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**Meeting Notice & Agenda**  
South Central Regional MPO and COG

<b>DATE</b> October 23, 2024	<b>LOCATION</b> SCRCOG Office	<b>DIAL-IN</b> +1-929-205-6099
<b>TIME</b> 10:00 am	<b>MEETING URL</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86302826371">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86302826371</a>	<b>MEETING ID</b> 863 0282 6371

- 1 **Call to Order and Introductions**  
Presentation: Mobility for All! The SCRCOG Active Transportation Plan
- 2 **Adopt Minutes of September 25, 2024, SCRCOG Meeting (motion)** Pages 2 -5
- 3 **Treasurer’s Report for month ending September 30, 2024 (motion)** Pages 6 - 8
- 4 **MPO Business**
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  - b) Transportation Staff Report
  - c) Greater New Haven Transit District Report
  - d) CT Rides Report
- 5 **COG Business**
  - a) FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #4 (motion) Pages 18 - 20
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  - c) Discussion re: SCRCOG Legislative Agenda Pages 22-25
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  - h) REX Development Report Pages 27 - 29
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  - j) State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST
  - k) DEMHS Report
- 6 **Regional Cooperation/ Other Business**
- 7 **Adjournment**

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TO: SCRCOG Board Members  
FROM: Mayor Lauren Garrett, *Secretary*  
DATE: September 26, 2024  
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2024

***Present:***

Bethany First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, *Chair*  
Branford First Selectman James Cosgrove  
East Haven Mayor Joseph Carfora  
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey  
Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett, *Secretary*  
Madison First Selectman Peggy Lyons, *Vice Chair*  
Meriden City Manager Brian Daniels  
New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker  
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda  
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli, *Immediate Past Chair*  
Wallingford Mayor Vincent Cervoni  
West Haven Mayor Dorinda Borer, *Treasurer*  
Woodbridge First Selectman Mica Cardozo

SCRCOG Staff Laura Francis, Christopher Rappa, James Rode, Stephanie Camp, Drew Thomas, Robert Dahill,  
Brendon Dukett, Ian McElwee, Joan Paglinco, Anthony Lagana

**Guests:**

Ginny Kozlowski, *REX Development*; Michael Anderson and Al Carbone, *Avangrid*; Lou Mangini, *Office of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro*; Jameson Foulke, *Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy*; Jennifer Pacacha, *CT DOT*; Tom Cavalier, *Tweed-New Haven Airport*; Mario Marrero, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina*; Brian O'Connor, *CCM*; Nicoletta Blevins, *RWA*; Robert Schmidt, *Bill Colonis and Emily Basham, CT Greenbank*

**NOTE: The September SCRCOG Board meeting was a hybrid meeting**

**1. Call to order and Introductions**

Chair Cofrancesco called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Chair Cofrancesco referred to a handout and advised of amendments to the agenda before and after item 5a which were included in the packet. Motion to approve made by Mayor Carfora and second by FS Hoey. The motion passed.

**Presentation - CT Greenbank – update on product offerings, including new opportunities to promote climate resilience**

A presentation was given by Robert Schmidt, Bill Colonis and Emily Basham of CT Greenbank.

2. **Adopt Minutes of August 28, 2024 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)**

Chair Cofrancesco referred to the minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of August 28, 2024, which were included in the agenda packet on pages 2-5. Motion made by Mayor Garrett and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed.

3. **Treasurer's Report for month ending August 31, 2024 (motion)**

Mayor Borer reported there is \$2.4 million in total assets of which \$1.2 million is in cash and investments, and \$133,000 is due from the CTDOT. All expenses appear to be appropriate for a one-month period. Chair Cofrancesco asked for a motion to accept the report as presented. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by Mayor Garrett. The motion passed.

4. **MPO Business**

a) **Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment One (motion)**

First Selectman Cosgrove reported that the Transportation Committee reviewed the amendment and voted unanimously to bring it forward to the Board and made a motion. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed.

b) **Transportation Staff Report**

James Rode reported there are 10 ongoing UPWP studies. There was a public meeting in New Haven for the One-Way/Two-Way Conversion Study. There will be a public meeting in Hamden for the State Street Pedestrian Safety Study. Over the past month, there were two more LOTCIP commitment to funds letters. Rode also reported that at the end of the first quarter there have been 13 additional applications and 11 commitment to fund letters. There is \$50 million in funding for bridges, road reconstruction and sidewalks. Drew Thomas reported that the Active Transportation Micro grant progress reports and applications for round 3 are due on September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Interim Executive Director Francis advised there was a Walkshop in New Haven for the Active Transportation Plan which was very informative on countermeasures for Bike/Ped Safety.

Robert Dahill reported they have a working relationship with AAA and AARP regarding Senior Safe Driving programs. Dahill has met with Senior Centers in Hamden, West Haven, and New Haven. On Wednesday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> seniors from the Hamden Senior Center will attend the AAA class. There are several presentations scheduled for the remainder of the year.

c) **Greater New Haven Transportation District Report**

Mario Marrero reported there were 1,085 Regional Ride Program rides in August. Mario also advised the annual town dues letters have been mailed out to the municipalities.

5. **COG Business**

a) **Recommend Approval of Resolution Authorizing Interim Executive Director to Accept an Amended EDA CARES Act Sub-Grant and to Execute an Amended and Restated Agreement with CT DECD (motion)**

Interim Executive Director Francis explained the resolution. Motion made by First Selectman Lyons and seconded by Mayor Garrett. The motion passed.

b) **Recommend Approval of Resolution Authorizing Interim Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute Agreement Amendment with REX Development related to the Amended and Restated EDA Care Act Sub-Grant (motion)**

Interim Executive Director Francis the resolution. Motion made by First Selectman Cardozo and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed.

c) **FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #2 (motion)**

Christopher Rappa explained the budget revision. Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed.

d) **Recommend Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to Apply for and Accept a FY 2025 Highway Safety Specialist Program Grant (motion)**

Interim Executive Director explained the resolution. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectman Lyons. The motion passed.

e) **Recommend Approval of FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #3 (motion)**

Christopher Rappa explained the budget revision. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed.

f) **Discussion re: SCRCOG Legislative Agenda**

Interim Executive Director Francis referred to the handout which listed subjects to be included in the legislative agenda. Francis advised the Legislative Breakfast is on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hamden Memorial Town Hall.

g) **Executive Director's Report**

Interim Executive Director Francis reported that, through the GIS Department of OPM (Office of Policy & Management), SCRCOG will be receiving \$165,000 to improve the municipal GIS and parcel data that gets submitted every year to OPM. Drew Thomas will be the project manager. Francis then advised SCRCOG has received the contract for the Regional Waste Authority Feasibility Study Grant. The related RFQ for consultant services will be published as soon as possible. Francis also discussed the By-Lays Revision Committee will be meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 p.m. Several towns have responded to the Solid Waste Needs Assessment Survey. The top items are promoting backyard composting, textile recycling, food waste diversion at community centers and schools, regional agreements for sharing equipment, public education and awareness, community engagement and collaboration with stakeholders, and transfer station site assessments. Lastly, Francis advised there are 5 towns working with NOVUS on Cyber Security RPIP (Regional Performance Incentive Program) Grant which is a four-year grant program.

h) **Regional Planning Staff Report**

Stephanie Camp advised RKG Associates will be meeting today, Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to discuss the Regional Affordable Housing Plan. Camp also advised work continues on the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. Brendon Dukett advised the IT Working Group will be reconvening in November. He also advised the Grants Consultants created a grants calendar for FY 2025. Ian McElwee advised of a handout regarding the AARP Livable Communities Program. Ian

explained AARP has a network to provide resources to make communities accessible to anyone of any age.

i) **Regional Planning Commission September Action Table**

Chair Cofrancesco referred to page 30 of the agenda packet.

j) **Sustainable CT Update**

No report.

k) **REX Development Report**

Ginny Kozlowski discussed the handout for new business starts. Ginny also advised of the REDFO meeting September 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. in the SCRCOG Office.

l) **Congressional Reports**

Lou Mangini reported ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds have to be under contract by December 31, 2024, or they will be called back. Lou reported FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) granted individual assistance to New Haven County. Jameson Foulke reported the UN General Assembly is meeting this week and CT Senators will be in attendance.

m) **State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST**

Brian O'Connor reported the legislators are campaigning. Brian also discussed property tax exemptions. Brian advised the policy committee at CCM is moving forward.

n) **DEMHS Report**

No report.

6. **Regional Cooperation/Other Business**

No report.

7. **Adjournment**

Chair Cofrancesco requested a motion to adjourn at 11:32 a.m. Motion made by First Selectman Cardozo and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed.

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# Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 9/30/2024

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<b>Assets</b>
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**Cash and Investments**

Key Bank - Checking Account	285,412.44
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	794,003.37

**Accounts Receivable**

CT Department of Transportation	194,072.93
CT Office of Policy and Management	182,685.07
CT DESPP – FEMA Grant	1,808.31
US EPA – CPRG	18,432.05
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	15,727.03

**Other Assets**

Prepaid Expense – UConn MPA Interns	(2,211.55)
Retiree Health Insurance	1,458.09
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	24,817.39
Furniture & Equipment	21,062.00
Right to Use Asset - Real Property	1,193,827.26
Right to Use Asset - Equipment	34,813.69
Amortization	(365,064.48)

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,400,843.60</b>
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<b>Liabilities</b>
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Accounts Payable	12,500.00
Payroll Taxes Payable & Accrued Interest	691.48
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	209,621.43
Deferred Revenue - OPM	47,125.63
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	97,987.30
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment (RPIP Grant Match)	57,625.00

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>429,241.61</b>
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<b>Fund Balance</b>
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Fund Balance	733,473.07
Committed Fund Balance	270,406.00
Amount for Accrued Leave	13,154.47
Investment in Equipment	21,062.00
Lease Obligation	862,885.00
Change in Fund Balance	70,621.45

<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>1,971,601.99</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>2,400,843.60</b>

# Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 9/30/2024

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	9,668.60	61,863.75	367,475.00
Municipal - Special Assessment			636,188.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	64,283.23	184,997.57	966,155.00
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)			2,205,066.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	82,315.35	245,157.20	2,697,982.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant	11,748.34	35,686.10	239,472.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	3,983.28	5,633.70	110,291.00
CTDOT - Active Trans. Microgrants Program		17,147.16	17,147.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant)			104,969.00
US EPA - CPRG	18,432.05	28,574.88	749,672.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,691.00
CT DEEP - SMM Grant			63,406.00
CT DEEP - RWA Grant			353,000.00
Interest - Revenue	3,412.96	11,255.15	20,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance		1,458.09	9,000.00
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>193,843.81</b>	<b>591,773.60</b>	<b>8,543,514.00</b>

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance	593.55	2,051.64	12,000.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	60,700.66	135,565.46	1,993,378.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	4,000.00	11,893.75	190,500.00
Other Consultants	40,817.99	56,435.30	2,221,697.00
Passthrough Grants		17,147.16	285,252.00
Travel	797.63	1,454.57	14,600.00
Data Processing		5,771.71	6,500.00
Office Supplies	441.00	441.00	5,446.00
Subscriptions and Books		643.09	5,550.00
Insurance and Professional Services		674.00	0.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	902.44	1,373.81	21,900.00
Miscellaneous			1,012.00
Transportation - Reserved			90,912.00
Highway Safety Grant – Reserved			91,409.00
CT OPM (RPIP Grant) - Reserved			1,568,879.00
CT DEEP (SMM Grant) - Reserved			673.00
CT DEEP (RWA Grant) - Reserved			50,000.00
US EPA (CPRG) - Reserved			245,650.00
<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>108,253.27</b>	<b>233,451.49</b>	<b>6,805,358.00</b>

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
<b>Direct Labor - Employees</b>	<b>35,661.56</b>	<b>163,086.09</b>	<b>767,639.00</b>

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## Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

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<b>Overhead</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Year-to-Date</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Indirect Labor - Employees	17,572.64	42,323.44	221,096.00
Employee Benefits	18,913.84	74,441.05	426,470.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	225.24	4,291.07	31,600.00
Rent	15,054.00	59,929.50	182,700.00
Telephone and Internet	235.92	677.76	9,000.00
Office Supplies	434.26	638.45	3,200.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,048.46	24,904.50	47,000.00
Subscriptions and Books			500.00
Insurance and Professional Services	25.00	9,370.00	47,300.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising			650.00
Miscellaneous	66.00	77.00	900.00
<b>Total Overhead</b>	<b>53,575.36</b>	<b>216,652.77</b>	<b>970,516.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>197,490.19</b>	<b>613,190.35</b>	<b>8,543,513.00</b>



**South Central Regional Council of Governments**  
**2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
Amendment Number 2

**Project**      **0014-0191**      **EAST INDUSTRIAL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**

**Changes**      Amendment 2 moves project into the current TIP.

**Reason**      Action is necessary based on a revised project schedule

**Project**      **0061-0153**      **Walkable Sidewalk Ped/Bike Improvements**

**Changes**      Amendment 2 moves project into the current TIP and adjusts funding.

**Reason**      Action is necessary based on a revised project schedule

**Project**      **0061-0154**      **FARMINGTON CANAL TRAIL CROSSING IMPRVMENTS**

**Changes**      Amendment 2 moves project into the current TIP.

**Reason**      Action is necessary based on a revised project schedule

**Project**      **0079-0240**      **Interchange Improvements I-91SB,I-691EB, Rte 15**

**Changes**      Amendment 2 updates funding and schedule

**Reason**      Action is necessary based on a revised project schedule

**Project**      **0170-3743**      **Detection Upgrade at Various Traffic Signals**

**Changes**      Amendment 2 moves project into the current TIP.

**Reason**      Action is necessary based on a revised project schedule

**Project**      **0173-0535**      **UHCP BEAM END REPAIRS ON VARIOUS BRIDGES**

**Changes**      Amendment 2 adds a new project

**Reason**      Action is necessary to add a new project Address steel beam end deterioration on various interstate bridges in District 3 using Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC)

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
 FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program  
 Amendment 2

**State Project #0014-0191**

**SCRCOG # 2023-A28-3**

**Municipality** Branford

**AQ Code** X6

Proposed

**Project Name** EAST INDUSTRIAL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

**Description** Full depth reconstruction of East Industrial Rd in Branford, from Leetes Island Rd to approximately 1500 ft beyond the I-95 SB Exit 56 ramps. Funds appropriated in FY22 under Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending Demo

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2027</i>	<i>2028</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CPCDH	CON	Federal	2,250					
		Local	563					
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$2,815</b>		2,813	0	0	0	0	

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2027</i>	<i>2028</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CPCDH	CON	Federal		2,250				
		Local		563				
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$2,813</b>		0	2,813	0	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

TIP21 Amend 28 adds new project. FY25 TIP Amend 2 moves project into the current TIP.

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
 FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program  
 Amendment 2

**State Project #0061-0153**  
**Municipality** Hamden

**SCRCOG # 2018-A4-1**  
**AQ Code X6**

Proposed

**Project Name** Walkable Sidewalk Ped/Bike Improvements

**Description** Hamden's Walkable Sidewalk project includes pedestrian and bicycle improvements at various locations along Augur, Benham, Davis, & Treadwall Streets. Improvements include sidewalks, crosswalks, accessible curb ramps, signage, and roadway restriping.

<b>Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)</b>								
<b>Funding</b>	<b>Phase</b>		<b>Prior</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>FYI</b>
TAPNH	CON	Federal	1,996					
		Local	499					
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$2,497</b>		2,495	0	0	0	0	

<b>Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)</b>								
<b>Funding</b>	<b>Phase</b>		<b>Prior</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>FYI</b>
TAPNH	CON	AC-Entry		0				
		Federal		1,042	1,800			
		Local		260	450			
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$3,552</b>		0	1,302	2,250	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

Fy18 TIP Amend 4 adds project. FY21 TIP adjusts schedule FY 21 TIP Amend 3 move schedule and updates funding. FY21 TIP Amend 16 Adjusts Funding and Moves CON to FY23. FY21 TIP Amend 24 moves CON to FY24 FY21 TIP Amend 32 moves CON to FYI . FY25 TIP Amend 2 moves project into the current TIP.

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
 FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program  
 Amendment 2

**State Project #0061-0154**  
**Municipality** Hamden

**SCRCOG # 2022\_A12\_8**  
**AQ Code X6**  
 Proposed

**Project Name** FARMINGTON CANAL TRAIL CROSSING IMPRVMENTS

**Description** The Farmington Canal Heritage Trail (FCHT) - At Grade Crossing Improvement Phase 1 project will construct safety upgrades at eight existing locations where the trail crosses local streets in Hamden and New Haven

<b>Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)</b>								
<b>Funding</b>	<b>Phase</b>		<b>Prior</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>FYI</b>
TAP-FLEX	CON	Federal	257					
		Local	64					
TAPNH		Federal	1,069					
		Local	267					
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$1,659</b>		1,657	0	0	0	0	
<b>Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)</b>								
<b>Funding</b>	<b>Phase</b>		<b>Prior</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>FYI</b>
TAPNH	CON	Federal		1,326				
		Local		331				
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$1,657</b>		0	1,657	0	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY21 TIP Amend 12 adds a new project, FY21 TIP Amend 36 adjusts funding. FY25 TIP Amend 2 moves project into the current TIP.

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
 FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program  
 Amendment 2

**State Project #0079-0240**  
**Municipality** Meriden

**SCRCOG # 2022-A22-3**  
**AQ Code CC**

Proposed

**Project Name** Interchange Improvements I-91SB,I-691EB, Rte 15 SB

**Description** The purpose of this project is to reduce congestion and improve safety for the southbound movements on Route 15 and I-91 within the I-91, I-691, and Route 15 Interchange in Meriden and Middletown, CT.

<b>Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)</b>								
<b>Funding</b>	<b>Phase</b>		<b>Prior</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>FYI</b>
NHPP	CON	AC-Entry		0				
		Federal		37,000	43,000	25,200	13,000	
		State		9,250	10,750	6,300	3,250	
STPNH		AC-Entry		0				
		Federal		12,000				
		State		3,000				
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$162,752</b>		0	61,250	53,750	31,500	16,250	

<b>Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)</b>								
<b>Funding</b>	<b>Phase</b>		<b>Prior</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>FYI</b>
NFRP	CON	AC-Entry						0
		Federal						35,500
		State						8,875
NHPP		AC-Entry		0				
		Federal		5,000	2,000	2,000	38,000	35,700
		State		1,250	500	500	9,500	8,925
STPNH		AC-Entry		0				
		Federal		12,000				
		State		3,000				
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$162,750</b>		0	21,250	2,500	2,500	47,500	89,000

**Amendment Notes**

FY21 TIP Amend 22 adds a new project. FY25 Amend 2 updates funding and schedule

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
 FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program  
 Amendment 2

**State Project #0170-3743**  
**Municipality** Regional

**SCRCOG # 2024-A37-1**  
**AQ Code X6**

Proposed

**Project Name** Detection Upgrade at Various Traffic Signals

**Description** Detection upgrades at various traffic signals in the Bridgeport-Stamford Urban Area to reduce vehicle delays and emissions

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2027</i>	<i>2028</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CRPB	PD	Federal	592					
		State	148					
	FD	Federal		254				
		State		63				
	CON	Federal		6,484				
		State		1,621				
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$9,164</b>		740	8,422	0	0	0	

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2027</i>	<i>2028</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CRPB	PD	Federal	592					
		State	148					
	FD	Federal		254				
		State		63				
	CON	Federal		6,484				
		State		1,621				
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$9,162</b>		740	8,422	0	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

FY21 Amend 37 adds a new project. FY25 TIP Amend 2 moves project into the current TIP.

South Central Regional Council of Governments  
 FFY2025-FFY2028 Transportation Improvement Program  
 Amendment 2

**State Project #0173-0535**

**SCRCOG #**

**Municipality** District 3

**AQ Code** X6

Proposed

**Project Name** UHCP BEAM END REPAIRS ON VARIOUS BRIDGES

**Description** Address steel beam end deterioration on various interstate bridges in District 3 using Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC)

**Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

**Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)**

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>2027</i>	<i>2028</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP	CON AC-Entry		0				
	Federal		3,000				
	State		333				
<b>TIP Funds</b>	<b>\$3,333</b>	0	3,333	0	0	0	0

**Amendment Notes**

Amendment 2 adds a new project

## **Resolution**

### **Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Two**

*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 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program* on April 24, 2024, 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 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2023 to 2050, (April, 2023)*; and

*Whereas:* The Council, on *April 24, 2024*, 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 2023)*; 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



**Resolution**

**Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment  
Two (Continued)**

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

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

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

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **October 23, 2024**

Date October 23, 2024

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Lauren Garrett, *Secretary*  
South Central Regional Council of Governments

## ***FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #4***

*This revision updates the FY 2024-25 budget to incorporate additional CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program funding.*

### **Revenue**

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Budget Revision #4 adds \$15,000 of revenue to the adopted FY 2024-25 budget, broken down as follows.

- \$15,000 of CTDOT – Active Transportation Microgrants Program

### **Expenses**

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Budget Revision #4 includes the following changes.

- Passthrough Grants increases by \$15,000 (Active Transportation Microgrants Program)

Actual line-item revisions are on the following page, followed by a resolution authorizing Budget Revision #4.

**FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #4**

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
<b>Municipal Contribution</b>			
Municipal Contribution - Dues	245,300		245,300
Municipal Contribution - RPIP Match	636,188		636,188
Fund Balance	52,657		52,657
Committed Fund Balance	69,519		69,519
<b>Transportation Planning</b>			
U.S. DOT	1,714,416		1,714,416
U.S. DOT - Carryover	683,790		683,790
U.S. DOT - Highway Safety	239,472		239,472
CTDOT	214,302		214,302
CTDOT - Carryover	85,474		85,474
CTDOT - Active Transportation Microgrants Program	17,147	15,000	32,147
CTDOT - LOTCIP	110,291		110,291
<b>Regional Planning</b>			
CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)	948,502		948,502
CT OPM - RSG - Previous Fiscal Year	17,653		17,653
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)	2,205,066		2,205,066
CT Secretary of the State - Regional Election Monitor	3,691		3,691
CT DEEP - SMM Grant	63,406		63,406
CT DEEP - RWA Grant	353,000		353,000
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - CARES Act Funds	104,890		104,890
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - 4CT Funds	79		79
US EPA - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	749,672		749,672
<b>Other</b>			
Investment Income	20,000		20,000
Retiree Health Insurance	9,000		9,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,543,514</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>8,558,514</b>

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
Salaries	988,736		988,736
Benefits	438,470		438,470
Travel	14,700		14,700
Computer Supplies & Software	38,100		38,100
Rent	182,700		182,700
General Office Expenses	142,458		142,458
Transportation Consultants	1,993,378		1,993,378
Other Consultants	2,403,392		2,403,392
Passthrough Grants	285,252	15,000	300,252
Capital	-		-
Contingency	8,805		8,805
Transportation - Reserved	90,912		90,912
LOTCIP - Reserved	0		0
Highway Safety - Reserved	91,409		91,409
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved	-		-
SMM Grant - Reserved	673		673
RWA Grant - Reserved	50,000		50,000
CPRG - Reserved	245,650		245,650
RPIP (Cybersecurity) - Reserved	1,568,879		1,568,879
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,543,514</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>8,558,514</b>

**Resolution**

**South Central Regional Council of Governments  
Fiscal Year 2024-25 - Budget Revision # 4**

- Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) adopted an operating budget for FY 2024-25 on May 22, 2024;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #1 on August 28, 2024; and
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #2 on September 25, 2024;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #3 on September 25, 2024; and
- Whereas: SCRCOG has received an additional \$15,000 of CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program funds.

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

That Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Revision #4, which incorporates additional CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants funding is 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 South Central Regional Council of Governments on October 23, 2024.

Date: October 23, 2024

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Lauren Garrett, Secretary  
South Central Regional Council of Governments

**Resolution Authorizing Interim Executive Director to Execute Agreement for Acceptance of CT OPM Parcel and CAMA Improvements Grant**

Whereas: Section 7-100l of the Connecticut General Statutes requires that Councils of Governments collect digital parcel files and standardized assessment data (CAMA) from each of their member municipalities by May 1 annually;

Whereas: The spatial accuracy and completeness of the data can vary by COG and Municipality;

Whereas: SCRCOG has been awarded \$181,500.00 for a Parcel and CAMA Improvements Grant for Councils of Governments from the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management;

Whereas: The Connecticut Office of Policy and Management purpose of the Grant is to enhance the accuracy, completeness, and recency of this data; and

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

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

That SCRCOG execute and deliver to the State of Connecticut a Notice of Grant Award (the "Agreement") in the amount of \$181,500.00 for the Parcel and CAMA Improvements Grant; and

Be It Further Resolved:

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

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on October 23, 2024.

Date: October 23, 2024

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Lauren Garrett, Secretary  
South Central Regional Council of Governments

## **SCRCOG Legislative Agenda 2025**

Adopted: **DRAFT for October SCRCOG Board Meeting**

The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) is a diverse region of fifteen municipalities with a population consisting of approximately 570,000. Geographically, the South Central Region covers a great portion of New Haven County along the coast of Long Island Sound.

This legislative agenda outlines the policy topics of emphasis for the South Central Region. The document synthesizes a broad range of information from member municipalities, the regional delegation, non-profit entities, and other organizations. The agenda is organized by committee and will guide SCRCOG in its testimony on the respective policy areas.

### **Legislative Priority Items and Policy Areas**

#### **Energy and Technology**

- Update Energy Efficiency Standards for Products

Connecticut's energy efficiency standards for products, outlined in [Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 16a-48](#), have not been updated since 2010. Revising these standards could enhance Connecticut's ability to avoid energy waste and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in manners like other states within New England.

#### **Environment**

- Increased State Assistance & Solutions for Solid Waste and Trash

To enhance local sustainability efforts, the state of Connecticut should increase direct assistance available or provide state solutions for managing solid waste streams. Providing greater support will help communities and municipalities implement more effective waste reduction strategies and improve overall environmental health.

- Private Haulers and Registration

To alleviate the burden on municipalities throughout Connecticut, the state should take responsibility for overseeing the registration of private haulers. Currently, municipalities are tasked with ensuring that haulers are properly licensed,

maintaining accurate records, adhering to state regulations, and complying with waste management policies. This responsibility requires significant administrative effort and oversight, which can be a considerable strain on municipal resources. Shifting this responsibility to the state would streamline the process and reduce the administrative load on local governments.

## Government Administration and Elections

- Funding Streams for Election Security Mandates

Public Act No. 24-148 mandates municipalities install video recording devices at secure ballot drop boxes beginning July 1, 2025. To implement these security measures effectively, adequate funding for both the equipment and data storage is essential; otherwise, municipalities may face significant financial burdens. We urge the state of Connecticut to explore revenue streams or grant opportunities to support local governments in acquiring the necessary security equipment.

## Housing

- Continued Support for Affordable Housing

The state of Connecticut should continue to assist municipalities in supporting the creation of affordable housing. There are various creative ways to promote this construction, but these methods should be implemented without imposing mandates or penalizing municipalities in the process.

- Support for Middle Housing

The state of Connecticut should assist municipalities in promoting the development of middle housing – defined in Section 8-1a of Chapter 124 as including duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes, cottage clusters and townhouses – given the crucial need for new construction in this area. Creative approaches should be explored to encourage this development without imposing mandates or penalizing municipalities.

- Study of Short-term Rentals on the State’s Housing Market

In the 2024 Legislative Session the General Assembly passed Public Act No. 24-143, giving municipalities the power to regulate short-term rentals through ordinances. To improve transparency and understanding on short-term rentals, the state could direct the Commissioner of the Department of Housing (DOH) to conduct a study on short-term rentals which will analyze their impact on the

housing market, as well as their economic impact and how they may contribute to the displacement of residents.

- **Scaled Housing Incentives – Further Clarification**

The need for housing is a significant issue across the state of Connecticut, affecting every municipality in various ways. To address this challenge effectively, the state should implement incentives tailored to municipalities of differing sizes. Larger municipalities cannot be expected to shoulder the entire responsibility for housing development. By establishing programs that support municipalities of various sizes, all local governments will have the opportunity to contribute to housing solutions in a meaningful way.

## Human Services

- Support for CCM’s “Young People First,” Report

On October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the 119K Commission with the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) published their report titled “Young People First.” This report is a comprehensive plan to tackle the growing crisis of disconnected youth in Connecticut. It is imperative that the State of Connecticut consider adopting and implementing these findings and recommendations to address this pressing issue.

## Judiciary

- Cap on Municipal Liability

The South Central Regional Council of Governments asks that the state examine a municipal liability cap. As municipalities continue to be targeted with costly litigation, it stands to reason that municipal funds would be better served elsewhere.

## Planning and Development

- Increased Regional Cooperation

The Council of Governments plays a vital role in supporting its member municipalities. As new policy challenges arise, there is greater opportunity for collaboration across the region. To maintain a COG’s ability to serve as a valuable resource for these efforts, it is crucial for the State to continue providing sufficient funding to Councils of Governments.



- Online Publication of Legal Notices by Municipalities

To save money and enhance circulation, municipalities should be allowed to publish legal notices online. This shift will reduce costs for municipalities and align with other state agencies that have already begun this transition.

## Public Safety & Security

- Enforcement Against Street Takeovers & Illegal Vehicle Use

The South Central Regional Council of Governments asks the state to pass Senate Bill No. 337 from the 2024 session, aimed at addressing street takeovers and illegal use of ATVs and dirt bikes. Previously proposed legislation provided essential resources to municipalities, including grants for enforcement efforts, enhanced local authority to penalize and address these activities.

## Transportation

- Expanded Support for Shore Line East Commuter Rail Services

To enhance regional connectivity and support economic growth, the state could consider expanding support for Shore Line East commuter rail services. Increasing service frequency and coverage will improve accessibility, reduce traffic congestion, and provide greater convenience for commuters across Connecticut's shoreline.

**SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT  
Regional Planning Commission**

**October 2024 RPC Action Table**

<b>Ref. #</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Adjacent RPC Towns</b>	<b>RPC Action</b>
<b>3.1</b>	<b>09/06/2024</b>	<b>Town of Orange: Zoning text amendment to transfer the approval of gas stations, repair centers, and dealerships from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Zoning Enforcement Officer</b>	Milford New Haven West Haven Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning amendment changes does not appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound nor will cause negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region.
<b>3.2</b>	<b>09/12/2024</b>	<b>City of Derby: Zoning text amendment that would limit the number of cannabis establishments in the City to 1 and limit allowed locations based on distance from schools</b>	Orange Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning amendment changes does not appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound nor will cause negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region.
<b>3.3</b>	<b>09/30/2024</b>	<b>Town of North Branford: Update Zoning regulations to repeal cannabis moratorium, rewrite lighting regulations, and add details to the allowed use of poultry in residential zones</b>	Branford East Haven Guilford North Haven Wallingford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning amendment changes does not appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound nor will cause negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region.
<b>3.4</b>	<b>10/02/2024</b>	<b>Town of Branford: Updating zoning regulations for the Stony Creek District to reduce minimum house sizes required for site plan review and special permit</b>	East Haven Guilford North Branford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning amendment changes does not appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound nor will cause negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region.

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October 16, 2024

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

Over the past month, we've strengthened community engagement across various sectors by participating in key events. At the Yale School of Management Community Mixer, we connected with emerging leaders to discuss innovation and community projects. The ManufactureCT Annual Meeting offered insights into the state's manufacturing future, while the Guilford Small Business Fair provided local businesses with resources for support. Our involvement in the Regional Leadership Council and Yale Community Breakfast reinforced collaboration on regional development. Additionally, we contributed to workforce strategies at the HE3 Advisory Council and Workforce Alliance Strategic Planning Committee. Finally, at the Connecticut Lodging Association Annual Meeting, we engaged with hospitality leaders on economic development and tourism support.

We are convening the CEDS Strategic Planning Committee on Wednesday, October 16. We are looking for new members for the following committees: Business Retention and Expansion, Infrastructure, Workforce, Housing, and Real Estate, Land Use, and Sustainability. As part of the kick-off of the annual update, we have launched the 2024-2025 Annual Business Survey. We are reaching out again to update our data on the economic vitality of the South Central Connecticut region.

To support the CEDS update, REX Development will participate in the 2024 NADO Annual Training Conference from October 21-24. This event presents a valuable opportunity to collaborate with regional leaders, exchange best practices, and explore innovative strategies for economic growth. The training sessions and networking opportunities will offer key insights into infrastructure, workforce development, and strategic planning, all crucial for shaping an effective CEDS.

The next REDFO meeting is scheduled for a special date, October 31, at noon. David Kooris, Executive Director of the Municipal Redevelopment Authority, will present on the MRDA mission. This includes helping towns with economic and transit-oriented development, a land-use concept encouraging increased residential density near public transportation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ginny Kozlowski  
Executive Director

**REX Development  
Regional New Businesses by Sector**

<b>NAICS Code</b>	<b>Jan-24</b>	<b>Feb-24</b>	<b>Mar-24</b>	<b>Apr-24</b>	<b>May-24</b>	<b>Jun-24</b>	<b>1st Half Totals</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	6	2	4	4	2	3	21	0.67%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00%
Utilities	2	0	5	2	3	0	12	0.38%
Construction	72	59	64	48	53	63	359	11.43%
Manufacturing	19	18	14	16	19	14	100	3.18%
Wholesale Trade	9	12	5	8	13	8	55	1.75%
Retail Trade	68	67	63	40	61	47	346	11.02%
Transportation and Warehousing	28	25	25	23	22	16	139	4.43%
Information	14	17	14	12	13	11	81	2.58%
Finance and Insurance	11	7	8	9	6	5	46	1.46%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	87	105	98	73	74	84	521	16.59%

**REX Development**  
**Regional New Businesses by Sector**

<b>NAICS Code</b>	<b>Jan-24</b>	<b>Feb-24</b>	<b>Mar-24</b>	<b>Apr-24</b>	<b>May-24</b>	<b>Jun-24</b>	<b>1st Half Totals</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	68	74	71	54	56	64	387	12.32%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	1	2	1	1	1	0	6	0.19%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	27	30	28	37	54	32	208	6.62%
Educational Services	13	9	12	11	5	8	58	1.85%
Health Care and Social Assistance	43	33	29	24	36	26	191	6.08%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	20	17	15	11	11	24	98	3.12%
Accommodation and Food Services	26	24	24	42	26	23	165	5.25%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	56	64	70	52	53	46	341	10.86%
Public Administration (not covered in economic census)	2	2	1	1	0	1	7	0.22%
<b>Regional Totals</b>							<b>3141</b>	<b>100.00%</b>