



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Meeting Notice & Agenda South Central Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization and South Central Regional Council of Governments Wednesday, May 24, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.

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- 3 **Adopt Minutes of 4/26/23 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)** Pages 2-5
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Planning for Our Region's Future

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
FROM: **First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, Secretary**
DATE: **May 17, 2023**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2023**

Present:

Bethany	First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, <i>Vice Chair</i>
Branford	First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford	First Selectman Matthew Hoey, <i>Immediate Past Chair</i>
Hamden	Mayor Lauren Garrett, <i>Treasurer</i>
Madison	First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, <i>Secretary</i>
New Haven	Mayor Justin Elicker
North Branford	Michael Downes, <i>proxy for Mayor Jeffrey Macmillen</i>
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda
Wallingford	Mayor William Dickinson
Woodbridge	Sheila McCreven, <i>proxy for First Selectman Beth Heller</i>

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Laura Francis, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Benjamin Lovejoy, Rebecca Andreucci, Heba Naqvi

Guests: Olivia Bisanti, *City of West Haven*; Joseline Tlacomulco, *City of New Haven*; Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Kevin Tedesco, *CT Department of Transportation*; Lou Mangini, *Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro*; Ellen Graham, *Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal*; Michael Muszynski and Randy Collins, *CCM*; Betsy Gara, *COST*; Mario Marrero, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Marisa Kaplita, *CT Rides*; Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina*; Mark Zaretsky, *New Haven Register*; Gretl Gallicchio, Lorena Venegas, Gabriella Campos, Lianne Audette, Matthew Lieber, and Aaron Goode, *Members of the Public*.

NOTE: The April SCRCOG Board meeting was a hybrid meeting

1. Call to order and Introductions

Acting Chair Cofrancesco called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. Adoption of the March 22, 2023 SCRCOG Meeting Minutes

First Selectwoman Lyons presented the minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of March 22, 2023, which were included in the agenda packet at pages 2-5. She made a motion to approve. Mayor Garrett seconded, and all voted in favor.

3. Treasurer's Report for the month ending 3/31/23

Mayor Garrett presented the Treasurer's Report on pages 6-7 of the agenda packet. The Balance Sheet shows that SCRCOG has total assets of \$2,391,000 with \$886,000 of that in cash and investments. There is also \$343,900 due from CTDOT, \$117,000 due from DEMHS, and \$21,000 due from DECD. Expenses for the month were in order. Mayor Garrett moved to accept the report, and First Selectwoman Lyons seconded. The vote was unanimous.

4. MPO Business

a. Adopt Resolution to Approve FY 2022-2023 TIP Amendment Twenty-Six (motion)

Mayor Dickinson presented the Transportation Committee report on pages 8-12 of the agenda packet. He made a motion to approve TIP Amendment Twenty-Six. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded, and all voted in favor.

b. Adopt Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act – Ozone (motion)

Mayor Dickinson presented the Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone on pages 13-14 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve, and First Selectman Cosgrove seconded. All voted in favor.

c. Adopt Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act – PM 2.5 (motion)

Mayor Dickinson presented the Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act PM 2.5 on pages 15-16 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Cosgrove made a motion to approve, and Mayor Garrett seconded. All voted in favor.

d. Adopt Resolution to Approve the South Central Regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2023-2050 (motion)

Deputy Director Laura Francis presented the Resolution to Approve the MTP which is found on pages 17-18 of the agenda packet. Mayor Garrett made a motion to adopt the plan with one revision to add mention of Hamden being involved in discussions on developing a bus rapid transit system between West Haven, New Haven and Hamden. First Selectwoman Lyons seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

e. Resolution Supporting Tweed New Haven Airport Expansion and Draft Environmental Assessment Findings (motion)

First Selectman Hoey presented the resolution on pages 19-21 of the agenda packet. He made a motion to approve, and First Selectwoman Lyons seconded. Executive Director Amento referenced a letter received in opposition from Save Our Shoreline which was distributed around the table. In discussing the motion, First Selectman Hoey stated that he would be amenable to adding language to the resolution to support conducting an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) if the FAA determines that is required. Mayor Elicker stated he does not feel that language is necessary as the FAA will conduct the EIS if they feel it is warranted, regardless of whether the COG expresses support. Mayor Carfora asked if anyone at the table read the Environmental Assessment (EA). First Selectman Hoey said he had. Mayor Carfora stated he feels the EA is strongly biased towards expanding the airport. He encouraged everyone to read the document and reiterated that it is his goal to advocate for East Haven's residents. Mayor Carfora made a motion to table the resolution until a determination is made on completing an EIS. First Selectman Freda seconded the motion. First Selectman Freda, Mayor Dickinson and First Selectman Cosgrove voted in favor of tabling the resolution. Mayor Elicker, Mayor Garrett, First Selectman Hoey, First Selectwoman Lyons, and Acting Chair Cofrancesco voted not to table the motion. Sheila McCreven abstained, and the motion to table was defeated. Mayor Carfora left the meeting.

First Selectman Hoey made a motion to amend the resolution to support conducting an EIS if that is recommended by the FAA. Mayor Dickinson seconded the motion. Mayor Elicker voted nay. First Selectman Freda and Sheila McCreven abstained. The motion passed.

First Selectman Hoey made a motion to support the resolution, as amended. First Selectwoman Lyons seconded. First Selectman Freda and Sheila McCreven abstained. The motion passed with all others present voting in favor.

f. Deputy Director/Director of Transportation Report

Deputy Director Laura Francis reported that SCRCOG's draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is under review at CTDOT. The UPWP will be considered for adoption by the Board at the May SCRCOG meeting. She also reported that SCRCOG is continuing to work on updating the Regional Transportation Safety Plan and identifying relevant funding sources for the projects identified in that plan. The Safe Streets for All Task Force has been meeting biweekly to discuss safety projects in the region.

g. Transportation Staff Report

James Rode and Rebecca Andreucci provided staff reports on ongoing transportation planning projects in the region, including UPWP studies and LOTCIP projects. Rebecca Andreucci reported that the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by FEMA, and several SCRCOG municipalities have already voted to adopt the plan.

h. Transit District Report

Mario Marrero from the Greater New Haven Transit District thanked Mayor Garrett and First Selectman Cosgrove for their appointments to the GNHTD Board. He also reported that they are testing a new wheelchair securement system in their vehicles.

Marisa Kaplita from CT Rides was recognized by the Chair and reported on the Drive Less CT Challenge.

5. COG Business

a. Resolution in Support of SCRCOG's Application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for \$1 million in Non-competitive Grant Funding for the New Haven MSA under the Climate Pollution Reduction Act (motion)

Executive Director Amento presented the resolution on page 22 of the agenda packet. SCRCOG will be the recipient of a non-competitive \$1 million grant from EPA. SCRCOG will act as the lead agency and will partner with NVCOG. Benjamin Lovejoy provided some more information on the program, which will cover a period of four years. First Selectman Hoey asked what kind of regional cooperation they are looking for? Benjamin Lovejoy responded that there are not many specifics at this time, except that work will pertain to climate pollution reduction in the geography of the Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

Mayor Garrett made a motion to approve, and First Selectman Hoey seconded. All voted in favor.

b. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Amento reviewed the SCRCOG Newsletter found on pages 23-35 of the agenda packet. He introduced SCRCOG's newest staff member, Regional Planner Stephanie Camp. Executive Director Amento also introduced Kevin Tedesco from CTDOT who discussed the process for obtaining letters of support for Safe Streets for All applications. Laura Francis discussed a letter drafted by CT DEEP regarding their plans for addressing the waste disposal crisis and their role in supporting the creation of regional waste authorities.

c. Regional Planning Staff Report

Benjamin Lovejoy discussed the RPC referrals received over the past month, including a total rewrite of Guilford's zoning regulations. He announced that a new UConn MPA fellow would be starting at SCRCOG in the fall, and current fellow Heba Naqvi would be completing her internship with the COG at the end of May. A SustainableCT fellow will be hosted by SCRCOG this summer. He also reported that a Housing Working Group meeting would be held later in the afternoon. Stephanie Camp reported on the community conversations involving affordable housing which have been ongoing in the region led by outreach consultant Ben Fink.

d. Regional Planning Commission March Action Table

The RPC Action Table was reviewed on page 36 of the agenda packet.

e. REX Development Report

Ginny Kozlowski of REX Development reviewed their report on page 37 of the agenda packet. She reported that there are 99,000 open positions in the State of Connecticut, with 19,000 open positions in the SCRCOG region. She handed out copies of the new Greater New Haven Visitors Guide. She also discussed EDA funding made available to the region for disaster preparation and recovery. She encouraged municipalities to consider what projects they have that might be eligible for this funding.

f. Congressional Reports

Lou Mangini from Congresswoman DeLauro's office reported that municipalities should spend any leftover funding they received from the large multi-year bills including ARPA and IRA. He stated that there is always the possibility that unused funding will be rescinded. First Selectman Hoey asked if the funds had to be spent or just allocated? Lou Mangini stated that spent is the safer alternative. Lou Mangini also reported on former SCRCOG intern Charles Butler, who is working as a Grants Coordinator at Rosa's local office.

State Legislative Reports – CCM/COST

Randy Collins from CCM reported that Appropriations and Finance Committees have completed their work. There has been an increase in brownfield remediation funding. He reported that the increase in the food and beverage tax was never made available to municipalities. There are discussions that would give the increase in revenue to the municipality in which the tax was collected. First Selectman Freda asked about a bill related to condominiums? Randy Collins responded that that bill has died. Benjamin Lovejoy asked about the bill for tax abatement for first-time homebuyers. Betsy Gara responded that it was approved by the Finance Committee. Randy also reported on the early voting bill.

Betsy Gara from COST reported on the bills that they are watching related to solid waste, organics, tire recycling, and waste to energy. They are also monitoring bills related to TOD and transit-oriented communities, in addition to the fair share housing bill.

g. DEMHS Report

Acting Chair Cofrancesco thanked DEMHS for the recent symposium on emergency management. Benjamin Lovejoy reported that DEMHS will be reaching out to municipalities for participation in their regional grant program.

6. Regional Cooperation/Other Business

Mayor Garrett recommended hosting SCRCOG meetings in webinar format and designating a specific public participation section of the agenda.

7. Adjournment

Mayor Garrett made a motion to adjourn, and First Selectwoman Lyons seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 4/30/2023

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	70,704.72
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	676,077.78
New Haven Bank	108,336.16

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	281,220.75
CT DESPP – FEMA Grant	131,321.03
CT DECD – EDA Grant	16,472.32
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	8,917.46
CIRCA	(534.80)
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	441.70

Other Assets

Prepaid Expense (UConn MPA Intern)	1,269.48
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	23,867.11
Furniture & Equipment	10,574.46
Right to Use Asset - Real Property	1,193,827.26
Right to Use Asset - Equipment	34,813.69
Amortization	(243,376.32)

Total Assets	2,313,932.80
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Liabilities

Payroll Taxes Payable & Accrued Interest	775.10
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	14,703.94
Deferred Revenue - OPM	149,106.00
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	177,167.02
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77

Total Liabilities	345,442.83
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	730,272.15
Designated Fund Balance	300,000.00
Amount for Accrued Leave	12,204.19
Investment in Equipment	10,574.46
Lease Obligation	984,489.53
Change in Fund Balance	(69,050.36)

Total Fund Balance	1,968,489.97
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	2,313,932.80

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 4/30/2023

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	32,591.29	179,196.06	303,094.00
Municipal - Special Assessment		2,581.63	2,827.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	51,685.24	424,325.56	573,101.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	181,505.17	836,398.75	1,699,588.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	2,446.24	23,359.58	203,611.00
FEMA - Hazard Mitigation Plan	13,865.84	102,874.13	108,000.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant)	16,472.32	80,137.63	358,006.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,690.00
CIRCA - Resilient CT Grant			15,139.00
CT DEEP - SMM Grant	8,917.46	8,917.46	139,000.00
Miscellaneous		.02	
Interest - Revenue	2,875.28	25,031.55	2,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	441.70	2,208.50	6,600.00
Total Resources	310,800.54	1,685,030.87	3,414,656.00

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Benefits	441.70	2,208.50	6,600.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	149,384.40	448,626.47	1,058,600.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	18,150.20	127,399.70	143,500.00
Other Consultants	46,895.13	270,239.64	420,200.00
Travel	1,004.48	4,726.52	7,800.00
Data Processing		2,000.00	4,000.00
Commercial Printing		34.10	2,500.00
Subscriptions and Books	159.42	308.42	3,100.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	1,119.78	14,421.68	19,200.00
Capital			20,000.00
Miscellaneous		157.63	152.00
Transportation - Reserved			193,589.00
LOTICIP - Reserved			161,449.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved			178,973.00
CT DEEP (SMM Grant) - Reserved			99,000.00
Total Direct Expenses	217,155.11	870,122.66	2,318,663.00

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Direct Labor - Employees	39,647.64	347,189.59	458,472.00

Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	9,397.76	129,769.34	184,816.00
Employee Benefits	23,574.78	224,644.20	264,755.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	14.98	14,313.81	18,600.00
Rent	9,573.29	104,940.59	114,500.00
Telephone and Internet	265.92	4,117.20	7,400.00
Office Supplies	61.64	1,908.27	3,600.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,182.45	19,493.57	18,300.00
Subscriptions and Books		321.99	
Insurance and Professional Services	500.50	36,720.00	24,100.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising		89.87	650.00
Total Overhead	44,621.48	536,768.98	637,521.00
Total Operating Expenses	301,424.23	1,754,081.23	3,414,656.00

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 27

Project	0083-0271	2021-A11-1	Replace Highway Signs and Supports Rte 15
Changes	Amendment 27 moves funds to FY24		
Reason	This action is necessary based on a revised schedule.		
Project	0156-0178	2014-A1-1	Sidewalk and Bike Path Streetscape
Changes	Amendment 27 moves CON to FY24		
Reason	This action is necessary based on a revised schedule.		
Project	0156-0181	2019-TIP21-1	Replace Br #00162 Design-Build
Changes	Amendment 27 adjusts funding and adds ROW.		
Reason	This action is necessary based on a revised schedule.		
Project	0170-3548	2021-A0-77	PIN & HANGER ASSEMBLIES FOR FRACTURE
Changes	Amendment 27 removes CON phase funding from the TIP.		
Reason	This action is necessary as CON phase will be accomplished with 100% state funds.		
Project	0170-3640	2023-A27-1	Service Plaza Mainline Signs and Sign Supports
Changes	Amendment 27 adds a new project to improve directional guidance to motorists seeking the use of a Service Plaza. This project will create a standard signing practice and enhance driver recognition utilizing additional Logo signing on the mainline approach to the Service Plazas.		
Project	0170-XXXX	2019-A0	STATEWIDE BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENT
Changes	Amendment 27 moves 5307 funds from FY21 and FY22 into FY23 as 5307P		
Reason	This action is necessary to allow the Department to file a grant application for the funds.		
Project	0170-XXXX	2019-A0	STATEWIDE BUS STOP SIGN PROGRAM
Changes	Amendment 27 moves funds to FY23		
Reason	This action is necessary to allow the Department to file a grant application for the funds.		
Project	0173-0539	2023-A27-2	D3 Retaining Walls Pod 3A & 3B
Changes	Amendment 27 adds a new project to replace, rehabilitate or remove deficient retaining wall structures and inspect walls to replace, rehabilitate or remove within the area (Pod) in various locations in regions designated as Pods 3A and 3B located in district 3.		

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 27

State Project #0083-0271

SCRCOG # 2021-A11-1

Municipality Regional

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name Replace Highway Signs and Supports Rte 15

Description Replacement of highway signs and sign supports along CT 15 (Wilbur Cross Parkway) from Milford to the Berlin Turnpike in Meriden.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP	CON	Federal			11,100		
Total Cost	\$11,100	0	0	0	11,100	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>
NHPP	CON	Federal				11,100	
TIP Funds	\$11,100	0	0	0	0	11,100	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 11 adds project, FY21 TIP Amend 27 moves funds to FY24

State Project #0156-0178

SCRCOG # 2014-A1-1

Municipality West Haven

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name Sidewalk and Bike Path Streetscape

Description Project will provide sidewalks and bike path along one side of the road from the railroad station to the Yale campus on Morgan Lane. Road to be milled and paved. Funding is HPPS Earmark

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>
HPP	CON	Federal			724		
Total Cost	\$724	0	0	0	724	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>
HPP	CON	Federal				724	
		Local				806	
TIP Funds	\$1,530	0	0	0	0	1,530	0

Amendment Notes

FY15 TIP Amend 1 introduces new project FY15 TIP Amend 12 moves schedule out 1 year CON phase moved to FYI, Moved to FY21 TIP FY21 TIP Amend 16 moves CON to FY23, TIP FY21 TIP Amend 27 moves CON to FY23

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 27

State Project #0156-0181

SCRCOG # 2019-TIP21-

Municipality West Haven

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name Replace Br #00162 Design-Build

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

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP-BRX	CON AC-Entry			0			
	Federal			85,000	9,500		
	State			9,444	1,056		
Total Cost	\$105,000	0	0	94,444	10,556	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>
NHPP-BRX	ROW Federal				495		
	State				55		
	CON AC-Entry			0			
	Federal			85,000	26,600	13,900	
	State			9,444	2,956	1,544	
TIP Funds	\$139,994	0	0	94,444	30,106	0	15,444

Amendment Notes

Moved to FY21 TIP, FY21 TIP Amend 17 adds CON Funding. FY21 TIP Amend 19 adjusts schedule, FY21 TIP Amend 27 adjusts funding and adds ROW

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 27

State Project #0170-3548

SCRCOG # 2021-A0-77

Municipality Statewide

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name PIN & HANGER ASSEMBLIES FOR FRACTURE CRITICAL Brdg

Description Project will address fracture critical Pin & Hanger and Hinge Pin Assemblies on (4) bridges. Bridge Nos. 03367, 03160A and 03160B in Hartford And Bridge No. 03015A in New Haven carries I-91 Southbound over State Street and Mill River

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP-BRX	FD	Federal		495			
		State		55			
	ROW	Federal		45			
		State		5			
	CON	Federal			14,940		
		State			1,660		
Total Cost	\$17,200		0	0	600	16,600	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>
NHPP-BRX	FD	Federal		495			
		State		55			
	ROW	Federal		45			
		State		5			
TIP Funds	\$600		0	0	600	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP added project. FY21 TIP Amend 8 moves schedule, FY21 TIP Amend 27 removes CON phase funding from the TIP

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
Amendment 27

State Project #0170-3640

SCRCOG # 2023-A27-1

Municipality Regional

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name Service Plaza Mainline Signs and Sign Supports

Description Service Plaza mainline sign and sign support replacement along I-95 and I-395.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase	Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI
NHPP	CON	Federal					3,750
TIP Funds	\$3,750	0	0	0	0	0	3,750

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 27 adds a new project.

State Project #0170-XXXX

SCRCOG # 2019-A0

Municipality Statewide

AQ Code

Proposed

Project Name STATEWIDE BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Description statewide bus shelter enhancement program. This four year program will establish a procurement and installation processes for the new bus shelters across the region.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase	Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI
5307C	OTH	Federal	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	
		State	300	300	300	300	
5307P		Federal	1,200				
		State	300				
Total Cost	\$7,500	0	3,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase	Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI
5307C	OTH	Federal			1,200	1,200	
		State			300	300	
5307P		Federal			3,600		
		State			900		
TIP Funds	\$7,500	0	0	0	6,000	1,500	0

Amendment Notes

FY 21 Amend 27 moves 5307 funds from FY21 and FY22 into FY23 as 5307P

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Amendment 27

State Project #0170-XXXX

SCRCOG # 2019-A0

Municipality Statewide

AQ Code

Proposed

Project Name STATEWIDE BUS STOP SIGN PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Description STATEWIDE BUS STOP SIGN PROGRAM -IMPLEMENTATION FY 21

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>
5307C	OTH	Federal	1,200				
		State	300				
5307P		Federal	400				
		State	100				
Total Cost	\$2,000	0	2,000	0	0	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>
5307P	OTH	Federal			1,600		
		State			400		
TIP Funds	\$2,000	0	0	0	2,000	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 27 moves funds to FY23

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Amendment 27

State Project #0173-0539

SCRCOG # 2023-A27-2

Municipality District 3

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name D3 Retaining Walls Pod 3A & 3B

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 3A & 3B, located in District 3.

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	ROW	Federal				40	
		State				10	
	CON	Federal					9,040
		State					2,260
TIP Funds	\$11,350		0	0	0	50	11,300

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 27 adds a new project.



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Resolution

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

- 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—2023 to 2050, (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-Seven (Continued)

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

The Program Amendment *Twenty-Seven* 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 **May 24, 2023**

Date May 24, 2023

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



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Resolution

Approving the Final Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Whereas: comments from the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, and the Connecticut Department of Transportation were incorporated into a final *Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program*; and

Whereas: The Council's Transportation Committee reviewed *Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program* on May 10, 2023 and recommended that the Council of Governments adopt the final work program.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of Governments

That the final *Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program* is hereby adopted.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on May 26, 2021.

Date May 24, 2023

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Resolution

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Delegation of Authority regarding invoices generated for the Connecticut Department of Transportation

Resolved, that the Executive Director is hereby authorized to approve timesheets, expense reimbursements, and all other pertinent documentation relative to invoices submitted by SCRCOG staff and generated for the Connecticut Department of Transportation, with the exception of the Executive Director's timesheets and expense reimbursements, which must be approved by the SCRCOG Chair. In the absence of the Executive Director, the Deputy Director shall approve the documentation and in the absence of the SCRCOG Chair, the SCRCOG Vice Chair shall approve the documentation.

Certificate:

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

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

WHEREAS the National Performance Management Measures final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for performance measures in the areas of Infrastructure Condition, heretofore referred to as "PM2" and Highway System Performance, Freight Movement, and Congestion and Air Quality, heretofore referred to as "PM3," by December 16, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established targets for ten performance measures for:

- (1) the "Percentage of pavements of the Interstate System in Good condition,"
- (2) the "Percentage of pavements of the Interstate System in Poor condition,"
- (3) the "Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate NHS (National Highway System) in Good condition,"
- (4) the "Percentage of pavements of the non-Interstate NHS in Poor condition,"
- (5) the "Percentage of National Highway System Bridges Classified as in Good condition,"
- (6) the "Percentage of National Highway System Bridges Classified as in Poor condition,"
- (7) the "Percent of Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate that are reliable,"
- (8) the "Percent of person-miles traveled on the non-Interstate NHS that are reliable,"
- (9) the "Truck Travel Time Reliability Index,"
- (10) the "Total Emissions Reduction," and



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set unified targets with all applicable state DOTs and MPOs for two congestion measures specific to each of six (6) applicable urbanized areas as determined by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the two measures being

(11) the “Peak Hour Excessive Delay” and

(12) the “Percent of Non-Single Occupancy Vehicle (non-SOV) Travel;” and,

WHEREAS the CTDOT coordinated to the maximum extent practicable the establishment of these targets with the 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Connecticut throughout 2022 at COG Coordination meetings and specific meetings with applicable MPOs and state DOTs for the congestion measures, and

WHEREAS the SCRCOG may establish 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 targets,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board has agreed to support CTDOT’s 2022 targets for all 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.

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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.

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



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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. SCRCOG and its member municipalities commit to zero traffic deaths and serious injuries by or before the year 2060. SCRCOG will monitor the progress of traffic safety measures and implementation and continually suggest improvements in moving to accomplish the Vision Zero commitment.

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CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary

January—March 2023

Transit is a Trip Campaign

Planning and creative development continued on the campaign throughout the quarter. Five new radio spots were scripted, produced, reviewed and approved by DOT for release. The Operator Toolkit to promote the campaign was distributed to 14 transit operators. Three new video spots - Big Bear, College Girl, and Flower, were completed and approved.

The past months' performance data was reviewed, and the planning began for the release of the second round of creative for out-of-home, TV, and digital. The team met with the media agency to review new advertising and public relations opportunities with the Yard Goats/ Dunkin' Park and the Hartford Healthcare Amphitheater.

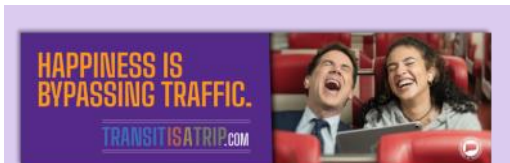
Additionally, a new video for the landing page was developed, the "Car Free. Care Free" billboards and bus posters were created and approved, and the new aquarium-themed billboards were developed. By the end of the quarter, the campaign landing page received 11,726 visits.

Drive Less Connecticut Climate Challenge

During this quarter, the strategic plan was revised, multiple design concepts from the marketing agency were reviewed, and a final concept was selected. A budget for paid advertising was developed and a proposed media plan was requested from the media agency. The plan was sent to DOT for approval.

The development of multiple creative assets was initiated, reviewed, and finalized, including static social media ads, an event and how-to join posters, and a graphic for the announcement board in New Haven Union Station. Development of the landing page design began, which included a page for organizations to support the challenge. Final designs were sent to DOT for approval, and coding was initiated.

Multiple email communications were drafted and reviewed, including a Save-the-Date and event kick-off for CTrides subscribers and members. The guidelines for the prize drawings were updated, and the "Terms and Conditions" were updated and finalized to reflect changes in this year's challenge. Lastly, the layout for the Ridematching and Rewards website and app was initiated.



CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary (Continued)

January—March 2023

CTrides.com

During this quarter, several updates and enhancements were made to the CTrides website. Some of these changes included the following: adding the new the rail map graphic on the Commuter Page, removing “Teleworking during COVID-19 Webinar” section from the homepage, deactivating the phone line that was set up to handle COVID-related transportation requests, adding a new search bar, and updating the menu on the mobile version to include an accordion submenu with a search bar added underneath. Also, a META domain verification was completed.

Finally, new organizations/businesses were added to the Emergency Ride Home list, including Pratt and Whitney, Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, Connecticut Department of Labor, Nassau Financial Group, LTIMindtree, XL Center, Connecticut Convention Center, and Connecticut Department of Aging and Disability Services.

CTrides News Roundup

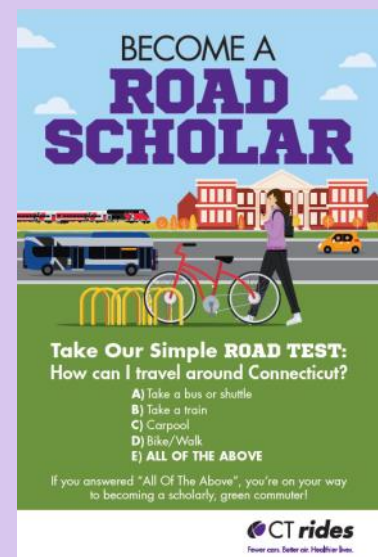
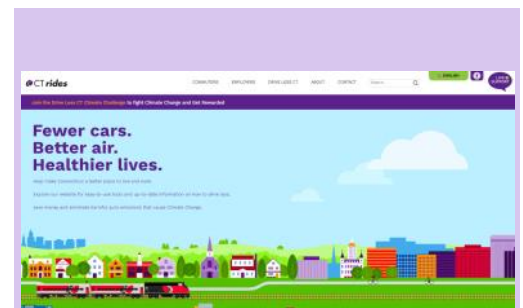
Three monthly editions of CTrides News Roundup were created and distributed. The January edition included content about our “Transit Is A Trip” campaign, an article on what experts are saying about public transportation in 2023, info about protected bike lanes coming to West Hartford, “The Street Project” in Fairfield and West Hartford, and the new management company selected for CTtransit.

The February edition included the introduction of newly appointed Commissioner of the Department of Transportation—Garrett Eucalitto, new access to LIRR via Grand Central Terminal, information about a possible rail connection between Hartford and Boston, and the 2022 Global Traffic Scorecard.

Lastly, the March edition included information about the free upgrade for CT residents to the Royale version of the Transit app, transit options to attend the St. Patrick Day parades, and promotion of the “Transit Is A Trip” campaign. Also, a News Roundup performance report that identifies possible improvements for the upcoming editions was developed and shared with DOT.

Road Scholar

During March, the first round of review of available transit options started for participating schools, the new cover design for the Fall 2023 edition was finalized, and the new U-Pass CT graphic was received.



CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary (Continued)

January—March 2023

Transit Royale App Launch

At the beginning of the quarter, CTrides supported the DOT rollout of the Royale Transit app update. The team attended a Transit app training session on Royale, the upgraded version of the app, being offered free to CT residents, and then prepared multiple creative assets to be used in the promotion. We drafted multiple social media assets to support and promote the scheduled Valentine's Day launch, a poster for the ongoing promotion of the Transit app during Outreach events and we developed more evergreen social media assets to continue to promote the app after the launch.

ParkConneCT

We started work on this project at the end of the quarter. Tasked with developing a new creative approach from the previous years, we developed multiple designs that were presented to the DOT for review and approval. The team began working on the media buy with the vendor and reached out to the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection contact to get updated park photos for the creatives.

Social Media

The team 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 168 posts were published through CTrides various platforms during this quarter. Posts included green tips, benefits of taking transit, New Haven Line Super Express, Transit Is A Trip campaign, U-Pass CT podcast repost, Transit Equity day, Transit Royale app, Fare-Free Bus program, transit options to the St. Patrick's day parade, Dash shuttle highlight, Drive Less CT Climate Challenge teaser, return of bus fares, car-free development article, and Token Transit DOT press release. The total impressions were 11,850,904, with 98,831 engagements and an engagement rate (per impression) of 0.8%. This represents the following changes from the last quarter, +361.3%, +173.4%, and -40.7%, respectively. Lastly, the CTrides TikTok account received a total of 78,200 video views and 224 new followers.

For CTfastrak, 121 posts were published on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Some of the posts included using public transit as a New Year



CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary (Continued)

January—March 2023

resolution, Assembly Room cross-promotion, UConn doubleheader at XL center, connecting to many central CT destinations, Bushnell Theatre cross-promotions, Fare-Free Bus program, Transit Equity day, benefits of CTfastrak, stations highlights, take CTfastrak to the St. Patrick's Day parade, Transit Royale app promotion, and return of bus fares. The total impressions were 51,947, with 3,906 engagements and an engagement rate (per impression) of 7.5%. This represents the following changes from the last quarter, -74.1%, -52.2%, and +84.6%, respectively.

For the CTrail accounts, Hartford Line and Shore Line East, a total of 243 posts were published on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Examples of postings included Transit Is A Trip campaign, rail fan photos, places to go in Hartford, one-way fares, Transit Equity Day, National Pizza Day, Transit Royale app, Windsor Station apartments, endless adventures with CTrail, using the train to go to the St. Patrick's Day parades, daylight savings, and World Theater Day. The total impressions were 446,672, with 34,555 engagements and an engagement rate (per impression) of 7.7%. This represents the following changes from the last quarter, -24%, -2.1%, and +28.8%, respectively.

Outreach requests—in support of the Outreach and Engagement Specialists

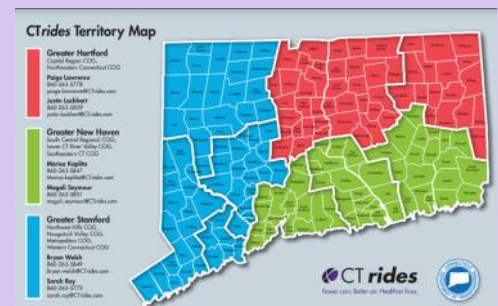
- The standard outreach presentation verbiage and template update was completed
- Emergency Ride Home poster was updated and printed for employees at the XL Center
- An All About Trains reference document was developed for Parker Elementary School
- Transit Is A Trip and Fare-Free Bus posters were printed for the XL Center
- 250 additional copies of Road Scholar brochures were printed for Three Rivers Community College
- Alt Texts was added to digital Fare-Free Bus posters for the Connecticut Department of Aging and Disability Services
- New CTrides tablecloths were ordered
- The Outreach Territory Map was updated with new staff information



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ctrailshorelineeast From New London to New Haven and beyond! 🚂 The adventures are endless with CTrail.



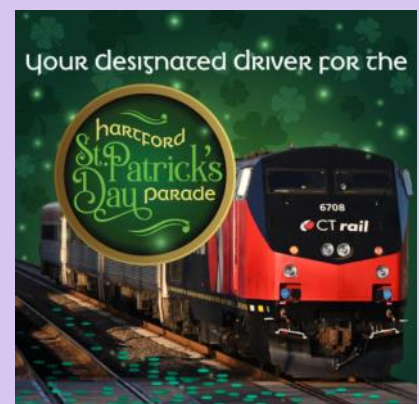
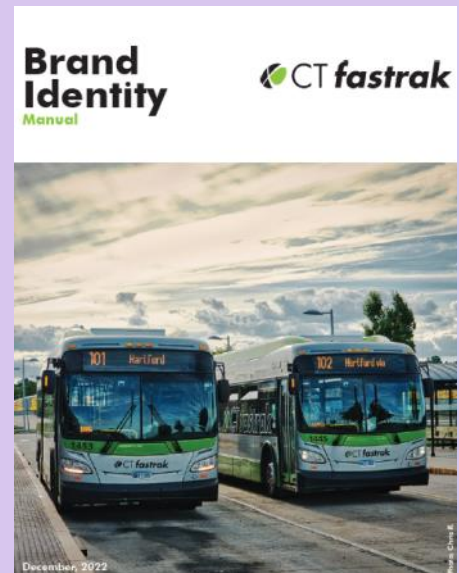
CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary (Continued)

January—March 2023

- Nearby Transit posters and postcards were printed for Soundview Apartments in Norwalk
- A “Try a Greener Commute” social media graphic was developed for the City of Bristol
- Nearby Transit postcards were developed and printed for Spinnaker Apartments in Milford

Miscellaneous Projects

- The CTfastrak brand guide was completed with DOT approval
- Attended a meeting with CTvisit where we shared Transit Is A Trip campaign information . We discussed how they can support CTrides with cross-promotions and we provided them with an updated Transit Finder link to be posted on their website
- A survey was developed to be sent to people who receive Hartford Line or Shore Line East schedules
- The development of graphics and a social media plan for several St. Patrick’s Day parades were initiated and completed
- A new order of printed marketing materials for the Outreach team was placed and delivered to the office
- Placed the final order of the M8 Railcar external logo stickers
- An e-blast to let people know about the Customer Experience (CX) Action Plan Video was sent from all our accounts
- An e-blast and social media posts for the resumption of bus fares on April 1 were sent
- A write-up on CTrides for The Connecticut Association of Community Transit monthly newsletter was provided



Participating Organization Activity

As of March 31st, the total number of CTrides employer participants, stakeholders and community participants was **478**.

Highlights:

Amazon Statewide

Enrolled 3 Amazon logistics centers in the Emergency Ride Home program, securing new contacts in Windsor (BDL2) and North Haven (BDL3), and a new active partnership with BDL4 in Windsor.

All About Trains

Conducted outreach to schools and libraries along the Hartford Line corridor, securing four new administrator contacts in the Hartford and New Haven regions. Gained two new partnerships and scheduled onsite presentations with four elementary schools.

Conducted seven presentations to various grades at Michael D. Fox Elementary School in Hartford. The kindergarten and first-grade classes will be taking the next steps to work with our team to coordinate a field trip.

Conducted 15 presentations to kindergarten and first-grade classrooms at Cook Hill Elementary School in Wallingford. Presentations received positive feedback from the administration and led to the approval for the next steps in field trip planning on CTail with a group of over 200 new riders.

St Patrick's Day Parade

Collaborated with the City of Hartford, the Irish American Society, and the parade committee to encourage transit use for parade goers. Created Hartford Saint Patrick's Day Parade as a special event in CTrides trip planner. Partnered with the Irish American Society to have the CTrides marketing team promote the event.

U-Pass CT Promotion

Conducted outreach to colleges and universities statewide participating in the U-Pass CT program to promote the use of the pass starting April 1st.

The CTrides Outreach Team held **181 Events and Meetings** with our worksite partners during Q1. The total number of currently participating organizations is at **478**.

This quarter's worksite activity, segmented by region, can be found on the following pages. A complete list of program organizations/stakeholders is in Appendix A.



Quarterly Report

January—March 2023

Held multiple events onsite with Capital Community College, University of Connecticut-Stamford, and Western Connecticut State University to train students on using the CTrides app.

New Outreach and Engagement Specialist

Hired and trained a new Outreach and Engagement Specialist for the Hartford Region.

New Partners:

- American Institute
- City of Meriden
- City of Torrington
- Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities
- Connecticut Association of Community Transportation
- Connecticut Beardsley Zoo
- Connecticut College
- Connecticut River Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Cook Hill Elementary School
- Davis Street Magnet School
- Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium
- Fit Together
- Fusco Corporation
- Gartner Group
- Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Southington Chamber of Commerce
- LesserEvil
- Long Wharf Theatre
- Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School
- Operation Hope
- Siemon
- Soundview Landing
- Sustainable Southbury
- Talcott Resolution
- Tomo Networks
- Town of Enfield
- Town of Kent
- West Hartford Chamber of Commerce
- XL Center



Regional Worksite Highlights

Western CT includes Litchfield, Housatonic, Bridgeport & Stamford regions

Highlights

Soundview Landing

New residential partner in Norwalk with 273 units located with direct transit access. Created Nearby Transit Options posters and postcards to be distributed to new and existing residents.

City of Torrington

Gained two new partnerships with the City of Torrington and the region's Fit Together health and environmental group. The City of Torrington's sustainability team hosted CTrides for a town-wide presentation on our program's resources for municipal employees and residents.

Connecticut Beardsley Zoo

Welcomed this new partnership with the Bridgeport landmark. Met with the Director of Marketing to review bus access to Connecticut's only zoo. We are working on a plan to increase transit access and usage for Bridgeport residents who have free zoo admission.

Residential Outreach

Worked with four Stamford apartment complexes with Metro-North access, provided nearby transit collateral, and created specialized lobby displays for over

1,300 residents.

LesserEvil

Added new partner with three facilities, two in Danbury and one in Brookfield. Outreach events are being planned to focus on factory workers needing assistance with carpool matches and transit usage. Human Resources representative working with CTrides to utilize the ridematching platform to develop a network of regular drivers to build a sustainable carpool program.

Tomo Networks

Stamford Corporate HQ is working with CTrides to develop a commuter program to promote using Metro-North to new hires to commute to work. Hosted a meeting with Tomo's Head of People to discuss the Emergency Ride Home program for their staff. Tomo Networks' projected workforce is expected to double in the next two years.

Meetings

- 111 Apartments
- Allure
- Altair Global
- ASML
- Bridgeport Regional Business Council
- City of Norwalk
- City of Stamford
- City of Torrington
- City of Waterbury
- Connecticut Beardsley Zoo
- Connecticut Department of

Labor

- Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
- Discovery Science Center
- Fairfield Chamber of Commerce
- Fairfield University
- Fit Together
- Gartner Group
- Greater Danbury Chamber of Commerce
- LesserEvil
- Norwalk Bike Walk Commission
- People Friendly Stamford
- Postmark Apartments
- Sacred Heart University
- Siemon Company
- Stamford Chamber of Commerce
- Stamford Downtown Special Services District
- Sustainable Southbury
- The Shakespeare Market
- Tomo Networks
- Town of Darien
- Town of Kent
- Town of Seymour
- Town of Trumbull
- University of Bridgeport
- University of Connecticut-Stamford
- Vault Apartments
- Western Connecticut Council of Governments
- Western Connecticut State University



Regional Worksite Highlights

Southern CT *includes Middlesex, New Haven & coastal regions*

Highlights

Long Wharf Theatre

New partner to bring transit and car-pool resources to patrons of the New Haven Theatre. Developing custom materials for the group to promote the Fare-Free Bus program to employees and event attendees.

Road Scholar Promotions

Conducted multiple events with the University of New Haven and Three Rivers Community college to promote nearby transit options, and ridematching and rewards to campus populations.

City of New Haven

In response to an inquiry from the City's Customer Service Center, we hosted a meeting with the Senior Human Resources Partner for the City of New Haven to discuss the commuter tax benefit for city employees.

Residential Outreach

Worked with three New Haven apartment complexes along the CTrail Hartford Line and CTrail Shore Line East corridor to create and provide custom Nearby Transit posters highlighting access to State Street and Union stations for their over 450 residents.

MakeHaven

Presentation onsite at MakeHaven to New Haven residents about CTrides resources in partnership with New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation (NCAT) and Bradley Street Bike Co-op. Multi-modal training was given on bike safety, maintenance, and mounting bikes on a bus rack.

Connecticut College

Re-engaged partner to create a sustainable transportation plan for students and staff at the New London campus. Directory of Sustainability invited CTrides outreach to highlight transit options during their upcoming Earth Day event.

Meetings

- Amazon Fulfillment Center (BDL3)
- City of Meriden
- City of Middletown
- City of New Haven
- College and Crown Apartments
- Connecticut Association for Community Transportation
- Connecticut College
- Cook Hill Elementary School
- Davis Street Magnet School
- Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium
- Fusco Corporation
- goNewHavengo
- Long Wharf Theatre
- MakeHaven

- Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School
- Parker Farms Elementary School
- South Central Regional Council of Governments
- Southern Connecticut State University
- Spinnaker Apartments
- The Eli Apartments
- Three Rivers Community College
- Town of Woodbridge
- University of New Haven
- Wesleyan University



Regional Worksite Highlights

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

Highlights

XL Center

Registered a new partner for the Emergency Ride Home program and launched a promotion of the Fare-Free Bus program to encourage employees to use transit when traveling to the XL Center. Collaborating with contact to promote the Transit is a Trip campaign to event-goers.

Aetna

Hosted onsite events with CTtransit to support the Hartford campus employees returning to work. Distributed information on transit routes available from Union Station and launched a digital campaign to promote the Fare-Free Bus program on building TV monitors.

Collins Aerospace

Reengaged with Windsor Locks campus and held two events with Collins to promote Fare-Free Bus and the CTrides app. Employees received assistance in downloading the app and navigating their individual profiles.

1 American Row Event

Hosted a multi-organization event with CTtransit at the 1 American Row campus in Hartford. Presented transit options to the over 1,000 employees

with direct access to the Dash shuttle.

Talcott Resolution

Secured new partnership with life insurance group currently in Windsor, whose campus will be moving to Hartford in Summer 2023. Most of their 300 commuters originate in the Farmington Valley. Outreach will promote transit options into Hartford. Talcott's Director of Communications posted CTrides resources to the organization's intranet.

American Institute

Conducted multiple onsite events with the West Hartford trade school to present transit options to the student populations, specifically route 121. Hosted a meeting with campus leadership to offer CTpass as an option for the campus.

Meetings

- Aetna
- American Institute
- Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Group
- Bristol Hospital
- Bristol Public Library
- Cabela's
- Capital Community College
- Center For Latino Progress
- Central Connecticut Chamber of Commerce
- Central Connecticut State University

- City of Bristol
- City of Hartford
- City of New Britain
- Collins Aerospace
- Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities
- Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- Connecticut Department of Labor
- Connecticut Department of Transportation
- Connecticut League of Conservation Voters
- Connecticut Office of the State Comptroller
- Connecticut Transit
- Conning
- CT River Valley Chamber of Commerce
- East Hartford High School
- Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce
- Greater Southington Chamber of Commerce
- Hartford Chamber of Commerce
- Hartford Job Corps Academy
- Hartford Symphony Orchestra
- Hispanic Health Council
- LTIMindtree
- Michael D. Fox School
- Nassau Financial Group
- Senior Living Residences, LLC
- SustainableCT
- Talcott Resolution
- The Hartford
- The Jackson Laboratory
- Town of Berlin
- Town of Manchester
- Town of Rocky Hill



Fewer cars. Better air. Healthier lives.

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- Town of West Hartford

Meetings (continued)

- Town of West Hartford
- Town of Wethersfield
- Travelers
- University of Hartford
- West Hartford Chamber of Commerce
- West Hartford Public Schools
- XL Center

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Customer feedback:

- *"It was very easy to use and the chat associate was very helpful!"*
- *"Brendan was very helpful and even more pleasant. Thank you so Much Brendan."*
- *"The customer service personnel I with was very professional and helpful."*
 - *"Cindy was super helpful!!!!!! 10 stars!"*
- *"Lisa was incredibly patient, nice, and helpful. I am so grateful for her assistance and surprised at the superior level of customer service offered by CTrail. Lisa is a credit to your organization!"*
- *"I would like to thank Cindy for her professional handling of my issue and follow up with me before closing the case."*

Customer Service Highlights

CTrides/CTrail calls: **4,892**

Custom Commute Plans: **24**

Total Number of Website Form Submissions: **254**

Total Number of Emails Sent and Received: **1,099**

Customer Service Details:

- **4,642 Total** cases into CTrides
 - **3,128 calls**
3 inquiries about available disabled services
6 bilingual inquiries
 - **Sent and received 1,099 emails**
Great or OK rating on 76.4% of emails surveyed
 - **Facilitated 415 live online chats of which 120 were SMS (text) chats**
4.7 out of 5 (best) avg. rating on all chats
- **Provided 6 Emergency Ride Home**— 4 Vanpool services, and 2 CT transit
- **Processed 147 CTrail Hartford Line and 70 CTrail Shore Line East** complaints, suggestions, questions
- **Distributed 0 trial bus pass to commuters** due to the bus fare free program

1st Quarter 2023

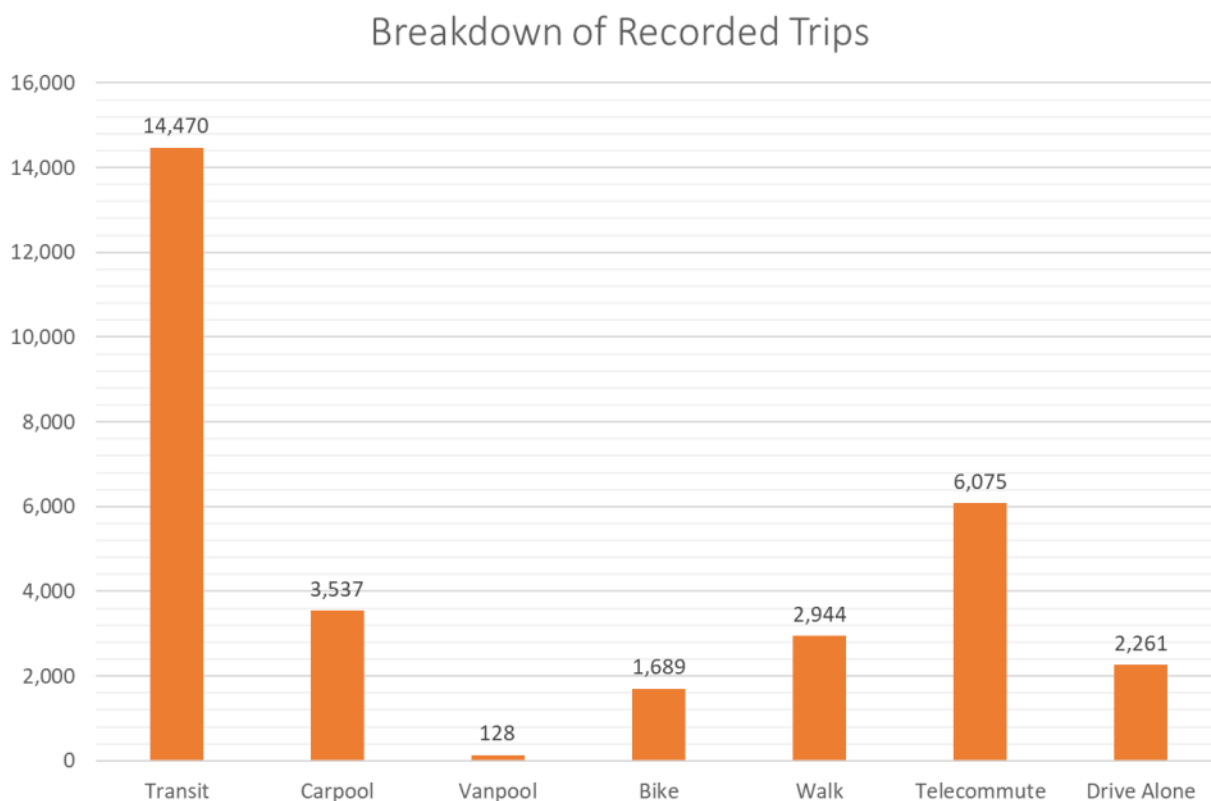
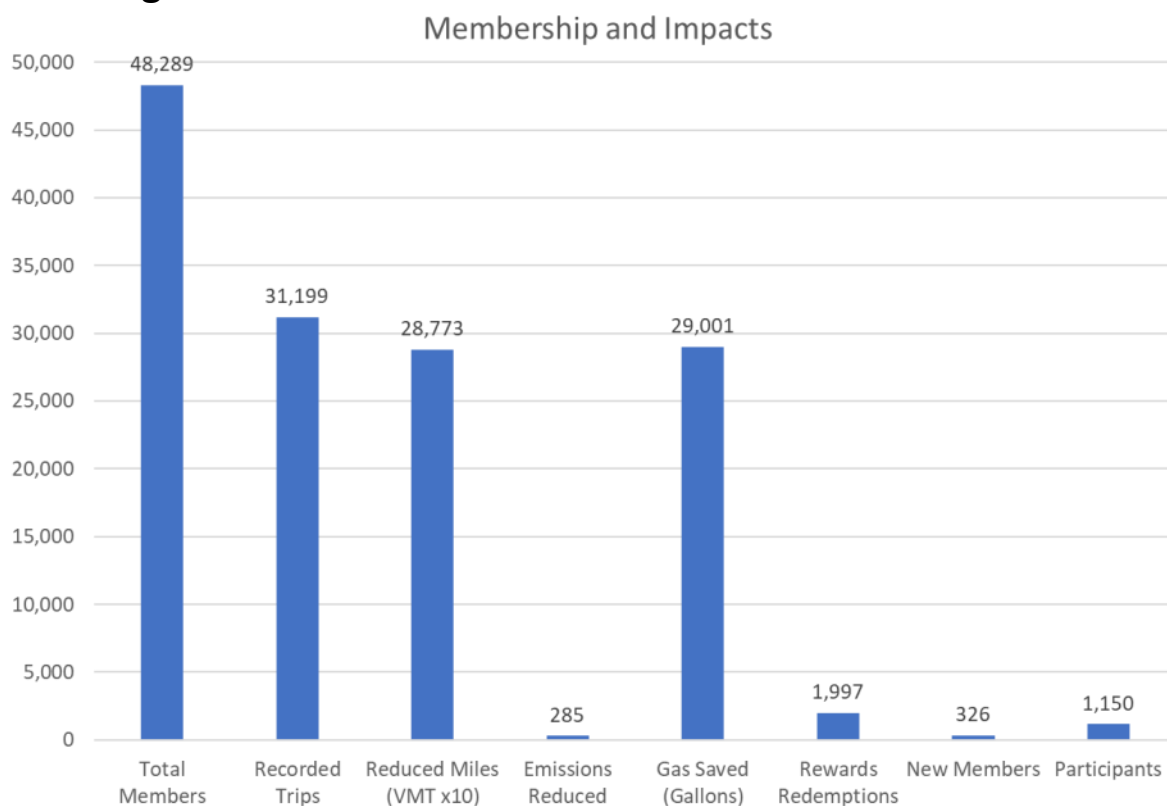


▶ **3,128— Inbound Calls**

▶ **415 — Online Chats**

▶ **1,099— Emails**

Ridematching and Rewards



As of Q3 2022, there are more than 400 businesses, agencies and municipalities working with CTrides

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|---|--|---|
| 1. 111 Harbor Point Apartments | 39. Bigelow Tea | 76. City of Waterbury - Public Health |
| 2. 18 High Apartments | 40. BikewalkCT | 77. CLIP Bike |
| 3. 254 College Street Apartments | 41. Black Rock Library | 78. College and Crown |
| 4. 3PL Worldwide | 42. Bloomfield Public Library (Prosser) | 79. Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities |
| 5. 360 State Apartments | 43. BLT Office (Norwalk) | 80. Community Health Center of New London |
| 6. 38 Crown Street Apartments | 44. BLT Office (Stamford) | 81. Concord Meadows |
| 7. 9 Town Transit | 45. Bradley Airport | 82. Connecticare |
| 8. Abbey Lane Living | 46. Branford Hall (Branford) | 83. Connecticut Association of Community Transportation |
| 9. Advance Auto Parts | 47. Branford Hall (Southington) | 84. Connecticut Beardsley Zoo |
| 10. AdvanceCT | 48. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Group | 85. Connecticut Children's Medical Center |
| 11. Advanced Behavioral Health | 49. Bridgeport Library | 86. Connecticut College |
| 12. AECOM | 50. Bridgeport Public Schools | 87. Connecticut Convention Center |
| 13. Aetna | 51. BrightStar Care | 88. Connecticut Council of Municipalities |
| 14. Albea | 52. Building Blocks Learning Centers | 89. Connecticut Department of Developmental Services |
| 15. Albertus Magnus | 53. Burroughs Library | 90. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (Hartford) |
| 16. Albertus Magnus (East Hartford) | 54. Cabelas | 91. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (New Britain) |
| 17. Alexion Pharmaceuticals | 55. Capital Community College | 92. Connecticut Department of Labor |
| 18. Alinabal | 56. CARTUS | 93. Connecticut Department of Transportation |
| 19. All Our Kin | 57. CDM Smith | 94. Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs |
| 20. Allure | 58. Center for Latino Progress | 95. Connecticut Food Share |
| 21. Altair Global | 59. Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce | 96. Connecticut Green Bank |
| 22. A.M. Property Holding | 60. Central Connecticut Coast YMCA | 97. Connecticut Green Bank - Stamford |
| 23. Amazon Fulfillment Center BDL-2 | 61. Central CT State University | 98. Connecticut Innovations |
| 24. Amazon Fulfillment Center BDL-5 | 62. Chabaso Bakery, Inc. | 99. Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants |
| 25. Amazon Sorting Center Wallingford | 63. Children's Day School | 100. Connecticut Main Street Center |
| 26. American Institute | 64. Cigna | |
| 27. Amistad Center for Arts and Culture | 65. City of Bridgeport | |
| 28. Ann's Place | 66. City of Danbury | |
| 29. Aptar Group | 67. City of Groton | |
| 30. ARC of Litchfield County | 68. City of Meriden | |
| 31. Artspace New Haven | 69. City of Middletown | |
| 32. Ascot Group | 70. City of New Britain | |
| 33. ASML, Inc. | 71. City of New Haven | |
| 34. Asnuntuck Community College | 72. City of New London | |
| 35. Avon Health Center | 73. City of Stamford | |
| 36. BAR - New Haven | 74. City of Torrington | |
| 37. Becton Dickinson and Company | 75. City of Waterbury | |
| 38. BHcare | | |

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101. Connecticut Mental Health Center	(Hartford)	169. Goodwin College
102. Connecticut National Guard	133. Diageo, Inc.	170. Greater Bridgeport Transit
103. Connecticut Office of Early Childhood	134. Discovery Science Center	171. Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce
104. Connecticut Probate Court	135. Dollar Tree Distribution Center	172. Greater New Haven Transit District
105. Connecticut River Valley Chamber of Commerce	136. DRS	173. Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
106. Connecticut Spring and Stamping	137. East River Energy	174. Greater Southington Chamber of Commerce
107. Connecticut State Insurance Department	138. East Side Library	175. Greater Waterbury Transit District
108. Connecticut Valley Hospital	139. Eastern Account System, Inc.	176. Greater Waterbury YMCA
109. Connecticut Valley Industries	140. Eastern Connecticut State University	177. Greenwich Board of Education
110. Connecticut Water	141. Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium	178. Greenwich Chamber of Commerce
111. Conning, Inc.	142. Eastern Workforce Investment Board	179. Group CBS Circuit Breaker Sales
112. Continuum of Care Inc.	143. Electric Boat	180. Hampton House Apartments
113. Cook Hill Elementary School	144. Eli Apartments	181. Hartford Adult Education Center
114. Corsair Apartments	145. Empire State Realty Trust	182. Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
115. Crocker House Apartments	146. Enterprise Holdings	183. Hartford HealthCare System Support Office
116. Crown Court	147. Enterprise Rideshare	184. Hartford Hospital
117. Crown Point Apartments	148. Epic Insurance Brokers	185. Hartford Library (Park Street Branch)
118. Crown Towers	149. Erection & Welding Contractors (EWC)	186. Hartford Public Library
119. CT Department of Labor	150. Escape	187. Hartford Steam Boiler
120. CTtransit	151. ESPN	188. Hartford Symphony
121. CTfastrak	152. Essex Steam Train and Riverboat	189. HARTransit
122. Danbury Medical Group	153. ExecutNet	190. Henkel Corporation
123. Datto, Inc.	154. Fairfield Branch Woods Library	191. Hispanic Advisory Council of Greater Stamford (HACGS)
124. Davis Street Magnet School	155. Fairfield Public Library	192. Hispanic Health Council
125. Deloitte	156. Fairfield University	193. Hologic
126. Department of Administrative Services	157. Fit Together	194. Honeywell
127. Department of Economic and Community Development	158. Foxwoods Resort and Casino	195. Hotchkiss School
128. Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection	159. FTD Florists	196. Horizon Services Company
129. Department of Public Health (Hartford)	160. Fusco Corporation	197. Homegoods Distribution
130. Department of Rehabilitation Services	161. From You Flowers	198. Homes For the Brave
131. Department of Revenue Services	162. Gartner Group	199. Hospital for Special Care
132. Department of Social Services	163. Gateway Community College	200. Hotel Zero Degrees
	164. Gaylord Specialty Healthcare	201. Housatonic Community College
	165. Global Steering Systems	202. Hubbell Incorporated
	166. GoNetSpeed	
	167. GoNHGO	
	168. Goodwill of Western & Northern CT	

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203. Human Resource Leadership Association of Eastern CT	238. MCCA (Danbury)	271. New Haven Parking Authority
204. Huntington Towers	239. MD Fox Elementary School	272. New Haven Towers
205. i2systems	240. MedSource Consultants	273. Newfield Library
206. IFG Companies (Guilford Specialty Group)	241. Medtronic	274. North East Transportation Co.
207. Inertia Dynamics Corporation	242. Meego, Inc.	275. North Library
208. Infinity Harbor Point	243. Metro Green	276. Northwest Connecticut Reentry Council (CAACE)
209. Innovate Stamford	244. Metro Green Court	277. Northwest Hills COG
210. Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS)	245. Metro Green Residences	278. Northwestern CT Community College
211. Iron Works SoNo Apartments	246. Metro Green Terraces	279. Northwestern CT Transit District
212. IRS	247. Metro on Crown	280. Norwalk Community College
213. Jackson Laboratory	248. Middlesex Community College	281. Norwalk Housing Authority
214. JCC of Greater New Haven	249. Middlesex Community College - Meriden Campus	282. Norwalk Transit
215. Jewett City Savings Bank	250. Middlesex Hospital	283. Nucor Steel (Wallingford)
216. Job Corps (Hartford)	251. Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center	284. NV @ Harbor Point
217. Job Corps New Haven	252. Middletown Area Transit	285. NWCC Center for Workforce Development
218. Jones Lang Lasalle Americas	253. Milford Transit District	286. Oak Haven Table & Bar
219. Key Bank - New Haven	254. Mitchell College	287. Office of Policy and Management
220. Knights of Columbus	255. Mohegan Sun Casino	288. Office of the Attorney General
221. Konica Minolta Business Solutions	256. Mohican Apartments	289. Office of the Secretary of the State
222. Law offices of John Andreini	257. Monterey Village Apartments	290. Office of the State Comptroller
223. Lawrence + Memorial Hospital	258. Mystic Healthcare and Rehabilitation LLC	291. OKAY Industries - Berlin
224. LesserEvil	259. Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa	292. Olive and Wooster Apartments
225. Lincoln Life Insurance/Freemont Group Management	260. Nalas Engineering	293. Omega Engineering
226. Lincoln Technical Institute	261. Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School	294. Operation Fuel
227. Live Green CT	262. Naugatuck Valley Community College (Danbury)	295. Operation Hope
228. Long Wharf Theatre	263. Naugatuck Valley Community College (Waterbury)	296. Opus Harbor Point
229. Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments	264. Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments	297. Oracle Corporation
230. LTI Larsen & Toubro Infotech	265. Naval Submarine Base New London	298. Our Piece of the Pie
231. Madison Towers	266. New Britain CT Works Center	299. Paier College of Art
232. Manchester Community College	267. New Britain Downtown District	300. Paradigm Property Management
233. Manufacturing Alliance Service Corporation	268. New Haven Climate Movement	301. Parkside City Crossing
234. Marcus Partners Mgmt.	269. New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation	302. Pathway Lighting Inc.
235. Marriott Hotel-Danbury	270. New Haven Mayor's Task Force on Bike Education	303. Paul Bailey Architects
236. Mary Wade Home		304. Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects
237. MassMutual		305. People Friendly Stamford
		306. People's United Bank
		307. PEP - Lacey Manufacturing
		308. Pierce Care

309. Pierpont City Crossing	(Farmington Station)	370. Stone Academy (West Haven)
310. Pitney Bowes-Danbury	343. Senior Living Residences, LLC	371. Strouse Adler Apartments
311. Pitney Bowes-Shelton	(Ridgefield)	372. Sun Life Financial
312. Plastic Molding Manufacturing	344. Senior Resources Agency on Aging	373. Sustainable Southbury
313. PMC Property Group	345. Shipman & Goodwin	374. Taft Apartments
314. Porter & Chester Institute (Branford)	346. Siemon Company	375. Talcott Resolution
315. Porter and Chester Institute (Enfield)	347. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—	376. Tauck Tours
316. Porter and Chester Institute	Bridgeport	377. The Anchor Spa
(Stratford)	348. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—	378. The Audubon Apartments
317. Porter and Chester Institute	Shelton	379. The Botanist
(Waterbury)	349. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—	380. The Business Council of Fairfield
318. Postmark Apartments	Stratford	County
319. Pratt & Whitney - Middletown	350. Society for Human Resource Man-	381. The Corset Factory
320. Pratt and Whitney	agement	382. The District
321. Prudential (Hartford)	351. SoNo 19Day	383. The Docks Apartments
322. Quinebaug Valley CC	352. SoNo Pearl Apartments	384. The Hartford
323. Quinnipiac University	353. Soundview Landing Apartments	385. The Independence Center
324. Quinnipiac University - North Haven	354. South Central Regional Council of	386. The Kennedy Center, Inc.
Campus	Governments	387. The Key at Yale and Towne Apart-
325. RAACE Radical Advocates for Cross-	355. Southeast Area Transit	ments
Cultural Education	356. Southeastern Connecticut Council of	388. The Maddox City Crossing
326. Radiall USA Inc.	Governments	389. The Sierra Club
327. Randstad	357. Southern Connecticut State	390. The Summit
328. Reckson/SL Green	University	391. The Watermark at 3030 Park
329. Regal Care	358. Southwest Community Health Cen-	392. The Workplace
330. Residence Court Apartments	ter	393. Three Rivers Community College
331. Residence on the Green	359. St. Mary's Hospital	394. Thule Inc
332. RGIS	360. St. Vincent's College	395. Tomo Networks
333. Rich Product Corporation	361. St. Vincent's Medical Center	396. Tower Laboratories
334. RMS Companies	362. Stamford Chamber of Commerce	397. Tower Labs Ltd.
335. Rotary Club of Rockville	363. Stamford Downtown Special Ser-	398. Town Green Special Services District
336. Rudy's - New Haven	vices District (SDSSD)	399. Town of Bethany
337. Saint Francis Hospital	364. Stanley Black & Decker	400. Town of Branford
338. S.A.N.D. Elementary School	365. State Education Resource Center	401. Town of Burlington
339. Saybrook Point	366. State of Connecticut	402. Town of Colchester
340. Sea Corp	367. State Street Lofts	403. Town of Cromwell
341. SeeClickFix	368. Stone Academy (East Hartford)	404. Town of Darien
342. Senior Living Residences	369. Stone Academy (Waterbury)	405. Town of Darien Public Library

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406. Town of East Hartford	440. University of Connecticut—Stamford	470. Windsor Station Apartments
407. Town of East Lyme	441. University of Connecticut— Waterbury	471. Winthrop Apartments
408. Town of Enfield	442. University of Hartford	472. Wiremold/Legrand
409. Town of Fairfield	443. University of New Haven	473. Workers' Compensation Commission
410. Town of Farmington	444. University of Saint Joseph	474. XL Center
411. Town of Greenwich	445. University of St. Joseph School of Pharmacy	475. Yale University
412. Town of Kent	446. Urban Bike Tours	476. Yale-New Haven Hospital
413. Town of Madison	447. USI Consulting	477. Yelp CT
414. Town of New Canaan	448. U.S. Federal Highway Administration	478. YMCA Greater Hartford
415. Town of Old Lyme	449. Valley Transit District	
416. Town of Stratford	450. Vault Apartments	
417. Town of Trumbull	451. Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System (Newington)	
418. Town of Westbrook	452. Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System (West Haven)	
419. Town of Windsor	453. Voya	
420. Town of Woodbridge	454. Washington Inventory Systems	
421. Travelers	455. Waste Management	
422. Trinity College	456. Watch For Me CT	
423. Triumph	457. Waterbury Hospital	
424. TSKP Studios	458. Watson Foods	
425. Tunxis Community College	459. Wesleyan University	
426. Tyler Equipment	460. West Hartford Chamber of Com- merce	
427. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	461. West Hartford Health and Rehab	
428. UConn Hartford	462. West Hill High School	
429. UConn Health Center	463. Western Connecticut State University	
430. UConn Law School	464. Western CT Council of Governments	
431. Ulbrich Stainless Steels and Special Metals	465. Whitney Avenue Apartments	
432. United Bank	466. Wiggin & Dana, LLP	
433. United Healthcare	467. Windham Region Transit District	
434. United Illuminating	468. Windham Regional Community Council	
435. United States District Court: District of Connecticut	469. Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center, LLC	
436. United Technologies Corporation		
437. University of Bridgeport		
438. University of Connecticut—Avery Point		
439. University of Connecticut—Storrs		



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Planning for Our Region's Future

Bethany Branford East Haven Guilford Hamden Madison Meriden Milford
New Haven North Branford North Haven Orange Wallingford West Haven Woodbridge

Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Approving the South Central Connecticut: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2028

Whereas: South Central Connecticut aims to develop the region's resiliency, diversity, and community while striving for the creation and implementation of business-friendly policies and projects that result in a more attractive business environment and higher quality of life for its residents;

Whereas: South Central Connecticut is a designated Economic Development District (EDD) through the US Economic Development Administration (US EDA);

Whereas: REX Development is responsible for developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy every five years that is amended annually, as required by US EDA;

Whereas: The purpose of the 2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is to create a cohesive plan for the entire region to promote economic activity and to prepare for potential economic disruptions; and

Whereas: The plan was developed over the past year by a broad spectrum of regional stakeholders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

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

That the *South Central Connecticut: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy 2023-2028* is hereby approved.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on May 24, 2023.

Date: May 24, 2023

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

PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-24
SCRCOG REGIONAL SERVICES GRANT (RSG) SPENDING PLAN

Source of Project Funding

CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)*	\$ 573,431
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*assumes flat funding from last year, may increase by as much as \$400,000, will not know until June

Proposed Budget

1	Staff Labor and Expenses	409,681
2	GIS Consultant	3,000
3	UConn MPA Intern Program	17,250
4	Capitol Region Purchasing Council	7,500
5	Municipal Services Consultants**	136,000

Total	\$ 573,431
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**Details of *Municipal Services Consultants* (Line Item #5 above)

5a	<p>Affordable Housing Consultants: David Fink and Ben Fink</p> <p>SCRCOG would continue the established Regional Housing Working sessions to assess progress, share ideas, and keep municipalities updated on housing programs, resources and legislation. In addition, SCRCOG will assist its member municipalities on the facilitation/promotion of resident education/communication through community wide forum/sessions.</p>	\$71,000
5b	<p>Municipal Grants Consultant(s): JL Burdelski and Renata Bertotti</p> <p>This initiative will continue the past year's work with three programs: (1) the organization and facilitation of trainings/workshops; (2) researching and curating relevant municipal grant opportunities; and (3) the provision of individualized consulting services for grant assistance to SCRCOG municipalities.</p>	\$30,000
5c	<p>Solid Waste & Recycling, Food Waste Diversion, and Municipal Composting Consultant(s): Pamela Roach</p> <p>This initiative will include two programs: (1) Assist with the organization and facilitation of regular meetings of the Regional Solid Waste & Recycling Working Group to discuss relevant issues, topics, and best practices and (2) supporting the region's municipalities that received an SMM grant or are interested in receiving an SMM grant.</p>	\$35,000

Total	\$136,000
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MEMORANDUM

FROM: Executive Director Carl Amento, Deputy Director Laura Francis, and Finance Director Christopher Rappa

TO: SCRCOG Board

RE: Proposed FY 2023-24 SCRCOG Budget

DATE: May 17, 2023

Below are highlights of the Proposed FY 2023-24 SCRCOG Budget.

- **Total Budget Increases by about \$89,000**

The proposed FY 2023-24 budget totals \$3,504,007 as compared to a FY 2022-23 budget of \$3,414,656

- **Municipal Dues**

The proposed budget includes eight cent dues increase. This dues increase will allow SCRCOG to provide match for and fully utilize federal transportation funding without creating unsustainably large carryovers of unused funds.

- **Office of Policy and Management - Regional Services Grant (RSG)**

At this time, the amount of the FY 2023-24 RSG funds awarded to SCRCOG have not been determined. We will likely be informed in mid-June when the Budget Implementer is voted upon. Because there are substantial undistributed funds in the OPM account which funds the RSG program, there is a potential for increase in the RSG funds for SCRCOG of \$400,000. In the event this occurs, this would require an amendment of both the RSG Spending Plan and the SCRCOG Budget with additional programming proposed and approved by the SCRCOG Board.

RSG funds, municipal dues, and competitively-awarded grants received by SCRCOG, account for all non-federal revenue to SCRCOG. RSG funds are used for non-transportation regional planning, municipal shared services, and special projects.

- **Transportation Planning – Federal Funds and State Match**

Current-year federal and state transportation funding in FY 2023-24 is increasing by \$252,574 to \$1,568,412. Federal carryover funds in the amount of \$507,545 (plus \$63,432 in related state match) are programmed in the UPWP for use in Fiscal Year 2023-24.

FY 2023-24 is the first year of the two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). It is expected that CTDOT will continue to provide its 10% match for both current-year funds and carryover funds.

- **SMM Grant**

SCRCOG has been awarded a \$139,000 Sustainable Materials Management Grant from CT DEEP to assist municipal co-collection of MSW and food waste programs with education and outreach.

- **Operating Expenses Increasing by about \$422,000**

Total operating expenses¹ are increasing from \$1,139,345 this year to a proposed \$1,561,773 in FY 2023-24. The proposed budget includes the salary proposal discussed by the Executive Committee during the April 20 Special Meeting. This proposal includes three new full-time positions. The remaining increases are largely due to projected health insurance costs², computer equipment needs and maintenance³, software subscription costs⁴, legal fees⁵, and advertising fees⁶.

¹ Includes Salaries, Benefits, Travel, Computer Supplies & Software, Rent and General Office Expenses

² Includes 7.2% increase for health insurance and 2.3% increase for dental insurance. Also takes into account changes in the benefit status of current employees and projected increased costs related to the three new full-time positions

³ Includes additional computer equipment and general computer/server maintenance

⁴ Includes Deltek Accounting Software

⁵ Includes attorney fees for review of retirement plan documents, By-Laws, and Employee Handbook

⁶ Increased advertising will be required for the employment opportunities

South Central Regional Council of Governments
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Summary
Proposed – May 24, 2023

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>FY 23 Budget</i>	<i>FY 24 Budget</i>
Municipal Contribution		
Municipal Contribution - Dues	193,900	239,600
Municipal Contribution - Special Projects	2,827	0
Fund Balance	78,771	0
Designated Fund Balance	30,423	33,586
Transportation Planning		
U.S. DOT	1,169,634	1,394,144
U.S. DOT - Carryover	270,000	507,454
U.S. DOT - FY 23 Additional	80,000	0
CTDOT	146,204	174,268
CTDOT - Carryover	33,750	63,432
CTDOT - LOTCIP	203,611	171,611
Regional Planning		
CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)	573,101	573,431
CT Secretary of the State - Regional Election Monitor	3,691	3,691
CT DEEP - SMM Grant	139,000	112,800
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - CARES Act Funds	341,226	195,100
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - 4CT Funds	16,780	8,390
CIRCA - ResilientCT Grant	15,139	0
Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan		
Federal Emergency Management Agency	108,000	0
Other		
Investment Income	2,000	20,000
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	6,600	6,500
TOTAL	3,414,656	3,504,007

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 23 Budget</i>	<i>FY 24 Budget</i>
Salaries	643,288	847,206
Benefits	271,355	438,676
Travel	7,900	8,500
Computer Supplies & Software	22,600	53,800
Rent	114,500	116,900
General Office Expenses	79,702	96,691
Transportation Consultants	1,058,600	1,309,658
Other Consultants	563,700	391,376
Capital	20,000	0
Contingency	0	0
Transportation - Reserved	193,589	58,696
LOTICP - Reserved	161,449	128,680
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved	178,973	36,714
SMM Grant - Reserved	99,000	17,111
Total	3,414,656	3,504,007

Municipal Dues

Fiscal Year 2023-24 Municipal Dues

<i>Municipality</i>	<i>FY 2023-24 Dues</i>	
	<i>Per Capita (rounded to \$100)</i>	
	<i>Population ⁽¹⁾</i>	<i>0.42</i>
<i>Bethany</i>	5,288	2,200
<i>Branford</i>	28,176	11,800
<i>East Haven</i>	27,804	11,700
<i>Guilford</i>	22,031	9,300
<i>Hamden</i>	60,923	25,600
<i>Madison</i>	17,619	7,400
<i>Meriden</i>	60,517	25,400
<i>Milford</i>	52,390	22,000
<i>New Haven</i>	135,081	56,700
<i>North Branford</i>	13,498	5,700
<i>North Haven</i>	24,169	10,200
<i>Orange</i>	14,246	6,000
<i>Wallingford</i>	44,194	18,600
<i>West Haven</i>	55,294	23,200
<i>Woodbridge</i>	9,045	3,800
<i>Total</i>	570,275	239,600

(1) State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, Estimated Population in Connecticut Towns As of July 1, 2021.



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Bethany Branford East Haven Guilford Hamden Madison Meriden Milford
New Haven North Branford North Haven Orange Wallingford West Haven Woodbridge

Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

**South Central Regional Council of Governments Budget
Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)**

Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) By-Laws prescribe that the Council shall review and approve SCRCOG budgets, and

Whereas: SCRCOG's Executive Committee has reviewed and recommends acceptance of the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budget totaling \$3,504,007.

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

That a Fiscal Year 2024 Budget is adopted (copy attached), and

That Fiscal Year 2024 SCRCOG municipal dues are established at 42 cents per capita, per the Connecticut Department of Public Health's July 2021 population estimates.

Certificate:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the SCRCOG on May 24, 2023.

Date: May 24, 2023

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



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
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NEWSLETTER

Volume III, Issue 5

MAY 2023

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

Sustainable CT Intern for 2023

This summer, SCRCOG is hosting a Sustainable CT Fellow – Katie Meder. Katie is a rising Junior at Wheaton College in Massachusetts studying Environmental Science. Her concentration is in biology, and she has minors in environmental studies and urban studies. Katie worked with Sustainable Connecticut through the Town of Guilford last summer and has completed research through school on wetlands geochemistry and primary succession on harsh landscapes. Katie is looking forward to working with SCRCOG to complete coastal resilience, air and water quality management, pollution, and conservation projects. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to learn more about environmental and urban planning on a regional level this summer.

Katie will be able to assist any municipality looking to take advantage of the Sustainable CT program. Contact Ben Lovejoy, Director of Regional Planning and Municipal Services, with any questions blovejoy@scrcog.org



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

2023 Housing Working Group Update

SCRCOG continues its work building community and educating residents, advocates, and municipal staff throughout the first half of 2023. Check out the details of our upcoming meeting below.

May Workshop

Housing Working Group Session 9: Housing and Open Space: Can Towns Have Both? – May 24, 2023, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Open space preservation and housing density are not mutually exclusive! Towns can have – and often aim for -- both to attract a variety of residents with a range of skills, provide for a beneficial quality of life and offer a wide array of housing options. Can SCRCOG municipalities, most of them with both open space and areas with infrastructure and density, continue to have both? Can housing advocates and open space advocates work together for the benefit of all? And how can experts help? This SCRCOG Housing Work Group session will focus on how forthcoming state legislation passed by the General Assembly might impact the assistance – ideas, methods, strategies, tools – municipalities will need to expand their spectrum of housing choices while preserving the parks, farms and other green spaces that enhance their quality of life.

Guest speakers:

- **Rebecca Augur, Director of the Connecticut Office of Responsible Growth**
- **Michael Santoro, Community Development Specialist at the Department of Housing.**

Register

Here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMrcumuqzwqE9PK0BRihYZSp7mOLW3k07_z

Previous Workshop: April '23

Housing Working Group Session 8: Converting Strip Malls into Housing: How to Approach Property Owners, Attract Developers, & Incorporate TOD

In our most recent Housing Working Group session, *Converting Strip Mall Into Housing: How to Approach Property Owners, Attract Developers, & Incorporate TOD*, we discussed the need for housing and how strip malls can be redeveloped to help fill the gap in affordable housing stock.

We heard from **Chris Kuschel**, Land-Use Manager and Principal Planner at the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, who shared case studies of such redevelopment from the Boston metro area.

We also discussed the rise in the percentage of homeless people in our region, and the roles our municipalities must play not only in supporting their homeless communities, but also in preventing homelessness to begin with. Speakers included **Kellyann Day**, CEO of New Reach Inc. in New Haven; **Jennifer Paradis**, Executive Director at the Beth-El Center in Milford; and **Margaret Middleton**, CEO of Columbus House in New Haven. Further discussion on how to address the homelessness crisis in our region is to come.

Recording Link: For those of you who were unable to attend this meeting, we've provided [a link to the recording](#) on our [website](#), as well as the [slides from Chris Kuschel's \(MAPC\) presentation](#).

Links to all previous Housing Working Group recordings are available [here](#).

[LINK | FY23 Housing Working Group Meeting Schedule](#)

Community Conversations with Ben Fink

Ben continues his mission to build as broad and diverse a base as possible to support expanded housing options in our municipalities. The goal is to be inclusive of residents with varying experience and open to all perspectives on housing, while working in tandem with municipal governments as they implement their affordable housing plans.

Training Opportunity for SCRCOG Municipal Government And Community Members

Facilitating Effective Community Conversations – May 23rd from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Workshop will be **in-person only** with a light breakfast served.

This hands-on training will offer easy-to-use techniques and strategies for planning and leading community conversations that keep our member municipalities' residents informed and involved in the decisions that affect their lives. We will learn simple and effective ways to create a safe and supportive environment where everyone's voice is heard and honored, even when talking about challenging and controversial issues. This workshop is open to all — including people and municipalities who have started hosting community conversations and want to learn from each other's experience, and those who are looking for a place to start.

Use the link below to register for in-person attendance.

This training will be in-person only and a light breakfast will be provided.

Register [here](#).

The workshop flyer can be found [here](#).



HAZARD MITIGATION

Hazard Mitigation Update

FEMA has approved the 2023 SCRCOG Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan is in effect for five years from April 3, 2023, which is the date of the first municipal adoption. Through the Plan, the participating municipalities are eligible for FEMA mitigation program funding before and after potential natural disasters.

Flood Awareness Workshop

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is hosting Flood Awareness workshops for each DEMHS region, in cooperation with CT DEMHS, CT DEEP, the National Weather Service, and U.S.G.S. Region 2's workshop will be held on May 23, 2023.

More information & registration can be found here: [Flood Awareness Workshop - DEMHS Region 2 Tickets, Tue, May 23, 2023 at 8:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

<https://scrcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Flood-Awareness-Workshop-Flyer.pdf>



MUNICIPAL GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grants Writing Services

SCRCOG continues to offer free grant writing support and education through a partnership with consultants Renata Bertotti and Juliet Burdelski.

Training Opportunity for SCRCOG Member Municipalities

[Grants Training #4: Best Practices for Compiling and Writing Competitive Grant Applications](#) – June 7, 2023, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Register here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpf-usrz0sGN24RDHjbXSIDG7VNecK2za9#/registration>

The Municipal Grants webpage is now live on [SCRCOG's website](#) and contains a wealth of information on the services we offer. The page contains an updated Grant Opportunities Worksheet, links to recordings of past webinars, sample documents, and more.

Please reach out to blovejoy@scrcog.org if you require additional assistance.

EMERGING GRANTS

Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

The USDOT has released a NOFO for the CFI Program - a new competitive grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).

Application Deadline: May 30, 2023. More information can be found on the [Federal Highway Administration's website](#).

CDBG Small Cities

The State of Connecticut Department of Housing's Community Development Division announced CDBG Small Cities funding availability for the program year 2023-2024. Approximately \$14 million dollars in funding is expected from HUD to the State of Connecticut. A link to a secure portal will be provided for all applications. Please note that only complete applications will be accepted and scored, and one (1) application per town will be accepted. Communities (with less than 50,000 residents) with an eligible activity (refer to the website for qualifying projects) are encouraged to apply for this funding opportunity.

Application Deadline: May 31, 2023

More information can be found [here](#).

COPS Hiring Program

The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is the component of the U.S. Department of Justice responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources. The COPS Office was appropriated more than \$20 billion to advance

community policing initiatives, which included awarding grants to more than 13,000 state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies to fund the hiring and redeployment of more than 136,000 officers. COPS Office information resources, covering a wide range of community policing topics such as school and campus safety, violent crime, and officer safety and wellness, can be downloaded via the COPS Office's home page, <https://cops.usdoj.gov/>

Application Deadline: May 4, 2023

More information can be found [here](#).

State Local Bridge Program

The Funding Application Window for STATE Local Bridge Program FY 2024 opened on April 1, 2023 and slated to close on May 31, 2023. All 15 SCRCOG municipalities have eligible bridges on the newly updated [list](#).

Please contact SCRCOG transportation staff if you need any assistance with project development. In addition, SCRCOG offers consultative municipal grants technical assistance. More information about that service can be found at [Municipal Grants – South Central Regional Council of Governments \(scrcog.org\)](#)

Application Deadline: May 31, 2023

More information can be found [here](#).

Urban & Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grants

The USDA Forest Service Urban and Community Forest Program NOFO is available. Inflation Reduction Action of 2022, Public Law No: 117-169. Subtitle D, Sec. 23003 (a). State and Private Forestry Conservation Programs, (2) Urban and Community Forestry (2022-2031) to provide multiyear, programmatic, competitive grants for tree planting and related activities, with a priority for projects that benefit underserved populations and areas through the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance program

Application Deadline: June 1, 2023

You can read more details about this opportunity on the [USDA Forest Service website](#).

Community Investment Fund (CIF) 2030

The NOFA for Round 3 of CIF is now available on their [application page](#). The CIF hosted webinars on April 27th & May 2nd to provide an overview of the program and review the timeline as well as the process for applying. The recordings can be found on the [Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development YouTube channel](#).

Application Deadline: June 30, 2023

More information can be found [on the Community Investment Fund 2030 website](#).

T-Mobile Hometown Grant Application Q2 2023

T-Mobile Hometown Grants is a \$25 million, five-year initiative to support the people and organizations who help small towns across America thrive and grow. Hometown Grants are given every quarter to up to 25 small towns. Apply for funding to support a community project of your choice, like revitalizing or repurposing a historic structure, creating a downtown asset or destination, or improving a space where friends and neighbors gather. Projects that add to a sense of place or could lead to further investment are of particular interest.

Application Deadline: [June 30, 2023](#)

To learn more about this opportunity, you can visit [T-Mobile's website](#) and click on the ["submit a proposal"](#) button to see more information.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)

The USDOT's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 [Notice of Funding Opportunity is now open for applications](#). The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways.

Application Deadline: [July 10, 2023](#).

More information can be found [here](#).

Community Connectivity Grants

CT DOT is soliciting applications for Community Connectivity Grants. Grants awarded in this solicitation are between \$100,000 and \$800,000 and can only be used to fund activities related to project construction. The Community Connectivity Program seeks to improve accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians in urban, suburban and rural community centers.

Application Deadline: [July 21, 2023](#).

More information can be found [here](#).

Thriving Communities Program (TCP)

The U.S. Department of Transportation will be announcing the notice of funding opportunity for the FY2023 Thriving Communities program later this summer to support additional communities in the coming year. This planning, technical assistance, and capacity building support will enable disadvantaged and under-resourced communities to advance a pipeline of transformative infrastructure projects that will increase mobility, reduce pollution, and expand affordable transportation options, connecting communities to the essential

opportunities and resources that will help them thrive.

More information can be found [here](#).

Sustainable CT Equity Coach

Sustainable CT is offering a no-cost assistance program to help CT municipalities lay out a process to complete action Optimize for Equity or to address other equity-related issues of importance in regard to federal and state grant proposals.

More information can be found [here](#).

PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program

The USDOT is funding projects that address the climate crisis by improving resilience of the surface transportation system, including highways, public transportation, ports, and intercity passenger rail. Projects selected under this program should be grounded in the best available scientific understanding of climate change risks, impacts, and vulnerabilities. They should support the continued operation or rapid recovery of crucial local, regional, or national surface transportation facilities.

Application Deadline: August 18, 2023.

More information can be found on the [Federal Highway Administration's website](#).



SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, & FOOD WASTE DIVERSION

Solid Waste, Food, and Recycling Updates

SCRCOG has requested technical assistance funding to conduct a Regional Waste Authority study to help guide and inform the SCRCOG region and its municipalities towards the creation of a Regional Waste Authority (RWA) through the SMM Regional Waste Authority Grant Program. The announcement of recipients is expected in late June.

SMM Pilot Program

Through the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) pilot program, West Haven has seen an [11.6 percent reduction in overall waste](#) in the first nine weeks of 2023 compared to the same time period in 2022. To find out more about the pilot program, please visit [ReduceTheTrashCT – A sustainable solution with a positive environmental impact](#).

Guilford and Madison have begun their SMM Pilot Program, and the City of Meriden is

preparing to launch their pilot program as West Haven continues its program.

SCRCOG has received a grant from DEEP to assist SMM pilot programs being conducted in SCRCOG municipalities with education and outreach.

Additionally, the CT Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management's (CCSMM) Increase Reuse and Recycling (IRR) Working Group is holding a meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM - Tools and Programs that Support & Incentivize Businesses to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Compost. You can [register](#) and learn more about the meeting on their [website](#).



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (RPC)

[LINK | May 2023 RPC Meeting Agenda](#)

[DOWNLOAD | May 2023 RPC Action Table](#)

[DOWNLOAD | RPC Informational Brochure](#)



SUSTAINABLE CT

Summer '23 Fellows

A new cohort of Sustainable CT fellows will begin working with the Council of Governments across the state to advance local and regional environmental initiatives. SCRCOG is excited to welcome Katie Meder as our region's fellow. She will assist our member municipalities with their Sustainable CT certification processes, collaborate on a regional project, and support the Federal Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program.

Virtual Equity Training Series (Summer '23)

Sustainable CT continues to provide virtual equity trainings to all who are interested in learning how to thoughtfully navigate diverse environments. The summer series begins on June 14th from 10am – 12pm. Register and learn more [here](#).

Spring into Summer Celebration

Sustainable CT is hosting a special event to introduce its newest class of Sustainable CT Fellows and acknowledge its newest cohort of Certified Communities. The Board of Directors and the entire Sustainable CT team will be participating. The event is on June 1st, 3pm – 6pm at the Glastonbury Boat House. Register [here](#).

Woodlands and Urban Forests Webinar

Sustainable CT is working with the State Urban Forester, Danica Doroski, to provide a webinar on the management of woodlands and urban forests on June 8th from 10am – 11am. Register [here](#).



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

UPWP Update

- **3 studies have been completed and are available on our website:**
 - [Town of Hamden Farmington Canal Trail Crossings Evaluation Study](#)
 - This study focused on evaluating the traffic control devices at 11 at-grade crossings along the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Hamden. The primary objectives were to identify any deficiencies in the existing traffic control devices and develop a conceptual design to enhance safety for bicycles and pedestrians in those areas. You can view this study on our [website](#).
 - [The West Haven Bike and Pedestrian](#)
 - This study was developed to assess and improve the safety, accessibility, and overall experience for bicyclists and pedestrians within the city. With a focus on priority corridors, the study evaluates existing conditions, identifies barriers and makes recommendations to improve.
 - [Woodbridge Business District Connectivity Study](#)
 - A goal of this study was to develop a pedestrian-based Connectivity Master Plan for the Woodbridge “downtown” Business District. The plan provides actionable options that strengthen pedestrian and

bicycle linkages throughout the district, while providing recommendations for traffic calming - with the intent on encouraging alternative modes of transportation, attracting new and unique businesses, enhancing the existing residential neighborhoods, and making the Woodbridge Business District a vibrant destination.

LOTICIP

- In May, several projects in the LOTICIP program made progress towards implementation. Three projects in New Haven, namely Quinnipiac Avenue Pavement Reconstruction (#L092-006), Valley Street Traffic Calming (#L092-007), and Sherman Parkway Traffic Calming (#L092-009), received "Commitment to Fund" letters. Meanwhile, a Pavement Reconstruction Project on Nut Plains Road in Guilford (#L059-002) had its final designs submitted to CTDOT, and feedback from the LOTICIP unit is currently pending. In East Haven, the designs for a sidewalk improvement project (L043-004) were approved, and the Project Authorization Letter was received. The town's next step is to submit bid documents to CTDOT for approval before posting. Combined, these five projects represent over \$11 million dollars in LOTICIP funding for our region.

Other Programs

- The Funding Application Window for State Local Bridge Program FY 2024 will open on April 1, 2023 and close on May 31, 2023. All 15 SCRCOG member municipalities have eligible bridges on the newly updated list which can be found at [here](#). Please contact SCRCOG transportation staff if you need any assistance with project development.
- **Know the Zone: Speed Safety Camera Program**
 - The Know Zone: Speed Safety Camera Program became active on April 10, 2023, at work zones in Norwalk and East Hartford, to be followed by the Route 8 corridor between Shelton and Seymour soon. There are currently no zones in the SCRCOG region scheduled. Future locations will be publicly noticed at [Know the Zone: Program & Locations](#). For information on how the Know the Zone: Speed Safety Camera system works, visit [Know the Zone: Speed Safety Camera Program \(ct.gov\)](#).
- **Finance EV Charging Infrastructure Using C-PACE**
 - Through the Connecticut Green Bank, building owners can now use C-PACE (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy) retrofit financing to pay for electric vehicle infrastructure. In addition to saving on energy costs,

you may qualify for state and federal incentives as well. To learn more, visit [the CT Green Bank's webpage](#).



LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

The 2023 Legislative Session wraps up on June 7th. Negotiations on the budget are still underway and other legislative priorities will be addressed before the session ends. For additional information, please reach out to our office.



AROUND THE TOWNS

Municipal Awards

Congratulations to Guilford, North Branford, and Hamden, who were recently awarded state funding through the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program and the Urban Green and Community Gardens Grant Program for multiple projects:

- Guilford:
 - The *East River Preserve Northern Inholding* project was awarded \$174,200 to secure an inholding which complements open spaces and trails at the town's adjacent 583-acre East River Preserve and Guilford Land Conservation Trust's 95-acre Eastwoods property.
- North Branford:
 - The *Beech and Poms* project was awarded \$385,450 to purchase two South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority Class III Watershed parcels, one on Beech Street and one on Poms Lane. The forested parcels are part of the Regional Water Authority's Lake Gaillard reservoir lands where access is very limited to protect high water quality. These parcels are a green space gateway to nearly one-third of the town. The North Branford Land Conservation Trust will create trails and an 8 to 12-car parking area with a bicycle rack. At the Beech Street property, two ADA-accessible parking spaces and a wheelchair accessible path (packed gravel or boardwalk) leading to a vernal pool will be built.
- Hamden:
 - The Five New School Community Gardens project was awarded \$46,875 to create community gardens in five of Hamden's Title 1 public schools:

Church Street, Dunbar Hill, Helen Street, Spring Glen, and West Woods Elementary Schools. Currently, each school has underutilized, undeveloped spaces which are planned for upgrading with ADA-accessible raised beds and stone dust pathways, vegetable and flower plantings, seating tables, and perimeter fencing. The gardens will be accessible by public transportation and within walking distance of family neighborhoods.

The following projects were also awarded funds through the Connecticut Recreational Trails Program to plan, build, expand, and improve multi-use trails:

- Branford Land Trust was awarded \$15,000 for the Branford Land Trust Handicap Accessible Braille and Sensory Trail project.
- The City of Meriden was awarded \$179,000 for the Brookside Park to Giuffrida Park Multi-Use Trail project.
- The City of West Haven was awarded \$26,196 for the Hubbard Park Interpretive Trail project, as well as \$32,020 for the Plainfield Community Trailway Project
- The Shoreline Greenway Trail was awarded \$120,000 for the Shoreline Greenway Trail Extension in Hammonasset State Park.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

May

- May 23rd – Training in Community Conversation Facilitation w/ Ben Fink – 9:30 AM
- May 24th – SCRCOG Monthly Board Meeting – 10:00 AM
- May 24th – Housing Working Group Meeting - Housing and Open Space: Can Towns Have Both? – 1:00 PM

June

- June 7th – Grant Training Workshop #4 – Best Practices for Compiling and Writing Competitive Grant Applications – 10:30 AM
- June 9th – Regional Planning Commission Meeting – 5:15 PM
- June 14th – Transportation Committee Meeting – 12:00 PM
- June 28th – SCRCOG Board Meeting – 10:00 AM

- June 28th – Housing Working Group Meeting – Managing Income Restricted Units:
From Ensuring Qualified Residents to Property Care – 1:00 PM



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Regional Planning Commission**

May 2023 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	4/20/23	Town of Orange:	Milford, Woodbridge, West Haven, New Haven	<p>SCRCOG staff has concern regarding the inclusion of warehousing as an approved use for impacted parcels & recommends the Town of Orange take careful consideration of impacts to adjacent communities.</p> <p>By resolution, notwithstanding the potential negative impact of warehousing, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation text 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 impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</p>
2.2	4/13/23	Town of Guilford:	Northford, Branford, North Branford, Madison, Durham	<p>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed comprehensive zoning regulations re-write and zoning map update do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impact to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any negative impact to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound. Furthermore, the proposed amendments comply with recommendations established in the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development by encouraging density development in suitable areas and the creation of affordable housing.</p>
2.3	4/18/23	Town of Branford:	East Haven, North Branford, Guilford	<p>SCRCOG staff has concerns regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant additional work required for the town employees to effectively inspect and enforce new zoning regulations • The potential impact to slow development in the Town • The requirement to remove existing invasive species plants without a solution to dispose of said plants • Lack of language to contend with the need to remove dead or dying significant trees and threatened or endangered species of plants <p>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation text 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 impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</p>

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May 17, 2023

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

We have sent you hard copies of the 2023-2028 CEDS documents in preparation for the upcoming meeting, where formal approval will be requested. The public comment period ends on May 21, and we will provide any comments we receive. Also, the document has been submitted to OPM and DECD for their approval letters. If you have any comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

REX recently attended the Select USA - Foreign Direct Investment event in Washington, D.C., as part of EDA's investment focus on FDI. Along with AdvanceCT, we showcased Connecticut's strengths, highlighting its 7th rank in FDI. Connecticut's strategic location, with access to one-third of the U.S. economy, close proximity to New York and Boston, and a well-developed transportation network, makes it an attractive destination for foreign investors.

We are working hard to showcase the region as a top vacation spot. Our upcoming event on May 23 is a regional brochure swap, and we have exciting plans for two tour operator familiarization tours in June (one from Australia/New Zealand and the other from UK/Ireland). We are distributing visitor guides through CTM at transportation centers in Philadelphia, Fairfield County, Westchester County, and the Hudson River Valley, and we're excited to announce a new initiative of distributing rack cards through CTM as well. We are also soliciting summer event information, such as concerts, fireworks, and farmers markets to add to the Visit New Haven calendar.

Sincerely,

Ginny Kozlowski
Executive Director