SCRCOG BOARD
MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
Wednesday, October 26, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

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

Office Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West, North Haven, CT 06473
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1. Call to Order – First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Chair
2. Adopt minutes of September 28, 2022 SCRCOG Board Meeting—First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary
3. Treasurer’s Report for the month ending 9/30/2022 – First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, Treasurer
4. Transportation Committee Report – Mayor William Dickinson, Committee Chair
   Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 TIP Amendment Twenty One
5. Congressional Reports – Louis Mangini, Aide to U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Ellen Graham, Aide to U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal; Jameson Foulke, Aide to U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy
6. State Legislative Reports – Michael Muszynski, CCM; Betsy Gara, COST
7. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report – Carl Amento, Executive Director
8. REX Development Report – Ginny Kozlowski, REX Development
9. Greater New Haven Transit District Report – Mario Marrero, Executive Director
10. DESPP/DEMHS Report – Nicole Velardi, Region 2 Coordinator
11. Regional Planning Commission (RPC) October Action Table
12. Other Business/ Regional Cooperation: Discussion of Electric Utility proposed Rate Increases
13. Adjournment

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

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TO: SCRCOG Board Members  
FROM: First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary  
DATE: October 19, 2022  
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Meeting Minutes September 28, 2022

Present:  
Bethany First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary  
Branford First Selectman Jamie Cosgrove  
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey, Chair  
Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett  
Madison First Selectman Peggy Lyons, Treasurer  
Milford Mayor Benjamin Blake  
New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker  
North Branford Town Manager Michael Downes, proxy for Mayor Jeffrey Macmilen  
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda, Immediate Past Chair  
Orange First Selectman Jim Zeoli  
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson  
Woodbridge Sheila McCreven, proxy for First Selectman Beth Heller

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

Guests: Kendra McQuilton, Energia; Kevin Alvarez, City of New Haven; Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, REX Development; Jennifer Pacacha and Kevin Tedesco, CT Department of Transportation; Louis Mangini, Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro; Ellen Graham, Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal; Michael Muszynski, CCM; Mario Marrero, Greater New Haven Transit District; Anne Benowitz, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce; Pamela Roach, Solid Waste and Recycling Consultant; Nan Birdwhistell, Martha Cullina; Dan Buckley, Shoreline Greenway; Lorena Venegas, Member of the Public.

NOTE: The September 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 10:07 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Presentation: Combat Rising Energy Costs with an Energy Saving Performance Project**  
Kendra McQuilton of Energia gave a presentation on the Energy Saving Performance Project program.

3. **Adoption of the August 24, 2022 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes**  
First Selectman Cofrancesco presented the minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of August 24, 2022, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-5. Kevin Alvarez moved to approve the adoption of the minutes. First Selectman Cosgrove seconded. All voted in favor.

4. **Treasurer’s Report for month ending 8/31/22**  
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 $1,350,000 with $869,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also...
$345,700 due from CTDOT, $48,100 due from OPM, and $41,600 due from DESPP. Expenses for the month were in order. First Selectman Cofrancesco moved to accept the report, and First Selectman Cosgrove seconded. The vote was unanimous.

5. **Transportation Committee Report**
   Mayor Dickinson presented the Transportation Committee report on pages 8-31 of the agenda packet, with the Resolutions found on pages 12, 13 and 30, 31.
   - Mayor Dickinson made a motion to approve TIP Amendment Twenty. First Selectman Cosgrove seconded, and all voted in favor.
   - Mayor Dickinson made a motion to endorse the targets for safety performance measures established by CTDOT. First Selectman Cosgrove seconded, and all voted in favor.

6. **Report on Executive Committee Personnel Discussions**
   Chairman Hoey reported there was a discussion at Executive Committee regarding a personnel matter, though it was determined that there was no issue and that no further discussions were needed.

7. **Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Agreement for Community Engagement Facilitator for SCRCOG Affordable Housing Initiative**
   Executive Director Amento presented the resolution on page 32 of the agenda packet. An updated copy of the resolution was made available to Board members around the table, which listed Ben Fink as the selected community engagement consultant. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve, and Mayor Garrett seconded. The vote was unanimous.

8. **Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Execute Agreement for Acceptance of DEEP Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant for Up to $100,000**
   Executive Director Amento presented the resolution on page 33 of the agenda packet. Six towns in the SCRCOG region have been selected for this grant to create pilot programs for unit-based pricing and food waste diversion. SCRCOG’s grant award will supplement the municipal grants by assisting towns with coordination, education and outreach. The COG is still waiting on the formal award, which will be for an amount up to $100,000.

   Chairman Hoey asked if there were any other details on the scope or budgetary impacts? Executive Director Amento stated that once the award is finalized, a budget amendment will be brought before the Board. He explained the COG would enlist an engagement consultant similar to that of the housing program. First Selectman Zeoli added that he would like to see pilots to remove glass from single stream recycling, as it is the heaviest material and contributes most to contamination. Executive Director Amento responded that he agreed with First Selectman Zeoli as to the importance of glass recycling. SCRCOG has requested that DEEP create a program of funding to encourage the development of municipal and regional glass recycling systems. Laura Francis responded that HRRA has a program for glass removal that can be used as a model. Sheila McCreven noted that Woodbridge recently obtained glass collection receptacles at their transfer station.

9. **Congressional Reports**
   Louis Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro’s office reported that Congress approved a continuing resolution to keep funding the federal government which extends through December 16. There is additional funding available in the home heating assistance program, allowing more people to participate in Connecticut. Supplemental funds for the program are expected after the budget passes in December. The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program application closes October 31.

   Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal’s office added that there are no income limits for the PSLF program, and municipal staff are eligible.

10. **Legislative Reports**
Michael Muszynski from CCM reported that they are partnering on the hosting of the 2nd gubernatorial debate. CCM is finalizing their legislative priorities before the CCM convention in November. The first issues bulletin campaign was recently sent out and will be sent out weekly going forward highlighting a different legislative topic. CCM continues assembling resources and guidance on IIJA programs.

11. **SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report**
   Executive Director Amento reviewed the SCRCOG Newsletter found on pages 34-40 of the agenda packet. He announced that Andy Cirioli would be leaving SCRCOG to take a position as Assistant Town Manager in Plainville. A job posting and solicitation to fill the Director of Regional Planning and Municipal Services will begin shortly. He also introduced Joshua Petro as SCRCOG’s newly-selected Regional Planner. Laura Francis reminded everyone to complete the ADA survey. The COG is looking into enlisting a consultant to help with implementation.

12. **REX Development Report**
   Ginny Kozlowski from REX Development reviewed the written report on page 41 of the agenda packet. She is currently attending the New Jersey travel and tourism show. REX continues to work with COG on the Recovery CARES Act grant.

13. **Greater New Haven Transit District Report**
   Mario Marrero reported the Transit District saw increased ridership for the month, averaging 700 trips per day, which is higher than pre-pandemic levels. Branford, East Haven, West Haven, and New Haven have board vacancies to fill. GNHTD will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in January and will be hosting special events all next calendar year.

14. **CTRides Quarterly Report**
   The report was reviewed on pages 42-59 of the agenda packet.

15. **DESPP/DEMHS Report**
   Nicole Velardi from DEMHS was not in attendance to give a report.

16. **Regional Planning Commission (RPC) September Action Table**
   The Regional Planning Commission August Action Table was reviewed on Page 60.

17. **Regional Cooperation/Other Business**
   Chairman Hoey reported that at the last CCM Board meeting they discussed grouping projects for IIJA applications. He asked what the role of the COG would play in this process. Laura Francis responded that we need municipalities to share with us what projects they wish to pursue so the COGs can package them into a multi-town or regional application. In the meantime, SCRCOG has engaged a two-person team of Grants Consultants to assist SCRCOG and the SCRCOG municipalities. Executive Director Amento and Deputy Director Francis stated that they would work on developing categories for project groupings and will solicit municipalities for projects that fit into those categories.

   Mayor Blake stated that UI is proposing a large rate increase, and asked if the COG should provide input. Chairman Hoey proposed it be a topic of discussion at the next board meeting.

18. **Adjournment**
   First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to adjourn, and First Selectman Cosgrove seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Secretary
## Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
As of period 9/30/2022

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Treasurer's Report – September, 2022
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# Statement of Resources and Expenditures

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As of period 9/30/2022

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Amendment 21 adds a new project for the replacement of traffic control signals to meet current standards at various locations in District 3. Only one location is in our region. The signal on Route 80 (Foxon Blvd.) @ New Haven Plaza Drive is scheduled for full equipment replacement.
# FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
## Amendment 21

### South Central Regional Council of Governments

**State Project #0173-0531**  
**Municipality** District 3  
**SCRCOG #** 2022-A21-1  
**AQ Code** X7  

**Project Name:** REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
**Description:** Replacement of traffic control signals to meet current standards at various locations in District 3.

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**TIP Funds:** $1,313  

### Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 21 adds new project
Resolution
Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty-One

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-One (Continued)

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

The Program Amendment Twenty-One shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program.

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on October 26, 2022.

Date October 26, 2022

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.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**FY23 Housing Working Group Meetings**

The kick-off meeting for this year's Housing Working Group took place on the 28th of September and had a great turnout. The next is scheduled for next Wednesday, the 26th. David Fink is facilitating these meetings with presentations by guest speakers. A detailed meeting schedule, including topics and dates, can be accessed via the button below.

[LINK | FY23 Housing Working Group Meeting Schedule]

**October's Housing Working Group Meeting**

The second meeting, titled: “Affordable Housing Plans Around CT: Learning by Example and How to Make Progress," is scheduled for Wednesday, the 26th of October, 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.

To register for October's meeting and any of the others, click here.

**Prong 2: Community Engagement**

As part of SCRCOG's ongoing Regional Affordable Housing Initiative, a community engagement facilitator has been contracted to increase contact with the diverse communities in across our region and within our municipalities. We are excited to announce that Ben Fink has been selected to fill this role, and a kick-off meeting for this initiative will be held on the 3rd of November 2022 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm. The meeting will be virtual via Zoom.

To join, click here.

**CT's Affordable Housing Conference (CAHC) 2022: Building Stability**

Partnership for Strong Communities (PSC) will host the third annual CAHC from the 14th - 16th of November 2022. This year the CAHC will focus on Building Stability and will spotlight a wide array of best practices, collaborations, and coordinated advocacy strategies to strengthen housing stability for households and communities across Connecticut. This year's conference will feature a menu of sessions relevant to affordable housing developers, tenant advocates, lenders and funders, public housing authorities, municipal and state policy leaders, housing advocates, and the general public.

The virtual CAHC is free and open for all to attend, and tickets are available for an in-person networking reception Tuesday evening, the 15th of November, from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

To register, click here.

**FY23 Information Technology Workshop Series**

SCRCOG is excited to host another IT/cybersecurity workshop series. This year's series includes four workshops and focuses on understanding, preparing for, and recovering from cyber threats as well as safety best practices. SCRCOG's Information Technology Working Group as well as municipal leaders and officials who may benefit from these workshops are invited to attend. Novus Insights, Inc., is conducting these sessions along with several other programs open to each municipality free of charge. A detailed meeting schedule, including topics and dates, can be accessed via the button below.

[LINK | FY23 IT Workshop Series Schedule]
**Workshop 1: Incident Response, Oct. 26th**

The first meeting Novus Insights, Inc., will be conducting this year is scheduled for the 27th of October from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. Titled "Incident Response," this first installment will focus on the incident response lifecycle, including:

- how to prepare your municipality for an incident,
- how to detect potential security threats in your environment,
- how to contain them,
- how to investigate the potential impact of the threat on your systems and data,
- how to preserve evidence, and
- how to recover safely from a cyber incident.

These meetings are virtual via Zoom. To register, [click here](#).

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**MUNICIPAL GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

**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](mailto: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 (those which could result in a FEMA implementation grant). 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](mailto: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.

SCRCOG staff is working on an application for an implementation plan to prioritize qualified projects identified in existing regional plans.

For more information, including application materials, please visit DEEP’s [website](#).
National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grants

The primary goal of the Culvert AOP Program is to improve or restore anadromous fish passage through the replacement, removal, repair, or improvement of culverts or weirs. The grant program prioritizes projects that would improve fish passage for: (A) anadromous fish stocks listed as an endangered species or a threatened species under section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. § 1533); (B) anadromous fish stocks identified by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) that could reasonably become listed as an endangered species or a threatened species under that section; (C) anadromous fish stocks identified by the NMFS or the USFWS as prey for endangered species, threatened species, or protected species, including Southern resident orcas (Orcinus orca); or (D) anadromous fish stocks identified by the NMFS or the USFWS as climate resilient stocks (49 U.S.C. § 6703(e)(1)). The program also prioritizes projects that would open up more than 200 meters of upstream (anadromous) habitat before the end of the natural habitat (49 U.S.C. § 6703(e)(2)).

To view the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), click here.

State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

This program is part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and allows the Department of Homeland Security to make cybersecurity investments in state, local, and territory (SLT) government agencies. $1 billion dollars will be available over the next four years through the SLCGP and the Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program.

Eligible applicants for the FY22 SLCGP include state agencies with local governments as sub-recipients. Applications are due on the 15th of November 2022.

For more information, click here.

Thriving Communities Program

Funded with $25 million through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022, the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) new Thriving Communities Program (TCP) aims to ensure that disadvantaged communities adversely or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes have the technical tools and organizational capacity to compete for federal aid and deliver quality infrastructure projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive.

TCP facilitates the planning and development of transportation and community revitalization activities and provides tools to ensure that under-resourced communities can access the historic funding provided in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).
The Thriving Communities Program will be administered by the Build America Bureau as part of its broader efforts to provide technical assistance to communities.

More Information can be found on the USDOT website.

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (RPC)**

- [LINK | October 2022 RPC Meeting Agenda](#)
- [DOWNLOAD | October 2022 RPC Action Table](#)
- [DOWNLOAD | RPC Informational Brochure](#)

**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](#).

**Sustainable CT's Community Match Fund Featured by CT Public**

CT Public has produced a third episode of *Re:source:ful - Growing Sustainable Communities*, which features inspiring stories from Sustainable CT's [Community Match Fund](#).

To watch the episode, [click here](#).
Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS), CT 2022

During the 16th Annual Transportation Mini-Series hosted by the CT chapter of WTS International, Laura Francis served on a panel with Commissioner Mark Boughton; Kim Lesay, Bureau Chief Policy & Planning CTDOT; Kristin Kadjstylianos, Transportation Director WESTCOG; and Matt Hart, Executive Director of CRCOG regarding the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

More information can be found here.

COG Coordination Meeting: SCRCOG attended the Monthly COG Coordination Meeting with DOT on October 4th. The agenda included a review of the Connecticut State Rail Plan, a presentation on Carbon Reduction Program and an update on the statewide freight plan. There was also a monthly update of the LEAN process.

Carbon Reduction Program: At the COG monthly meeting, CTDOT gave a presentation on this new program. Connecticut expects to receive $79 million dollars in funding over the next 5 years. The program is designed to reduce carbon emissions through development of state carbon reduction strategies and funding projects that reduce carbon emissions. Information is available on our website.

Unified Planning Work Program: In preparation for the next 2-year UPWP, SCRCOG is soliciting transportation planning studies from the region. A formal notice will be sent out and posted on the website as well. SCRCOG staff continues work to advance the seven new transportation studies in FY 23, contracts will be signed over the next few weeks.

LOTCIP: SCRCOG staff met with CTDOT on October 18th for an annual review of the LOTCIP funding. At this time, the region has 16 projects in LOTCIP that accounts for more than 48 million dollars in programming. Projects include Bridge replacements, road reconstruction, safety improvements and sidewalks. As a new list of LOTCIP proposed projects is developed, SCRCOG is turning its focus to project delivery and scheduling and will work with our partners at the CTDOT.

I-95 PEL Study: On October 4th, CTDOT announced the launch of I-95 Eastern CT Planning & Environmental Linkages Study between Branford and Rhode Island. The PEL Study is an early-planning effort to identify improvements to reduce congestion and improve travel time along Interstate 95 (I-95) from Exit 53 in Branford to the Rhode Island state line. Information on this study is available here.

Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP): Launched on October 12th, TRIP provides state funds to municipal governments for infrastructure improvements in rural areas of Connecticut. Activities may include transportation capital projects such as construction, modernization, or major repair of infrastructure. Based on the program guidelines, Bethany is the only municipality eligible for this program. SCRCOG will assist the town with their application.
October

**SCRCOG Board Meeting**
Date and Time: Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Meeting Type: Hybrid (virtual recommended) - SCRCOG Office / Click Here to Join the Zoom Meeting
Agenda: Click Here to Access the Meeting Agenda

**Housing Working Group Meeting**
**Affordable Housing Plans around CT: Learning by Example and How to Make Progress**
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Meeting Type: Hybrid - SCRCOG Office / Click Here to Register
Schedule and Recordings: Click Here to Access the Meeting Schedule

**Information Technology Workshop 1**
**Incident Response**
Date and Time: Thursday, October 27, 2022 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Meeting Type: Virtual / Click Here to Register
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November

**Affordable Housing Community Engagement**
Kick-Off Meeting: Community Engagement Facilitator and Affordable Housing
Date and Time: Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Meeting Type: Virtual / Click Here to Join the Zoom Meeting
Agenda: Click Here to Access the Meeting Agenda

**Transportation Committee Meeting**
Date and Time: Wednesday, November 9, 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, November 10, 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, November 16, 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, November 16, 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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October 19, 2022

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

As the deadline for the completion of the 2023-2028 South Central Connecticut Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) draws ever closer, the committees are diligently evaluating the region’s current economic status, setting goals and objectives, and identifying tactics to progress toward the goals. The Strategic Planning Committee met on October 18th, and the subcommittees provided status updates. Moving forward, REX will distribute electronic surveys to businesses and ask our municipal and private partners to promote the completion of the surveys with their constituents. We are also in preliminary discussions with potential vendors for a targeted, in-depth survey as part of our CARES Act grant in conjunction with SCRCOG.

As part of the CEDS process, Barbara Malmberg recently attended the national NADO Annual Training Conference in Pittsburgh. Presentations included the current best practices in developing the CEDS. EDA’s definition of resilience is more comprehensive than ever, stretching far beyond natural disasters. EDA will release updated guidance for the CEDS content in Q4 2022. These changes are expected to increase emphasis on equity, climate change, and housing. As these are existing priorities in the region, the release of the new requirements should not impact the CEDS timeline. EDA has also released updated guidance for aligning the CEDS with the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This guidance has been shared with SCRCOG, and the updated CEDS will reflect these requirements.

Recently, REX attended annual events tied to essential CEDS priorities. ManufactureCT hosted its annual meeting and awards ceremony, with Athletic Brewing of Milford as the keynote speaker. Chris O’Connor of Yale New Haven Health and Andrew Levy of Avelo Airlines were the presenters at the Regional Leadership Council.

For tourism, we have hired a Tourism Manager to combat the anticipated decline in hotel occupancy over the next two quarters. I attended the Maryland and New Jersey Bus Associations’ tradeshows as one of the tactics to bolster visitation to the region. We are also co-hosting travel writers interested in promoting Greater New Haven. We anticipate launching ad sales for the 2023 Greater New Haven Visitors Guide in December. Finally, we are collaborating with the University of New Haven on a student capstone project on tourism marketing.

The staff of REX Development would also like to extend congratulations to First Selectman, and SCRCOG Chair, Matt Hoey as the recipient of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce 2022 Legislative Leadership Award. A well-deserved honor.

Sincerely,

Ginny Kozlowski
Executive Director
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<td>East Haven; Hamden; North Haven; Orange; West Haven; Woodbridge</td>
<td>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impact to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</td>
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<td><strong>Town of Orange:</strong> Proposed Regulation Amendment – Self Storage Facilities.</td>
<td>Milford; New Haven; West Haven; Woodbridge</td>
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<td>Bethany; New Haven; North Haven; Wallingford; Woodbridge</td>
<td>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impact to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</td>
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<td><strong>Town of East Haven:</strong> Petition for Text Amendment to Zoning Regulations.</td>
<td>Branford; New Haven; North Branford; North Haven</td>
<td>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the zoning regulation amendments proposed by the documents which appear to be finalized do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impact to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound. Not all documents submitted as part of this proposal seem to be finalized, and thus the RPC cannot comment on the proposal as a whole.</td>
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