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To: Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee
From: William Dickinson, Chairman, Transportation Committee
Date: March 1, 2023
Subject: Wednesday, March 8, 2023, Meeting of the Transportation Committee and Transportation Technical Committee to be held @ 12:00 Noon in the offices of SCRCOG and via Zoom.

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Discussion:

1. Update of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan and the SS4A Grant Application

Action Items:

2. Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2023 Page 2
3. 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty-Five Pages 3-9
Recommend SCRCOG adoption of Resolution- James Rode
4. Resolution Regarding SCRCOG's Commitment to the Principles of Vision Zero Pages 10,11
Recommend SCRCOG adoption of Resolution- James Rode
5. UPWP FY2022 and FY 2023- Update Page 12,13
Motion Recommending SCRCOG adoption-Rebecca Andreucci
6. Discussion and possible action on the Draft UPWP FY2024 and FY2025
James Rode

Informational Items:

7. LOTICIP Project Updates
James Rode
8. Other Business

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Transportation Committee Minutes – February 8, 2023

Transportation Committee Members

Wallingford, Mayor William Dickinson, Chairman
Guilford, FS Matthew Hoey
Branford, FS Jamie Cosgrove
Hamden, Mayor Lauren Garrett
Milford, Justin Rosen, Proxy for Mayor Blake
North Haven, Andrew Bevilacqua, Proxy for FS Freda

Guests

Jennifer Pacacha, Graham Curtis, Kevin Tedesco, CTDOT
Laurie McElwee, Kennedy Center
Erik Shortell, FHWA
Mike Dion, BL
Mario Marrero, GNHTD
Jacob Robinson, Joseline Tiacomulco, New Haven
Lou Mangini, *Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's office*

Transportation Technical Committee

Hamden Stephen White
Madison, John Iennaco
Meriden, Brian Ennis
New Haven, Giovanni Zinn
Orange, Robert Brinton
Wallingford, Alison Kapushinski
West Haven, Abdul Quadir

Jim Mesner, Hamden
Emile Pierides, Meriden
Kevin Ortiz, Branford

SCRCOG

James Rode, Rebecca Andreucci, Heba Naqvi

Mayor William Dickinson called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

Presentation: Statewide Bus Shelter Improvement Program

Graham Curtis provided information on the development of a bus shelter program at CTDOT. The department is seeking input from the municipalities. Those present asked questions. SCRCOG will assist CTDOT in collecting the data.

Action Item #1: Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2023

FS Cosgrove made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 2023 meeting; Mayor Garrett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Item #2: 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty- Four

J. Rode introduced the 13 project changes in Amendment 24. Mayor Garrett made a motion to recommend approval. FS Hoey seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Information Item #3: LOTCIP Project Updates

J. Rode gave an update on three projects. Meriden received almost \$4 million dollars and their authorization to award from CTDOT for the Cedar Street bridge project. Wallingford received 1.8 million dollars in funding along with their authorization to award for the Northford Road bridge project. And East Haven received comments from CTDOT on the phase 5 sidewalk improvement project final plans.

Other Business Mayor Garrett made a motion to adjourn. J Hoefflerle seconded and the meeting adjourned at 12:25PM.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 25

Project **0170-3682** **2023-A25_1** **NEVI Program Administration** **Page 4**

Changes Amendment 25 adds new project

Reason The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law authorized the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program with the intent of creating a national electric vehicle charging network. A CTDOT hired consultant will oversee implementation of the first phase of this program for the installation of electric vehicle fast chargers along Alternative Fuel Corridors at up to 11 sites. Activities will include but are not limited to developing and deploying a solicitation process; evaluating and awarding grants; developing contract materials; and stakeholder outreach.

Project **0170-3684** **2023-A25-2** **Resilience Improvement Plan** **Page 4**

Changes Amendment 25 adds new project

Reason The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) added the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program in Section 176(c) of Title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C.). Under this program, States are encouraged to create a Resilience Improvement Plan to help inform decisions and allow for an increased Federal cost share for each listed project that receives PROTECT funding. The Resilience Improvement Plan will contain a vulnerability assessment of the State's transportation assets. Federal approval of this plan will allow municipalities within the State to receive increased Federal funding of 87% on projects prioritized within the plan that are selected to receive competitive PROTECT funds.

Project **0171-0496** **2023-A25-3** **D1 Retaining Walls Pod 1A** **Page 5**

Changes Amendment 25 adds new project

Reason Retaining walls to be included are State owned, located on the Federal-Aid Highway System, within or adjacent to the State right-of-way, and are critical to the safe operation of the transportation facility. Many retaining walls inspected 10 or more years ago were found to have deficiencies that categorized them in poor condition needing rehabilitation or replacement. Our State's inventory was divided into 12 sections called PODS with similar numbers of retaining walls in each POD and along District borders to better organize construction packages geographically. Deficiencies include structural deterioration, settlement, or movement. An RSR for each wall will be done to determine the extent of the work and to coordinate with future highway needs at the wall locations. The project will address the following deficient walls in Pod 1A: RW-079-070-001, RW-033-099-001, RW-053-017-002, RW-053-017-004, RW-166-069-001, RW-063-091-005, RW-082-017-001. Other walls within the area designated as Pod 1A will be inspected as part of the project to identify walls that need rehabilitation or replacement. Retaining walls that are not currently in the State's inventory will be logged and inspected for deficiencies. The PE phase includes a PD/FD split.

Project **0173-0510** **2021-A10-1** **Replace Traffic Signals @Various Locations Dist 3** **Page 6**

Changes Amendment 25 adds the construction phase funding

Reason Add new CON phase. This was previously programmed with 100% state funds but is now being federalized based on funding availability.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 25

State Project #0170-3682
Municipality Statewide

SCRCOG # 2023-A25_1
AQ Code X6
 Proposed

Project Name NEVI Program Administration

Description Program development and administration for the NEVI Program Phase 1 to oversee a grant program for installation of electric vehicle fast chargers along Alternative Fuel Corridors.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
EVFP	PL Federal				800		
	State				200		
TIP Funds	\$1,000	0	0	0	1,000	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 25 adds new project

State Project #0170-3684
Municipality Statewide

SCRCOG # 2023-A25-2
AQ Code X6
 Proposed

Project Name Resilience Improvement Plan

Description Statewide Resilience Improvement Plan and vulnerability assessment under the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
PRPL	PL Federal				600		
	State				150		
TIP Funds	\$750	0	0	0	750	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 25 adds new project

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 25

State Project #0171-0496
Municipality Statewide

SCRCOG # 2023-A25-3
AQ Code X6

Current

Project Name D1 Retaining Walls Pod 1A

Description Replace, rehabilitate, or eliminate deficient retaining wall structures and inspect walls to replace, rehabilitate or eliminate within the area (POD) in various locations in a region designated Pod 1A, located in District 1.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	PD	Federal			947		
		State			237		
	FD	Federal				398	
		State				99	
	ROW	Federal				80	
		State				20	
	CON	Federal					6,939
		State					1,735
TIP Funds	\$10,455	0	0	0	1,184	597	8,674

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 25 adds new project

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 25

State Project #0173-0510
Municipality District 3

SCRCOG # 2021-A10-1
AQ Code X7

Proposed

Project Name Replace Traffic Signals @Various Locations Dist 3

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

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	FD	State		406			
	ROW	State		110			
Total Cost	\$516		0	0	516	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	FD	State		406			
	ROW	State		110			
	CON	Federal			4,560		
		State			1,140		
TIP Funds	\$6,216		0	0	516	5,700	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 10 adds a new project. FY21 TIP Amend 25 adds CON phase funding



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty-Five

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas: Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the *Program*.



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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty-Five (Continued)

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

The Program Amendment *Twenty-Five* 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 **March 22, 2023**

Date March 22, 2023

By: _____
First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

To a Commitment to the Goal of Zero Traffic Deaths Following the Principles of Vision Zero

WHEREAS, crashes resulting in roadway deaths and serious injuries are preventable and not an inevitable result of the transportation system; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Regional Council Of Governments (SCRCOG) and its member municipalities strive to create a region that provides safe mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, a commitment to Vision Zero is a commitment to the value and life of the residents of and visitors to the South Central Planning Region; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has created a cross-agency Vision Zero Council to examine ways to improve roadway safety throughout the State, tasked with developing a statewide Vision Zero implementation plan and presenting data and targets to the Legislature for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the number of fatalities and serious injuries in the region is a public health issue that must and can be addressed to ensure the wellbeing and benefit of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero is a data-driven strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all; and

WHEREAS, improvements to roadway safety, especially for non-motorized users, aligns with the various Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Regional Safety Action Plan, and governing policies of the CT DOT;

WHEREAS, Vision Zero uses a safe systems approach to traffic engineering that recognizes that humans make mistakes, and that transportation infrastructure should account for those mistakes; and

WHEREAS, Vision Zero road safety goals are accomplished through a combination of engineering, education, emergency response, and enforcement measures; and

WHEREAS, preventing crashes within the region requires a comprehensive response from all municipalities, the SCRCOG, and the CTDOT, that looks at transportation planning, design, policy, enforcement, education, and communication in order to most greatly impact the flaws within our transportation system; and



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WHEREAS, improvements to roadway safety, especially for non-motorized users, aligns with the various Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Regional Safety Action Plan, and governing policies of the CT DOT;

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

The region's Vision Zero efforts will take into account equity and ensure that the most vulnerable roadway users receive the necessary attention to ensure their safety and mobility; and that ongoing public engagement will be a critical component of development and implementation of this plan, gathering input from residents, users of the roadway system, safety advocates, and municipal staff.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Transportation Committee, Transportation Technical Committee
From: Laura Francis, *Director of Transportation Planning*, Jim Rode, *Principal Transportation Planner* and Rebecca Andreucci, *Senior Transportation Planner*
Re: UPWP Amendment for Conference Room Upgrades
Date: March 1, 2023

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlines all of SCRCOG's transportation funding and where it is being programmed. Programs are given an estimated cost at the beginning of the fiscal year. On occasion, after soliciting proposals for consultant support, a program may not need the full amount of funding that was originally estimated. Amendments to the UPWP allow us to reprogram our existing funding to complete new projects.

At the time of developing the UPWP, \$100,000 was budgeted towards the update of the Regional Transportation Safety Plan. After negotiating the scope and budget with the selected consultant, it was determined that that plan could be accomplished with \$50,000. This amendment would move \$20,000 of that remaining funding from Consultant-Supported Studies to Capital Purchases. SCRCOG Staff are looking at making technological upgrades to the conference room to enhance the public outreach capabilities of the agency.

The UPWP document will be amended and be available for consideration by the Board at their meeting on March 22. The UPWP budget tables are attached for your reference. It is requested that you recommend these changes to the Board for approval.

We will be available to answer any questions.

Table 13
Fiscal Year 2023 - Planning Projects with Consultant Assistance

<i>FY 23 Funds</i>		<i>FY 19 Carryover Funds</i>	
	Cost		Cost
<i>New Haven 1-Way 2-Way Conversion Study</i>	222,000	<i>Travel and Tourism Enhancement</i>	50,000
<i>Hamden Complete Streets Route 10 Study</i>	55,000	<i>Hamden Dixwell Ave. and Whitney Ave. Interseci</i>	50,000
<i>Madison Bicycle-Ped. Safety Improvements Study</i>	40,000	<i>Branford Walkability/Sidewalk Study</i>	75,000
<i>Public Participation Guidelines Update</i>	50,000	<i>Woodbridge Business Connectivity Study</i>	25,000
<i>Congestion Management Process</i>	65,000	<i>West Haven Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan</i>	25,000
<i>Wallingford Northrup Road Study</i>	40,000	<i>GIS Viewer Maintenance and Hosting</i>	25,000
<i>Hamden Canal Trail Crossings Evaluations</i>	35,000	<i>New Haven Conditional Eval. of Existing Structu</i>	87,500
<i>Milford Feasibility Study</i>	33,500		
<i>Meriden CT Loop Trail Connection Study</i>	75,600		
		<i>FY23 Additional Funds</i>	
		<i>Regional Safety Plan Update</i>	80,000
<i>Total</i>	616,100	<i>Total</i>	417,500

Table 14
Fiscal Year 2023 - Total UPWP Program Cost

	Cost
<i>SCRCOG Salaries</i>	351,881
<i>Overhead - Indirect Applied (1.3674)</i>	481,165
<i>Print & Reproductions</i>	1,356
<i>Travel</i>	3,045
<i>Data Processing</i>	1,700
<i>Consultants - FY 23 Funds</i>	616,100
<i>Consultants - FY 19 Carryover Funds</i>	337,500
<i>Consultants - FY 23 Additional Funds</i>	80,000
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	6,796
<i>Capital</i>	20,000
<i>Total</i>	1,899,542