anticipated funding, and consider other factors that may affect targets. The use of 5-year moving averages smooths out what can sometimes be significant fluctuations in data from one year to the next. Since large annual fluctuations in data are relatively common, basing performance targets on “annual” data alone can result in the selection of faulty targets and an inability to achieve the selected performance targets. The 5-year moving average is one method that can help avoid or reduce the problem caused by large “annual” fluctuations.

For this year’s Safety Performance Target submittals to FHWA and NHTSA, CTDOT is required to report on the 5-year period from 2016 to 2020. The preliminary 2021 data, where available, are used for better decision-making regarding target selection. While the targets are determined jointly, separate submittals are made to each federal agency. Policy and Planning’s Highway Safety Office submits a report to NHTSA, and the Safety Engineering Section submits a report to FHWA.

**Disadvantage of 5-year Moving Average.** Connecticut has not been satisfied with the prior practice of using the 5-year moving average as the sole indicator to set the future years’ safety performance targets. While the moving average does smooth fluctuations, the use of a 5-year period means that some fatality and serious injury data included in the moving averages are 4 and 5 years old. During that timeframe, motor vehicle crash trends might have changed. In fact, Connecticut has experienced a change in trend for some performance measures in just the last 2 years with the COVID-19 pandemic. Connecticut believes that the 5-year moving average is a “lagging indicator” that cannot serve as the sole or even primary guideline for setting safety performance targets.
**Target Setting Approach.** Since 2020, Connecticut has been using a modified approach to target setting using both a 5-year moving average trendline and an annual trendline to guide the selection of targets. In addition, since 2021, CTDOT has used 10 years of data for annual forecasting to assist with better decision making. The final target selection is also based on professional judgement and a strengthened commitment to advancing CTDOT’s overall safety goal of improving the safety of all roadway users. The Department is committed to setting “aggressive” safety targets and then developing a strong program to achieve the targets.

This aggressive target setting increases the risks of not achieving targets, but it is consistent with the high priority that CTDOT has given to advancing its safety program. Additionally, FHWA recognizes states may choose to set aggressive targets as part of their strong commitment to safety. See inset.

**Special Challenge Posed by the Pandemic.** The COVID-19 pandemic has posed an unusual challenge to state DOTs. During the initial phase of the COVID-19 pandemic, traffic volumes fell 40-50% from normal in March and April of 2020, followed by a slow increase in traffic volumes from the month of May onwards in Connecticut. However, the traffic volume had not returned to 2019 levels by the end of 2020. While reduced traffic volumes should have resulted in a similar decrease in crashes, injuries, and fatalities; that was not necessarily the case. The total number of crashes and serious injuries decreased, but the number of fatalities increased in 2020. This might have been caused by significant increases in the percentage of drivers driving in excess of 85 mph observed on Connecticut roadways, which is considered reckless driving. The change in roadway travel and changes in driver’s behavior was also observed at the national level in 2020 as documented by the special report from NHTSA. NHTSA also published the overview of the 2020 crashes which shows an increase in fatalities at the national level in 2020 compared to 2019. However, in 2021, as traffic volumes returned closer to the 2019 levels, the increase in fatalities continued to go up in Connecticut. National data suggest an increase in fatalities of approximately 18.4% in the first six months of 2021 compared to 2020. The special report from NHTSA suggests that speeding, driving impaired and not using seat belts along with a potential reduction in law enforcement presence on the roadways, as possible factors which created an environment contributing to risky driving behavior and increased traffic fatalities during the on-going COVID-19 pandemic.

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2 NHTSA Report No. DOT HS 813 011. Examination of the Traffic Safety Environment During the Second Quarter of 2020: Special Report
3 NHTSA Report No. DOT HS 813 266. Overview of Motor Vehicle Crashes in 2020
Vision Zero Council of Connecticut. CTDOT is committed to eliminating traffic fatalities and is leading the effort with the Vision Zero Council. The Vision Zero Council of Connecticut is an interagency work group tasked with developing statewide policy to eliminate transportation-related fatalities and severe injuries involving pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, motorists, and passengers.

The Council was established in 2021 by the Connecticut General Assembly as part of Public Act 21-28, a landmark transportation safety bill. Members of the council include the commissioners (or their designees) of the Departments of Transportation, Public Health, Emergency Services and Public Protection, Motor Vehicles, Education, Aging and Disability Services, Office of Early Childhood, and Deputy State’s Attorney.

Currently, the Council is developing subcommittees focused on five “E’s” of traffic safety: Equity, Enforcement, Engineering, Education and Emergency Medical Services. Each subcommittee will be co-chaired by a state agency member and will include interested safety stakeholders and members of the public.
Performance Measure: **Number of Traffic Fatalities**

The trends in number of fatalities are illustrated in the graph below. Annual fatalities are shown in **blue**, and the **5-year moving average** is shown in **red**. These two lines are compared and used to select a target for 2023 as described below.

![Graph illustrating annual and 5-year moving average fatalities](image)


**“Annual” Fatalities**

- The annual number of fatalities has fluctuated from year to year. There was a declining trend until 2019 after a high point of 304 fatalities in the year 2016. However, the trend started to reverse in 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic. The years 2020 and 2021 saw a dramatic increase in fatalities in Connecticut and was observed at the national level as well. The 2021 preliminary data suggest 327 fatalities which is an 11% increase over 2020 in Connecticut.

- A time series regression analysis was conducted to project the likely number of fatalities in 2022 and 2023 (our target year). Based on this regression analysis, the projected fatalities are around 317, but there is a significant amount of statistical variance around the projection.

**5-Year Moving Average**

- The 5-year moving average trendline shows the projected fatalities of around 292, lower than the projection with the annual numbers for the target year of 2023.
TARGET

- CTDOT is choosing to maintain a 2023 fatality target of 270.0. The selection is based on careful consideration of the following:
  1. CTDOT has chosen to set an aggressive target that will move the state back toward fatality levels experienced in 2014-2015 and 2019 before the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  2. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, there had been a decreasing trend in the number of fatalities for the past couple of years with safety related infrastructure projects as well as enforcement and educational campaigns. CTDOT recognizes that 2020 and 2021 were unusual years with the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in higher-than-expected traffic fatalities. This was an unexpected consequence observed in most of the states in the U.S.
Performance Measure: **Fatality Rate**  
(Fatalities/100 million vehicle miles traveled)

The trends in the fatality rate are illustrated in the graph below. Annual fatality rates are shown in blue, and the 5-year moving average is shown in red. These two lines are compared and used to select a target for 2023 as described below.

Note: The data points for 2021 are based on the VMT average of 2019 and 2020 since 2021 VMT information is not available at this time.

“Annual” Fatality Rate

- The annual fatality rate has fluctuated from year to year, but the annual data suggest an upward trend since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, the VMT dropped by approximately 6% compared to 2019. However, the number of fatalities continued to increase reaching high points of 0.988 fatalities/100 million VMT in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. Preliminary 2021 data suggest a further increase in the fatality rate.
- A time series regression analysis was conducted to project the likely number of fatalities in 2022 and 2023 (our target year). Based on the regression analysis the projected fatality rate is around 1.031, but there is a significant amount of statistical variance around the projection.

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5 Fatality rate is calculated as the number of fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled annually. Comparing the number of fatalities relative to the volume of annual travel eliminates annual fluctuations in fatalities that one might expect due to differences in travel volumes from year to year. It adjusts for one source of variation that is known to directly impact the number of fatalities.
5-Year Moving Average

- In parallel with the annual numbers, the 5-year moving average is exhibiting an upward trend. The trendline for the 5-year moving average suggests the fatality rate could increase to 0.942 in 2023.

TARGET

- CTDOT is choosing to maintain an aggressive target of 0.850 in 2023. The selection is based on careful consideration of the following:
  1. The 2 trendlines in the graph suggest the actual value may be between 0.942 and 1.031. These trends are higher due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the number of fatalities and the VMT.
  2. CTDOT wants to set an aggressive target that will move the state back toward fatality rate levels experienced in 2014-2015 and 2019 time periods before the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.
  3. CTDOT recognizes that 2020 and 2021 were unusual years with the COVID-19 pandemic when Connecticut saw an increase in traffic fatalities even though the traffic volume dropped. This resulted in higher fatality rate in 2020 and the increase in fatalities has continued in 2021 which will likely push the fatality rate even higher.
  4. The latest available NHTSA data for 2019 suggest that historically, Connecticut has one of the lowest fatality rates in the country. In 2019, it had a fatality rate of 0.788 that was the 8th lowest rate nationwide, while the national fatality rate of 1.11 was 41% higher than Connecticut. In 2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Connecticut’s fatality rate increased to 0.988. Early estimates from NHTSA suggest a national fatality rate of 1.37 in 2020 which is 39% higher than Connecticut. Connecticut is choosing to strive for a lower rate by setting a target at 0.850 for 2023. The goal is to return to pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels.

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6 NHTSA Report No. DOT HS 813 118. Early Estimates of Motor Vehicle Traffic Fatalities and Fatality Rate by Sub-Categories in 2020
Performance Measure: **Number of Serious (A) Injuries**

The trends in number of serious injuries are illustrated in the graph below. Annual serious injuries are shown in blue, and the 5-year moving average is shown in red. These two lines are compared and used to select a target for 2023 as described below.

![Graph of Number of Serious (A) Injuries](image)

**Source:** CT Crash Data Repository as of 03/18/2022.

**Note:** The definition of “Serious (A) Injury” was changed in 2015 to match MMUCC 4th edition. Prior to 2015, Serious (A) Injury was defined as Incapacitating Injury (prevents return to normal). In 2015, a Serious (A) Injury was defined as any injury other than fatal which results in one or more of the following: severe laceration resulting in exposure of underlying tissues/muscle/organs or resulting in significant loss of blood; broken or distorted extremity (arm or leg); crush injuries; suspected skull, chest or abdominal injury other than bruises or minor lacerations; significant burns (second and third degree burns over 10% or more of the body); unconsciousness when taken from the crash scene; paralysis.

**“Annual” Serious Injuries**

- The annual number of serious injuries has fluctuated from year to year, but the annual data also suggest a downward trend since a high point of 1778 in 2012.

- A time series regression analysis was conducted to project the likely number of serious injuries in 2022 and 2023 (our target year). The preliminary data for 2021 suggest an uptick in the number of serious injuries but based on the regression analysis, we should expect a reduction in serious injuries. This decrease is expected to bring the annual number down to around 1350, but there is a significant amount of statistical variance around the projection.
5-Year Moving Average

- Unlike the case for fatalities, the 5-year moving average for serious injuries is exhibiting a steady downward trend. Nonetheless, there is still a small difference between the 5-year average trendline and the annual regression analysis forecast. The 5-year average is expected to fall to around 1399, while the regression forecast is around 1350.

TARGET

- CTDOT is choosing to maintain a 2023 target of **1300.0** serious injuries. The selection is based on careful consideration of the following:
  1. The 2 trendlines in the graph suggest the actual value should fall closer to 1350-1399.
  2. CTDOT wants to set an aggressive target that will move the state back toward serious injury levels experienced in 2020 and lower. At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 the number of fatalities increased but the number of serious injuries decreased.
Performance Measure: **Serious (A) Injury Rate**
(Serious Injuries/100 million vehicle miles traveled)

The trends in the serious injury rate\(^7\) are illustrated in the graph below. Annual serious injury rates are shown in blue, and the 5-year moving average is shown in red. These two lines are compared and used to select a target for 2023 as described below.

[Graph showing Serious (A) Injury Rate 2023 Target = 4.300]

Source: CT Crash Data Repository as of 03/18/2022.

Note: 1.) The data points for 2021 are based on the VMT average of 2019 and 2020 since the 2021 VMT information is not available at this time; 2.) The definition of “Serious (A) Injury” was changed in 2015 to match MMUCC 4th edition. Prior to 2015, Serious (A) Injury was defined as Incapacitating Injury (prevents return to normal). In 2015, a Serious (A) Injury was defined as any injury other than fatal which results in one or more of the following: severe laceration resulting in exposure of underlying tissues/muscle/ organs or resulting in significant loss of blood; broken or distorted extremity (arm or leg); crush injuries; suspected skull, chest or abdominal injury other than bruises or minor lacerations; significant burns (second and third degree burns over 10% or more of the body); unconsciousness when taken from the crash scene; paralysis.

### “Annual” Serious Injury Rates

- The annual serious injury rates have fluctuated from year to year, but the annual data suggest a downward trend since a high point of 5.686 serious injuries/100 million VMT in 2012.

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\(^7\) The serious injury rate is calculated as the number of serious injuries per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled annually. Comparing the number of serious injuries relative to the volume of annual travel eliminates annual fluctuations in injuries that one might expect due to differences in travel volumes from year to year. It adjusts for one source of variation that is known to directly impact the number of serious injuries.
A time series regression analysis was conducted to project the likely serious injury rates in 2022 and 2023 (our target year). Based on the regression analysis, we should expect a continuing reduction in serious injury rates. This decrease is expected to bring the annual rate down to 4.414-4.495, but there is a significant amount of statistical variance around the projection.

5-Year Moving Average

Unlike the case for fatality rates, the 5-year moving average for serious injury rates is exhibiting a steady downward trend. Nonetheless, there is still a small difference between the 5-year average trendline and the annual regression analysis forecast. The 5-year average is expected to fall to around 4.495, while the regression forecast is 4.414.

TARGET

CTDOT is choosing to maintain a 2023 target of 4.300 serious injuries/100 million VMT. The selection is based on careful consideration of the following:

1. The 2 trendlines in the graph suggest the actual value should fall between 4.414-4.495, but CTDOT wants to set an aggressive target that will move the state back toward fatality rate levels experienced in 2018 and lower.

2. CTDOT recognizes that 2020 and 2021 were unusual years with the COVID-19 pandemic. There was a decrease in the number of serious injuries likely due to a reduction in traffic volume in 2020 whereas, the preliminary data for 2021 suggest an increase in the number of serious injuries with the traffic volume returning closer to the pre-COVID-19 pandemic times.
Performance Measure: **Number of Non-Motorist Fatalities and Serious (A) Injuries**

The trends in number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries are illustrated in the graph below. Annual fatalities and serious injuries for non-motorists are shown in blue, and the 5-year moving average is shown in red. These two lines are compared and used to select a target for 2023 as described below.

![Graph showing the trends in non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries from 2011 to 2023](image)


**“Annual” Non-Motorist Fatalities and Serious Injuries**

- The annual number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries has fluctuated from year to year, but the annual data suggest a downward trend since a high point of 372 in 2016.

- A time series regression analysis was conducted to project the likely number of non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries in 2022 and 2023 (our target year). The regression analysis, suggest a small increase to around 306.4-308.8 similar to the 2019 pre-COVID-19 pandemic number. There is a significant amount of statistical variance around the projection.

**5-Year Moving Average**

- Similar to the “annual” projection, the 5-year moving average for non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries is projecting an increase although there is a significant difference between the 5-year moving average trendline and the annual regression analysis forecast. The 5-year
moving average is expected to increase to around 326.0, while the regression forecast is 308.8 for the year 2023.

TARGET

• CTDOT is choosing to maintain a 2023 target of 280.0 non-motorist fatalities and serious injuries. The selection is based on careful consideration of the following:

1. **High Priority for Pedestrian Safety.** The safety of pedestrians became a major issue in Connecticut when pedestrian fatalities unexpectedly jumped in 2014. While it was part of a larger national trend, it raised great concern in a state that is heavily urbanized and where walking and bicycling are essential modes of transport for many residents. These forms of active transportation are also increasingly popular forms of physical exercise. CTDOT adopted pedestrian safety as a high priority and has a major program to improve safety and expand opportunities for walking and bicycling. Several safety-related infrastructure projects were undertaken from 2015-2021 to improve the conspicuity of traffic control devices for non-motorized road users including but not limited to marked crosswalk enhancements and other signing. Connecticut remains committed to these goals.

In addition, there were several changes to the non-motorist Safety Laws in Connecticut in 2021 with the Connecticut House Bill No. 5429, which included the following:

• **Pedestrian Law – § 1 — YIELDING TO PEDESTRIANS AT CROSSWALKS:** Expands the circumstances under which drivers must yield to pedestrians at uncontrolled crosswalks
• **Dooring Law – § 4 — DOORING:** Prohibits causing physical contact with moving traffic by (1) opening a vehicle door or (2) leaving it open longer than necessary to load or unload passengers
• **Speed Limit Law – §§ 6-12 — LOCAL ROAD SPEED LIMITS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ZONES:** Allows municipalities to establish speed limits on local roads without OSTA approval and allows for the establishment of pedestrian safety zones with speed limits as low as 20 mph in downtown districts, community centers, and areas around hospitals

2. **Aggressive Target.** The CTDOT wants to set an aggressive target that will move the state back toward fatality rate levels experienced in 2014 and lower.
# CTDOT Safety Performance Targets Reported to FHWA

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### 2018 Connecticut Safety Performance Target Assessment Summary

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### 2019 Connecticut Safety Performance Target Assessment Summary

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RESOLUTION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF TARGETS FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY CTDOT

WHEREAS, the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) has been designated by the Governor of the State of Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the South Central Region; and

WHEREAS the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures by August 31, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established targets for five performance measures using both a 5-year moving average trendline and an annual trendline to guide the selection of targets for:

1. Number of Fatalities,
2. Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
3. Number of Serious Injuries,
4. Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and
5. Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries, and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Connecticut at the May 2022 COG Coordination meeting, and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT has officially adopted the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report dated August 31, 2022, and the Highway Safety Plan dated June 30, 2022 and

WHEREAS the SCRCOG may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the aforementioned State’s targets, or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board has agreed to support CTDOT’s 2023 targets for the five safety performance targets as attached herein, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on September 28, 2022.

Date September 28, 2022

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

Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreement for the SCRCOG Community Engagement Facilitator Consulting Services for the SCRCOG Affordable Housing Initiative

Whereas: SCRCOG’s Regional Services Grant (RSG) Statement of Work for FY 2022-23 was presented to the Council on May 25, 2022; and

Whereas: The RSG Statement of Work approves, among other programs, a Regional Affordable Housing Initiative; and

Whereas: The Regional Affordable Housing Initiative includes consulting services for a Community Engagement Facilitator; and

Whereas: SCRCOG solicited for this consulting service through a competitive Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process; and

Whereas: After review of the RFQ responses received, SCRCOG staff and the selection panel of municipal representatives recommend the selection of _____________________* for the remainder of the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

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

That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and sign consulting services agreements in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Resolution.

Certificate

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Date: September 28, 2022

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

*The name of the selected consulting firm will be provided at the time of the SCRCOG Council meeting in the form of a revised Resolution.
Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Agreement for Acceptance of DEEP Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant for Up to $100,000

Whereas: SCRCOG will be awarded in an amount up to $100,000 for a Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection; and

Whereas: The funds from the SMM Grant will be used for coordination of and assistance with, as well as providing education and outreach for six municipal SMM pilot programs.

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

That SCRCOG execute and deliver to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection a Notice of Grant Award (the “Agreement”) in an amount up to $100,000 for the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) 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

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

**SCRCOG’s Director of Regional Planning and Municipal Services moves on to become Plainville’s Assistant Town Manager**

SCRCOG’s Director of Regional Planning and Municipal Services, Andy Cirioli, has accepted a new position as Assistant Town Manager of Plainville, CT. He will be working with the municipality’s new Town Manager, Michael Paulhus, who previously served as Town Manager of North Branford, CT.

During Andy’s four years at SCRCOG, he worked to grow the regional planning and municipal services programs, including regional initiatives pertaining to affordable housing, information technology/cybersecurity, municipal grants, and procurement. Most recently, Andy assumed the role of lead staff member to the Regional Planning Commission.

Andy’s last day in the office will be September 28, 2022. While his departure is a great loss for SCRCOG, it is an incredible opportunity for Andy, and we are excited for our colleague as he takes on his new responsibilities for the Town of Plainville.

**SCRCOG Welcomes New Regional Planner - Joshua Petro**
On September 6th, Joshua Petro began his duties at SCRCOG as Regional Planner. Joshua is native to the region and grew up in Orange, CT. He attended the College of Charleston in South Carolina where he earned his degree in Environmental Studies and Entrepreneurship. Joshua is nearing completion of a Masters of Science in Environmental Policy and Planning at Tufts University, a degree accredited by the American Institute of Certified Planners.

At Tufts, Joshua discovered a passion for regional planning. He believes his work at SCRCOG provides opportunities to effectively address many of the social, environmental, and economic challenges currently facing all levels of government, ranging from the local to the international. Joshua is particularly interested in the potential of leveraging the design and use of our existing urban spaces to foster deeper connections between human populations and the environment.

SCRCOG is excited to have Joshua join our team. He can be reached at jpetro@scrcog.org or at 203-466-8626.

FY23 Housing Working Group Meetings

As part of our continued Regional Affordable Housing Initiative, SCRCOG is launching another year of Housing Working Group meetings. This year, the meetings will focus on ideas, tools, methods, and strategies to assist communities in operationalizing their affordable housing plans. David Fink will be facilitating these meetings and inviting guest speakers as well. A detailed meeting schedule, including topics and dates, can be accessed via the button below.

September's Housing Working Group Meeting

The first meeting, titled: “Kick-Off Meeting: Affordable Housing in CT and How to Move Forward with Affordable Housing Plans,” is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. This will be a hybrid meeting, with virtual attendance via Zoom and in-person attendance at the SCRCOG office. We encourage Working Group representatives, planners, municipal officials, business people, residents, and other stakeholders who will be important allies and resources to attend any or all sessions as their town's housing creation efforts evolve. Please press the button below to register for September's meeting and any of the others.
CT DEEP Climate Resiliency Funding

DEEP has announced the launch of the first round of its Climate Resilience Fund. Two tracks exist within this fund:

Track 1: Planning
Applicants can seek up to $250,000 to fund climate resilience planning that addresses the impacts of climate-related hazards, including how climate change increases weather-related risks. Send all application materials in one email to DEEP.climateresilience@ct.gov by 11:59 pm, Thursday, November 10th.

Track 2: Project Development
Applicants can seek funds to advance resilience project scoping and development that would lead to federal funding for implementation. Expected funding requests range from $300,000 to $700,000, but applications for amounts outside of this range may still be considered. Send all application materials in one email to DEEP.climateresilience@ct.gov. The final deadline is 11:59 pm, Thursday, December 1st.

Eligible applicants regardless of track are: municipalities, councils of government, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, and private sector entities.

For more information, including application materials, please visit DEEP’s website.

Connecticut Public Schools HVAC/Indoor Air Quality Grant Program

Gov. Lamont announced a new grant program offering a total of $150 million administered by the Office of School Construction Grants and Review to Connecticut public schools for upgrading their HVAC infrastructure including related controls and technology systems. Applications from school districts are now being accepted and must be submitted to the state by December 1, 2022. Municipalities will be required to provide matching grants to fund the project costs. Award notices will be announced in early 2023.

Click here for more information including how to apply.
SCRCOG Towns Approved for DEEP Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant

Six towns have been approved for SMM grant funding to conduct unit-based pricing/food waste diversion pilot co-collection programs. Here is a summary of approved grants:

- Bethany: full town curbside pick-up
- Guilford (for up to 350 households): includes transportation from food scrap container at Transfer Station
- Madison (for up to 350 households): includes transportation from food scrap container at Transfer Stations
- Meriden (for 1,343 households)
- West Haven: full town curbside pick-up
- Woodbridge (for up to 350 households)

SCRCOG has also been awarded a SMM grant for coordination of and assistance with municipal pilot programs, as well as providing education and outreach.

SUSTAINABLE CT

New Episode of The IMPACT, a Sustainable CT Podcast

Sustainable CT's podcast "The IMPACT" just released a new episode featuring a discussion between their executive director, Lynn Stoddard, and state Senator Christine Cohen. Stoddard has worked in public policy and manages a broad range of environmental programs, while Cohen chairs the important Environment Committee and was a driving force behind the Connecticut Clean Air Act. [Click here to listen.]

The Next Sustainable CT Coffee Hour

Sustainable CT hosts virtual informal discussions most third Fridays of each month at 10 am. They share program updates and resources, explore your questions, and strengthen the network of Sustainable CT champions. These sessions are free and open to all. The next session is on October 21, 2022 at 10 am. [Click here to register.]
Active Threat Integrated Response Course

Dates: September 27-29, 2022
This training is a free three-day course offered by LSU NCBRT/Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education. This course is designed to improve integration between law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services (EMS) in active shooter events. Click here to register. Use access code: NCBRT340

EMS-FIRE PRO Expo @ Foxwoods Resort

Over 80 EMS, FIRE, Emergency Management, and Healthcare Provider courses will be offered. There will also be a free exhibit hall for all to visit on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday (October 27-29th). Apparatus, equipment, software, uniforms, and both state and federal teams will be on display. Click here to register.

CTDOT’s Municipality ADA Compliance Assessment (2022)

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is encouraging municipalities to complete a nine-question self-assessment regarding compliance with the ADA. This serves as an update to the previous assessment conducted in November 2018 with additional questions to gather more expansive data. The final deadline is September 30, 2022. For more information, Katherine Hedberg, CTDOT ADA Coordinating Engineer, will be hosting a meeting via Teams on September 26th. The information is below.

Survey:
Click here to respond to the survey.

Microsoft Teams Meeting:
Click here to join the meeting.
Meeting ID: 275 392 262 930
Passcode: 3p39nt

COG Coordination Meeting: SCRCOG attended the Quarterly COG Coordination Meeting with DOT on September 6th. The agenda included an update on the Connecticut
State Rail Plan and a presentation on Maintaining Minimum Pavement Marking Retroreflectivity. There was also a monthly update on the LEAN process and a LOTCIP discussion.

**Unified Planning Work Program:** On September 16th SCRCOG received CTDOT approval of the latest UPWP update. SCRCOG will continue work to finalize scopes and paperwork to advance the seven new transportation studies in FY23, while completing an additional five studies, which began in FY22. Staff has begun work on the 2023 update.

**LOTCIP:** SCRCOG finalized its agreement with BETA to assist with the review of LOTCIP application and design plans. Working with BETA, SCRCOG can provide better feedback to our municipalities and limit the number of CTDOT comments that require additional work and can delay approval.

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

### UP Coming Meetings & Events

#### September

**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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**Housing Working Group Meeting**  
**Kick-Off Meeting: Affordable Housing in CT and How to Move Forward with Affordable Housing Plans**  
Date and Time: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm  
Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / [Click Here to Register](#)  
Schedule and Recordings: [Click Here to Access the Meeting Schedule](#)

#### October

**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
Date and Time: Wednesday, October 12, 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, October 13, 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, October 26, 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, October 26, 2022 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am
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Housing Working Group Meeting
Affordable Housing Plans around CT: Learning by Example and How to Make Progress
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SCRCOG Newsletter
September 20, 2022

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

We are collaborating with the subcommittees of the 2023-2028 5-year South Central Connecticut Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy to gather draft information for Business Retention, Expansion, and Recruitment; Workforce and Housing; Infrastructure; and Real Estate, Land Use, and Sustainability. The initial updates are due on October 18. We look forward to comparing the 2018-2023 CEDS with the current data. We are particularly interested in the anticipated impact of technology on our region’s economy. The pandemic accelerated the rate of technological change in society, and we are exploring how predicted changes can be integrated into our strategy.

In addition to the subcommittees’ work, we will contact you and your economic development administrators for town project lists along with their status (planning, shovel-ready, underway). While EDA no longer requires a project list, it facilitates access to funding when we can present the project as part of the CEDS. EDA will consider projects not included on the project list provided they support the stated goals and objectives. The CEDS will align with EDA’s investment priorities, effectively address the creation and/or retention of high-quality jobs, and identify projects to leverage other funding sources.

Beyond the work on the CEDS, REX is actively marketing the region through advertising, tradeshows, and fairs. For tradeshows, we attended the International Technology and Manufacturing Show in Chicago, as well as the New Jersey Motorcoach Tradeshow, and the Maryland Motorcoach Association. Our tourism marketing efforts have focused on a significant distribution of the 2022 Greater New Haven Visitors Guide, promoting the Visit New Haven app, and providing information to incoming Yale Graduate Students.

The region’s hotels did exceptionally well this summer with the leisure “revenge traveler”, but the business traveler has yet to return. As we head into the fall/winter season, as expected nationally, we may experience a softening in the market with an associated decline in retail and dining.

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
Drive Less Connecticut Challenge

During this quarter, we continued the development of the various projects for the Drive Less CT (DLC) Challenge. Multiple communication and marketing assets were reviewed and completed including: graphics and communications for the CTrides Agile Mile website, social media graphics, English and Spanish “how to join” poster for employees, a video for the big board at New Haven Union Station; goal progress charts, header for e-blast and newsletter, and a pop-up graphic for the CTrides website.

Before the Challenge started, multiple communications were drafted, approved, and sent to members of our ridematching and rewards program and our eblast list, including the save the date and an email to employer partners and their stakeholders. Weekly emails were developed for Agile Mile to be sent every Friday during the Challenge to remind members to log their trips and review their progress. A prize poster was developed, printed, and distributed for Outreach staff to use during their events to promote the Challenge. An interim landing page was developed, reviewed, and launched prior to the Challenge and a final landing page was developed, approved, and coded.

The Challenge started May 1, with multiple “kick-off” communications, and a mid-Challenge reminder was sent to CTrides subscribers. The final landing page was finalized and launched, and the post-event landing page design and development was initiated. A news article was also added to the Hartford Line and Shore Line East websites, and digital assets were created to replace the Return to Transit paid media for the month. Post-event communications were developed, including the prize email template for the Challenge winners, a thank you note for members and subscribers, and copy for the About section on the CTrides Agile Mile website.

The Challenge concluded on May 31 and achieved the following results: 16,401 car trips eliminated, 284,982 miles saved, 248,079 lbs. emissions prevented, $166,092 money saved, and 12,648 gallons of gas saved. By the end of the quarter, the winners were selected, notified, and the prizes were fulfilled. The post-event landing page was completed, and the development of the final DLC landing page started.

Transit Stories (Person on the Street) Project

The first day of filming was completed on April 8th at New Haven Union Station. Also, during this period, a full plan with logistics and schedule, location requirements, and permits for the second day of filming was
developed and sent to CTDOT for review and approval.

A card handout with all the CTrides social media accounts was designed, printed and shared with interviewees to follow the progress of the campaign. The second filming day was conducted on May 13th at Hartford Union Station. Following on-site filming, raw videos and scripts were reviewed, edits were made and then sent to the CTDOT for review and approval.

“Along the Lines” Podcast

During this quarter, five episodes (31-35) were recorded; episodes 29 - 35 were reviewed and edited; scripts for episodes 33 - 36 were developed; and episodes 29 - 33 were released and promoted on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn). Also, the production on paid media assets and posters was completed, a transcription and Spanish translation of Episode 29 were supplied following requests.

CTrides News Roundup

Three monthly editions of CTrides News Roundup were distributed. The April edition included content about the Fare-Free program, new Connecticut in Motion webinar, DLC Save the Date, New Haven restaurant week, Along the Lines podcast, and a mask reminder.

The May edition included information about the Drive Less Connecticut Challenge, Fare Free program reminder, New London shuttles to Mohegan Sun, a green fact of the month, Along the Lines podcast, and the new mask guidelines.

Finally, the June edition included the Drive Less Connecticut Challenge results, Fare Free program extension until Dec. 1, ParkConneCT return in the summer, Connecticut Open House day, Hartford’s first open streets program: DominGo!, and Along the Lines Podcast. Also, the development and source content for the July edition began.

Fare-Free Bus Promotion

In support of the Fare-Free Bus, English and Spanish poster templates were developed for stations and public distribution. Then, in May, the Fare-Free program was extended until December 1st, requiring multiple marketing assets to be updated, including the logo, media plan, display banners and digital ads, radio spots, posters, the homepage of CTrides on Agile Mile, and all the mentions on websites. An email blast was sent
to communicate the Fare-Free extension and all transit operators to update their assets and communications. Finally, Fare-Free Bus posters were printed and delivered to our Outreach team for their use.

**M8 Inaugural Ride**

During this quarter, we worked on the project to launch the new M8 electric trains on CTrail Shore Line East. An event name and logo were presented and approved - M8 Inaugural Ride, and a commemorative ticket design was created and printed on a seeded paper. We also sourced lanyards and ticket holders to be given out at the event on May 23, 2022 at New Haven Union Station. Videos and photos were taken to promote the new trains on social media.

**CTrides Webinar**

The third episode in the CTrides Connecticut in Motion series was broadcast on April 12, 2022. “Getting Employees Back to the Workplace in the Topsy-Turvy World of COVID” had 244 live attendees, 32 post-event views, and 276 as a total audience. The Hartford Business Journal (HBJ) published a “Thank You” ad on May 23, 2022.

**Hop Abroad – CTrail Hartford Line Residential Campaign**

The creative assets for the digital TV/OTT ads for this campaign were completed in April. The 180,000 direct mail pieces were mailed on April 22nd to households within a five mile radius of each station along the CTrail Hartford Line corridor. The streaming radio ads were reviewed, approved, and produced, and the digital animation for the big board in New Haven Union Station was received and sent to DOT.

**TikTok/Instagram Transit Influencer Campaign**

The influencer content was continued to be distributed throughout April, while the paid portion of the campaign started on April 28th and ran thru May 8th. The campaign report from Open Influence was received and reviewed, and data analysis on the response began.

**Social Media**

In April, May and June we consistently posted social media content across the CTrides, CTrail Hartford Line, CTrail Shore Line East, and
CTfastrak accounts, which includes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and TikTok (CTrides only).

A total of 132 posts were published through CTrides different platforms during this quarter (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn). Some of these posts included the Influencers’ repost, but also included content created in-house to promote Earth Day, Drive Less Connecticut (Save the Date, join the Challenge, prizes, updates, and results), the Connecticut in Motion webinar, Along the Lines podcast, the Fare-Free Bus program, bike month cross-promotion, ParkConneCT program, among others. The total impressions were 2,013,008 (+67.1%), with 53,807 engagements (+323.9%), and an engagement rate (per impression) of 2.7%.

For CTfastrak, a total of 86 posts were published through different platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter). Some of the posts were the Fare-Free Bus promotion, Corner Pug cross-promotion, Yard Goats, Earth Day, Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel exhibition and Vincent van Gogh exhibitions at the Wadsworth Atheneum cross-promotions, Connecticut’s Old State House, Picnic in the park, CT Science Center promotion, Hartford Taste Festival, New Britain Rose Garden festival, Hamilton at the Bushnell, Bristol Farmers Market promotion, among others. The total impressions were 201,913 (+59.8%), with 12,261 engagements (+203.3%), and an engagement rate (per impression) of 6.1%.

For the CTrail accounts, Hartford Line and Shore Line East, a total of 212 posts were published through different platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter). Some examples include the stations' highlights, Coles Road Brewing cross-promotion, rail fan pictures, Hop Aboard the Hartford Line, Earth Day, new boarding platform at Clinton Station, Explore CT, Influencer reposts, Pratt Street cross-promotion, Drive Less CT reposts, M8 electric train announcement, texting animation, DominGo! Hartford promotion, SLE views, Stony Creek Brewery, among others. The total impressions were 869,072 (+232.7%), with 34,802 engagements (+151.9%), and an engagement rate (per impression) of 4%.

**ParkConneCT**

During this quarter, a media plan was developed, approved, and launched on May 23, 2022. Creative assets were developed for three new parks (Osbornedale, Indian Well & Sherwood Island State Parks), and the last year’s marketing assets were updated. In May, the digital
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and social media ads were completed and approved, and the PDFs listing Individual park connections were approved and uploaded to the DEEP website.

CTrail Customer Surveys

In the middle of the quarter, the final surveys in English and Spanish were developed and submitted for approval. Safe Harbor language in five languages, informing respondents how to receive help in filling out the survey was requested and developed, email and service alerts were drafted and sent to promote the survey, digital assets for the New Haven Union Station big board were created, handouts and station train car posters were also designed, reviewed, printed and distributed; and social media posts were distributed on all CTrail accounts to promote the survey.

Finally, a detailed staff schedule was prepared for fielding surveys on all Hartford Line and Shore Line East trains. A weekly monitoring report on survey responses by individual train number was requested from our research vendor, GreatBlue Research, to ensure adequate train coverage.

Road Scholar—Fall 2022

In June, the content review process of transit options for 40 participating schools was initiated. The brochure cover art was re-designed for a fresh and new look, the U-Pass Fall 2022 graphic was received and updated on the applicable versions, and 600 copies were printed for a Western CT State University event.

Miscellaneous Projects

- Printed and delivered Nearby Transit Option templates for seven apartment buildings
- Created a customized Nearby Transit Option poster for The Key at Yale, Towne, and 111 Harbor Point Apartments
- Updated and printed CTrides collateral
- Developed, printed, and delivered a poster for Middletown Area Transit Buses
- Developed a poster for the Wesleyan University to collect students’ feedback on their commute and experience with the WesPass program
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- Reprinted an order of the Hop Aboard the Hartford Line mailer and delivered to CTDOT
- Reprinted an order of the CTrail eTIX App brochure and delivered it to New Haven Union Station
- Developed a text campaign poster for use during onsite events
- Developed a full-page ad promoting Fare-Free buses for the Jazz Festival event program
- Developed a CTrides app rewards poster for use during outreach onsite events
- Developed and printed posters to promote both the Hartford Symphony Orchestra at the Bushnell highlighting the availability of Fare-Free buses
- Completed the first draft of the updated CTrides brand guide and sent it to the internal team for review
- Created Union Station Shuttle graphic for display on New Haven Union Station large digital board
- Developed a texting animation asset for CTrail social media
Participating Organization Activity

As of June 30th, the total number of CTrides employer participants, stakeholders and community participants was 424.

Highlights:

Fare-Free Bus Promotion
Statewide outreach to promote the fare-free bus kick-off on April 1st. Efforts resulted in residential, municipal, transit operator, and private employer partners posting collateral and hosting onsite events in support of the campaign.

All About Trains (AAT)
Launched rail education program to school districts resulting in a planning session with New Britain district leaders.
Conducted outreach to 45 schools along the Hartford Line, securing Hartford, Berlin, Meriden, Wallingford, and New Haven contacts. Actively working with the New Britain School district on a presentation and field trip.
Represented AAT alongside Operation Lifesaver at a family train event in Essex.
Networking at this event led to the first in-school presentation with S.A.N.D. Elementary School in Hartford

Drive Less CT Challenge (DLC)
Outreach was able to secure commitments from 70+ partners to advertise the challenge on their websites, social media, and campus digital displays.
Partners ranged from private employers, residential developments, chambers of commerce, educational institutions, and municipalities.

Higher Education Outreach
Participated in six college and university orientations to promote the UPASS, fare-free bus initiative, and transit options near each campus.
Held ten meetings to confirm Road Scholar resources and secure onsite events throughout the Summer.
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New Partners:

- A.M. Property Holding
- AdvanceCT
- Amistad Center for Arts and Culture
- Ascot Group
- Bloomfield Public Library (Prosper)
- City of Groton
- City of Middletown
- City of New London
- Connecticut Food Share
- Connecticut Office of Early Childhood
- Deloitte
- LTI Larsen & Toubro Infotech
- Meego, Inc.
- New Haven Parking Authority
- Omega Engineering
- RAACE Radical Advocates for Cross-Cultural Education
- S.A.N.D. Elementary School
- The District
- Town of Darien
- Town of Darien Public Library
- Town of New Canaan
- Town of Stratford
Regional Worksite Highlights

**Western CT includes Litchfield, Housatonic, Bridgeport & Stamford regions**

**Highlights**

**Merritt 7**
Conducted programming to welcome many of the 4,000 employees of the corporate park back to campus. Held two onsite events with Norwalk Transit in addition to fare-free bus digital promotions on all campus screens.

**A.M. Property Holdings**
Held an onsite event at the 1,500-employee Stamford corporate campus, home to Ascot Group, Deloitte & Touche, Henkel Inc., and others. From this event, we gained a new partner in Ascot Group, re-engaged Henkel, Inc., and scheduled a Drive Less Connecticut Challenge onsite event for May.

**DLC Multi-Company Events**
Hosted DLC multi-company events, including Deloitte, A.M. Property Holding, Henkel, and Ascot Group. The success of this event led to securing Deloitte as a new partner and large-scale promotion of transit options in Stamford to over 1,500 employees.

**Municipal DLC Promotions**
Acquired two new partners through municipal outreach at the Drive Less CT Challenge launch. The two new municipal partners (Darien and Stratford) also advertised DLC among their networks, on social media, and each website.

**Omega Engineering**
Secured a new partnership with Norwalk Omega engineering firm with 160 employees. Omega is in a corporate park that provides a shuttle connection from South Norwalk Train Station and will be promoting that option to employees, among our other resources.

**Town of Darien Public Library**
The new partner is located along Route 341, which runs between Stamford and Norwalk along Post Road. The bus stop is in front of the library. We are actively promoting the fare-free bus initiative and will utilize this library for community outreach events.

**Meetings**
- 111 Harbor Point Apartments
- A.M. Property Holding Group
- Ascot Group
- Bigelow Tea
- Bridgeport Regional Business Council
- Charter Communications
- City of Bridgeport
- City of Danbury
- City of Norwalk
- City of Stamford
- City of Waterbury
- Connecticut Department of Labor
- Connecticut Department of Labor - NW Business Services
- Connecticut Transit Stamford Division
- Deloitte
- Greater Bridgeport Transit
- Greenwich Chamber of Commerce
- HARTransit
- Henkel Inc.
- Infinity Harbor Point
- Marcus - Merritt 7 Complex
- Memry Corporation
- Monterey Village Apartments
- Norwalk Community College
- Norwalk Transit District
- Omega Engineering
- Paier College of Art
- Post University
- Sikorsky
- Southwest Community Health Center
- Town of Darien
- Town of Greenwich
- Town of New Canaan
- Town of Stratford
- Town of Westport
- University of Connecticut - Stamford
- Western Connecticut Council of Governments
- Western Connecticut State University
Southern CT includes Middlesex, New Haven & coastal regions

Highlights

Electric Boat (EB)
Initiated a working group with EB, City of Groton, Southeast Area Transit District (SEAT), and South Central Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) to plan TDM strategies for their upcoming 1,200 parking space deficit. Developed employee map of home locations and identified carpool opportunities in addition to possible shuttle services for SEAT.

City of Groton
Initiated a partnership with the Mayor’s office to launch a transit promotion campaign throughout the City. Developing programming with Mayor Hedrick and his office in collaboration with SEAT to bolster the momentum of fare-free bus months.

Residential Drive Less Events
Hosted onsite event at College and Crown Apartments in promotion of DLC and CTrides services. Worked with residents individually to share green commuting options and train them on using the CTrides app.

Bike to Work Week Events
In partnership with New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation, hosted 3 bike-to-work events for the cyclists in the promotion of DLC. Worked with each rider to track their green trips and promote multi-modal transportation for statewide exploration.

American Job Center (AJC)
Hosted an onsite event at the New Haven AJC to provide CTrides and transit information. Developed real-time travel guides for each patron and promoted the extension of the fare-free bus initiative until December 1st.

Eastern Connecticut State University
Conducted multiple on-site orientation events to promote nearby transit options and the extension of the fare-free bus initiative until December 1st. Spoke with over 200 students and secured future events through the end of this Summer.

Meetings
- 9Town Transit
- AdvanceCT
- Amazon Sorting BDL5
- American Job Center (New Haven)
- Audubon Apartments
- Burns Elementary School
- Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut
- City of Groton
- City of Middletown
- City of New Haven
- City of New London
- College and Crown Apartments
- Consolidated School District of New Britain
- Corsair Apartments
- CT Roundtable for Climate and Jobs
- Eastern Connecticut State University
- Electric Boat
- Essex Steam Train & Riverboat
goNewHavengo
- Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce
- Meego, Inc.
- Middletown Area Transit
- New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation
- New Haven Parking Authority
- PMC Property Group
- RMS Companies
- South Central Regional Council of Governments
- Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
- Stone Academy
- The Republican Publishing
- Wesleyan University
Regional Worksite Highlights

**Eastern CT** includes the Hartford, North and Central regions of Connecticut

**Highlights**

**Travelers**
Launched commuter programming as many of the 7,000 Hartford employees returned to the office in late March. This outreach resulted in Travelers enrolling in the Emergency Ride Home program and CTrides facilitating an initial meeting with rail operations to coordinate CTrail as a pre-tax benefit transit vendor.

**Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (CT OEC)**
A new partnership where we hosted an informational event for state agency employees focusing on the dash shuttle, CTrides app, and fare-free bus initiative. The success of this event secured us future events with the CT OEC.

**DominoGO! Event**
Participated in the City of Hartford open streets fair alongside CTtransit to encourage citizens to take transit, bike, walk, and use a scooter around the capital city. Promoted fare-free bus initiative and distributed CTrides resource materials.

**Meetings**
- Albertus Magnus-East Hartford
- Bloomfield Public Library
- Bradley International Airport
- Capitol Region Council of Governments
- Center for Latino Progress
- Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce
- City of Hartford
- City of New Britain
- Commute with Enterprise
- Connecticut DEEP

**Connecticut Department of Aging and Disability**
- Connecticut Department of Transportation
- Connecticut Food Bank
- Connecticut Office of Early Childhood
- Connecticut Transit
- Goodwin University
- Hartford Job Corps
- Hartford Public Library
- Hartford Symphony Orchestra
- Larsen & Toubro Infotech
- Lincoln Technical Institute-New Britain
- Noah Webster Library
- Operation Fuel
- Pratt and Whitney
- RAACE Radical Advocates for Cross-Cultural Education
- S.A.N.D. Elementary School
- SustainableCT
- The Jackson Laboratory
- Town of Berlin
- Town of West Hartford
- Travelers
- University of Connecticut
- University of Connecticut-Hartford
- Vernon Rotary Club
- Voya
- Wadsworth Atheneum Museum
- Windsor Station Apartments

**LTI - Larsen Toubro Infotech**
New infotech partner located in Downtown Hartford with direct access to the Dash shuttle and several CTtransit routes. LTI employees are now regularly in the office and will be utilizing CTrides services to address commuting needs.

**Hartford Symphony Free Concert Promotion**
In partnership with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra, developed a campaign to promote fare-free transit use to the free concert series in Bushnell Park. Additionally, secured buy-in from City of Hartford partners to promote this event.

**Hartford Public Library**
Hosted an onsite event with Hartford Public Library and CTtransit to promote the Drive Less CT Challenge and the fare-free bus extension until December 1. The success of this partnership led to a referral of our services to Prosser Public Library in Bloomfield.
Customer Service Highlights

CTrides/CTrail calls: 5,164
Custom Commute Plans: 29
Total Number of Website Form Submissions: 552
Total Number of Emails Sent and Received: 1,217

Customer feedback:

- “Lisa was such a great help!! She explained everything so easily.”
- “My entire experience with this process has always been seamless. Great job!”
- “Amazingly helpful. Went above and beyond with specifics on parking!”
- “Very helpful and provided excellent customer service to make travels easy as much as possible.”
- “Cindy responded to our request immediately and gave us a clear, easy answer to our question. She's fabulous.”
- “I was impressed at how quickly I heard back... Everyone was friendly, articulate and gave me the impression that they cared which is precisely what I needed at that time since I was flustered, worried.”

Customer Service Details:

- 4,687 Total cases into CTrides
  - 3,191 calls
    - 3 inquiries about available disabled services
    - 6 bilingual inquiries
  - Sent and received 1,217 emails
    - Great or OK rating on 88.4% of emails surveyed
  - Facilitated 279 live online chats of which 72 were SMS (text) chats
    - 4.7 out of 5 (best) avg. rating on all chats
- Provided 3 Emergency Ride Home
- Processed 170 CTrail Hartford Line and 52 CTrail Shore Line East complaints, suggestions, questions
- Distributed 0 trial bus pass to commuters due to the bus fare free program starting on April 1
Ridematching and Rewards

**Membership and Impacts**

- Total Members: 47,590
- Recorded: 39,124
- Reduced Miles: 78,260
- Emissions Reduced: 342
- Gas Saved: 34,839
- Rewards: 1,507

**Breakdown of Recorded Trips**

- Transit: 18,168
- Carpool: 4,755
- Vanpool: 66
- Bike: 2075
- Walk: 2807
- Telecommute: 8,962
- Drive Alone: 1,998
As of Q4 2021, there are more than 300 businesses, agencies and municipalities working with CTrides

1. 111 Harbor Point Apartments
2. 18 High Apartments
3. 254 College Street Apartments
4. 3PL Worldwide
5. 360 State Apartments
6. 38 Crown Street Apartments
7. 9Town Transit
8. Abbey Lane Living
9. Advance Auto Parts
10. AdvanceCT
11. Advanced Behavioral Health
12. AECOM
13. Aetna
14. Albea
15. Albertus Magnus
16. Albertus Magnus (East Hartford)
17. Alexion Pharmaceuticals
18. All Our Kin
19. Allure
20. A.M. Property Holding
21. Amazon Fulfillment Center BDL-2
22. Amazon Fulfillment Center BDL-5
23. Amazon Sorting Center Wallingford
24. American Institute
25. Amistad Center for Arts and Culture
26. Ann's Place
27. Aptar Group
28. ARC of Litchfield County
29. Artspace New Haven
30. Ascot Group
31. ASML, Inc.
32. Asnuntuck Community College
33. Avon Health Center
34. BAR - New Haven
35. Becton Dickinson and Company
36. BHcare
37. Bigelow Tea
38. BikewalkCT
39. Bloomfield Public Library (Prosser)
40. BLT Office (Norwalk)
41. BLT Office (Stamford)
42. Bradley Airport
43. Branford Hall (Branford)
44. Branford Hall (Southington)
45. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Group
46. Bridgeport Public Schools
47. BrightStar Care
48. Building Blocks Learning Centers
49. Cabelas
50. Capital Community College
51. CARTUS
52. CDM Smith
53. Center for Latino Progress
54. Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce
55. Central Connecticut Coast YMCA
56. Central CT State University
57. Chabaso Bakery, Inc.
58. Cigna
59. City of Bridgeport
60. City of Danbury
61. City of Groton
62. City of Meriden
63. City of Middletown
64. City of New Britain
65. City of New Haven
66. City of New London
67. City of Stamford
68. City of Waterbury
69. City of Waterbury - Public Health
70. College and Crown
71. Community Health Center of New London
72. Concord Meadows
73. Connecticare
74. Connecticut Children's Medical Center
75. Connecticut College
76. Connecticut Department of Developmental Services
77. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (Hartford)
78. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (New Britain)
79. Connecticut Department of Labor
80. Connecticut Department of Transportation
81. Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs
82. Connecticut Food Share
83. Connecticut Green Bank
84. Connecticut Innovations
85. Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants
86. Connecticut Mental Health Center
87. Connecticut National Guard
88. Connecticut Office of Early Childhood
89. Connecticut Probate Court
90. Connecticut Spring and Stamping
91. Connecticut State Insurance Department
92. Connecticut Valley Hospital
93. Connecticut Valley Industries
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214. Middlesex Community College 247. NWCC Center for Workforce Development
215. Middlesex Community College - Meriden Campus 248. Oak Haven Table & Bar
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217. Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center 250. Office of the Attorney General
218. Middletown Area Transit 251. Office of the Secretary of the State
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223. Monterey Village Apartments 256. Oracle Corporation
224. Mystic Healthcare and Rehabilitation LLC 257. Paier College of Art
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229. Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments 262. Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects
230. Naval Submarine Base New London 263. People Friendly Stamford
231. New Britain CT Works Center 264. People's United Bank
232. New Britain Downtown District 265. PEP - Lacey Manufacturing
233. New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation 266. Pierce Care
234. New Haven Mayor’s Task Force on Bike Education 267. Pierpoint City Crossing
235. New Haven Parking Authority 268. Pitney Bowes-Danbury
236. New Haven Towers 269. Pitney Bowes-Shelton
237. North East Transportation Co. 270. PMC Property Group
271. Porter & Chester Institute (Branford) 272. Porter and Chester Institute (Enfield)
273. Porter and Chester Institute (Stratford) 274. Porter and Chester Institute (Waterbury)
275. Postmark Apartments 276. Pratt & Whitney - Middletown
277. Pratt and Whitney 278. Prudential (Hartford)
279. Quinebaug Valley CC 280. Quinnipiac University
281. Quinnipiac University - North Haven Campus 282. RAACE Radical Advocates for Cross-Cultural Education
283. Radiall USA Inc. 284. Randstad
285. Reckson/SL Green 286. Regal Care
287. Residence Court Apartments 288. Residence on the Green
289. RGIS 290. Rich Product Corporation
291. RMS Companies 292. Rotary Club of Rockville
293. Rudy’s - New Haven 294. Saint Francis Hospital
295. S.A.N.D. Elementary School 296. Saybrook Point
297. Sea Corp 298. SeeClickFix
299. Senior Living Residences (Farmington Station) 300. Senior Living Residences, LLC (Ridgefield)
301. Senior Resources Agency on Aging 302. Shipman & Goodwin
303. Siemon Company 304. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—Bridgeport
305. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—Shelton 306. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—Stratford
307. Society for Human Resource Man-
Appendix A: Partner and Stakeholder List

308. SoNo 19Day
309. SoNo Pearl Apartments
310. Soundview Landing Apartments
311. South Central Regional Council of Governments
312. Southeast Area Transit
313. Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
314. Southern Connecticut State University
315. Southwest Community Health Center
316. St. Mary’s Hospital
317. St. Vincent’s College
318. St. Vincent’s Medical Center
319. Stamford Chamber of Commerce
320. Stamford Downtown Special Services District (SDSSD)
321. Stanley Black & Decker
322. State Education Resource Center
323. State of Connecticut
324. State Street Lofts
325. Stone Academy (East Hartford)
326. Stone Academy (Waterbury)
327. Stone Academy (West Haven)
328. Strouse Adler Apartments
329. Sun Life Financial
330. Tauck Tours
331. Taft Apartments
332. The Anchor Spa
333. The Audubon Apartments
334. The Botanist
335. The Business Council of Fairfield County
336. The Corset Factory
337. The District
338. The Docks Apartments
339. The Hartford
340. The Independence Center
341. The Kennedy Center, Inc.
342. The Key at Yale and Towne Apartments
343. The Maddox City Crossing
344. The Sierra Club
345. The Summit
346. The Watermark at 3030 Park
347. The Workplace
348. Three Rivers Community College
349. Thule Inc
350. Tower Laboratories
351. Tower Labs Ltd.
352. Town Green Special Services District
353. Town of Bethany
354. Town of Branford
355. Town of Burlington
356. Town of Colchester
357. Town of Cromwell
358. Town of Darien
359. Town of Darien Public Library
360. Town of East Hartford
361. Town of East Lyme
362. Town of Fairfield
363. Town of Farmington
364. Town of Greenwich
365. Town of New Canaan
366. Town of Old Lyme
367. Town of Stratford
368. Town of Trumbull
369. Town of Westbrook
370. Town of Windsor
371. Town of Woodbridge
372. Travelers
373. Trinity College
374. Triumph
375. TSKP Studios
376. Tunxis Community College
377. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
378. UConn Hartford
379. UConn Health Center
380. UConn Law School
381. Ulbrich Stainless Steels and Special Metals
382. United Bank
383. United Healthcare
384. United Illuminating
385. United States District Court: District of Connecticut
386. United Technologies Corporation
387. University of Bridgeport
388. University of Connecticut—Avery Point
389. University of Connecticut—Storrs
390. University of Connecticut—Stamford
391. University of Connecticut—Waterbury
392. University of Hartford
393. University of New Haven
394. University of Saint Joseph
395. University of St. Joseph School of Pharmacy
396. USI Consulting
397. U.S. Federal Highway Administration
398. Valley Transit District
399. Vault Apartments
400. Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System (Newington)
401. Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System (West Haven)
402. Voya
403. Washington Inventory Systems
404. Waste Management
405. Watch For Me CT
406. Waterbury Hospital
407. Watson Foods
408. Wesleyan University
409. West Hartford Health and Rehab
410. Western Connecticut State University
411. Western CT Council of Governments
412. Whitney Avenue Apartments
413. Wiggin & Dana, LLP
414. Windham Region Transit District
415. Windham Regional Community Council
416. Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center, LLC
417. Windsor Station Apartments
418. Winthrop Apartments
419. Wiremold/Legrand
420. Workers' Compensation Commission
421. Yale University
422. Yale-New Haven Hospital
423. Yelp CT
424. YMCA Greater Hartford
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