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**South Central Regional Council of Governments
Transportation and Transportation Technical Committee
Meeting Notice & Agenda**

Wednesday, March 13, 2024 – 12:00.

This is a hybrid meeting with in-person attendance at the SCRCOG Office and remote access via Zoom.
Office Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West, North Haven, CT 06473

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Presentation:

Safety Circuit Rider Program Update

Melissa Evans, UCONN T2 center

Action Items:

1. Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2024, Pages 2, 3
2. 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Thirty Four Pages 4-13
Recommend SCRCOG adoption of Resolution- Gabriel Filer

Informational Items:

3. Transportation Alternatives (TA) Grant opportunity
James Rode
4. CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program
Gabriel Filer
5. LOTICIP Program Update
James Rode
6. Legislation Updates
Laura Francis
7. Other Business

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Transportation Committee Minutes – February 14, 2024

Transportation Committee Members

Guilford, FS Matthew Hoey
Milford, Anthony Giannattasio
Wallingford, Vincent Cervoni
West Haven, Mayor Dorinda Borer

Transportation Technical Committee

Branford, John Hoefflerle
East Haven, John Bodwell
Guilford, Janice Plaziak
Hamden, Stephen White
Madison, John Iennaco
New Haven, Giovanni Zinn
North Branford, Victor Benni
North Haven, Andrew Bevilacqua
Orange, Bob Brinton
Wallingford, Alison Kapushinski
West Haven, Abdul Quadir

Guests

Kevin Ortiz, Branford
Mario Marrero, GNHTD
Lou Mangini, *Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro's office*
Michael Dion, BL
Jennifer Pacacha, CT DOT
Joe Balskus, VHB
Laurie McElwee, Kennedy Collective

SCRCOG

James Rode, Gabriel Filer,
Tatum Thomas, Laura Francis

FS Hoey called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM.

Action Item #1: Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024

Mayor Giannattasio made a motion to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2024, meeting; J Hoefflerle seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Item #2: 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Thirty-Three

G. Filer discussed TIP project 0083-0271, which would replace and renumber highway exit signs along the Wilbur Cross Parkway. Funding from this amendment would expand this project from Milford to Greenwich. The total cost of this project was roughly \$11 million. J. Bodwell made a motion to approve the Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Thirty-Three; A. Quadir seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Information Item #3: LOTCIP Update

J. Rode gave a brief status update of the LOTCIP program. Guilford applied for a road reconstruction project. Wallingford submitted an application for replacement of the Quinnipiac Street Bridge over the Wallace Raceway. New Haven submitted a new application for the Howard Avenue reconstruction project. They also submitted final design plans for the Water Street cycle track project, Quinnipiac Avenue reconstruction project and the Valley Street traffic calming project. They received authorization to advertise these projects. West Haven submitted a new application for the Front Avenue culver project, which is currently under review. J. Rode also mentioned that West Haven received a commitment to fund letter for their Frontage Road and Railroad Avenue improvement project.

FS Hoey asked how SCRCOG is spending the \$68 million of unallocated LOTCIP funds. J. Rode responded by saying that no funds really get spent until design work is fully completed. New Haven did submit several designs totaling \$5-6 million. J. Rode said he would monitor funds as they are spent.



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Information Item #4: UPWP Study Solicitations for FY 2025

J. Rode announced that SCRCOG is soliciting requests for consultant supported transportation studies for fiscal year 2025. Studies will need to be completed by the end of the fiscal year, (June 30, 2025). An email will be sent out to the municipalities. He asked those present to start thinking of projects in the coming months.

J. Rode said the deadline for the previous RFQ was on February 5. He along with SCRCOG staff will be interviewing consultants on February 20th.

Other Business

J. Rode sent out an email for the bus shelter program. CTDOT has issued a survey asking residents how bus shelters should be maintained. The survey is pretty quick, it asks municipalities what their policy is of bus shelter maintenance.

G. Filer gave an update on SCRCOG's new social media campaign. He invited those present to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

L McElwee congratulated Madison and Guilford for their new pilot program with River Valley Transit called Extra Mile. This program provides micro-transit services to residents in those communities. More importantly, they transport students and elderly populations to medical appointments, grocery stores, and other areas. This fills a critical transportation gap. Many college students utilize this service, especially students at Wesleyan University. FS Hoey suggested this service be expanded at local high schools and middle schools. Jim said micro-transit is a great way to transport teenagers to jobs.

Mayor Borer asked if there were any transportation grants that assisted residents with food insecurity. Specifically, she was looking to see if there was funding available to help municipalities transport low-income clients to food banks. FS Hoey mentioned that in Guilford there was high demand for transportation to the Yale Medical facility and BIG Y supermarket. He said that micro-transit would add capacity to communities.

J Rode said the Section 5310 grant application is now open. He said that notices have gone out.

FS Hoey made a motion to adjourn at 1:20PM, J Plaziak seconded.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 34

Project	0014-0188 Replace Highway Sheet Aluminum Signs.	Page 5
Changes	Amendment 34 increases funding amount.	
Reason	Action is necessary based on a revised cost estimate.	
Project	0092-0695 REHAB BRS 03015A & 03015B	Page 6
Changes	Amendment 34 changes funding amount.	
Reason	Action is necessary based on a revised cost estimate.	
Project	0173-0535 UHCP BEAM END REPAIRS ON VARIOUS INTERSTATE BRIDGES	
Changes	Amendment 34 adds a new project.	Page 7
Reason	This project will repair steel beam ends on various NHS INTERSTATE bridges carrying I-91 and I-95 in the Greater Bridgeport and South Central MPOs of District 3 using UHPC as opposed to traditional steel welding techniques.	
Project	0402-0034 MOVE New Haven Bus Rapid Transit- System Design	Page 8
Changes	Amendment 34 moves funding from FY 23 to FY 24.	
Reason	Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.	
Project	0427-XXXX GNHTD Administrative Capital Support	Page 9
Changes	Amendment 34 changes funding source and moves funds from FY 23 to FY 24.	
Reason	Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.	
Project	0427-XXXX GNHTD Replace Paratransit Vehicles.	Page 10
Changes	Amendment 34 changes funding source and moves funds from FY 23 to FY 24.	
Reason	Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.	
Project	0427-XXXX GNHTD Facility Improvements Sherman Ave.	Page 11
Changes	Amendment 34 changes funding source and moves funds from FY 23 to FY 24.	
Reason	Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.	

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0014-0188	STATUS	Project Changed	Federal
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Name: REPLACE HIGHWAY SHEET ALUMINUM SIGNS**Description:** The existing highway signs have exceeded their useful service life and are in need of replacement. This project will Replace of highway sheet aluminum signs along the mainline and on/off-ramps of I-95 between the East Haven/Branford Town Line and the Madison/Clinton Town Line.**Project Type:** Roadway - Other**DISTRICT:****County:**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$1,720,000	\$0	\$1,720,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$1,720,000	\$0	\$1,720,000

MPO:**Lead Agency:** CONNDOT**Previously Approved Version****0014-0188****Name:** REPLACE HIGHWAY SHEET ALUMINUM SIGNS**Description:** The existing highway signs have exceeded their useful service life and are in need of replacement. This project will Replace of highway sheet aluminum signs along the mainline and on/off-ramps of I-95 between the East Haven/Branford Town Line and the Madison/Clinton Town Line.**Project Type:** Roadway - Other**DISTRICT:****County:**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$1,375,000	\$0	\$1,375,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$1,375,000	\$0	\$1,375,000

MPO:**Lead Agency:** CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0092-0695 STATUS Project Changed Federal

Name: REHAB BRS 03015A & 03015B

Description: This project is for the rehabilitation of bridge #03015A carrying I-91 Southbound over State Street, Mill River and ramps and Bridge #03015B carrying I-91 ramp 139 over no notable feature in New Haven

Project Type: Bridge

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2022	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$833,000
2022	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$93,000
2024	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$603,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,000
2024	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
2024	State	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,646,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Previously Approved Version

0092-0695

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Project Type: Bridge

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2022	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$833,000
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2024	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$603,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,000
2024	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
2024	State	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,646,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0173-0535	STATUS	New Project	Federal
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Name: UHCP BEAM END REPAIRS ON VARIOUS INTERSTATE BRIDGES
Description: Address steel beam end deterioration on various NHS INTERSTATE bridges carrying I-91 and I-95 in the Greater Bridgeport and South Central MPOs of District 3 using Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC).

Project Type: Bridge				DISTRICT:			
County:							
Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total	
2024	BRFP	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000	
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000	
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000	

MPO: **Lead Agency:** CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0402-0034

STATUS Project Changed

Federal

Name: MOVE NEW HAVEN Bus Rapid Transit - System Design**Description:** This project will provide Section 5307 funding for the MOVE New Haven On-Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System project's design activities.**Project Type:** Bus**DISTRICT:****County:**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307P	\$4,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,800,000
2024	State	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
2023	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,800,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000

MPO:**Lead Agency:** CONNDOT

Previously Approved Version

0402-0034

Name: MOVE NEW HAVEN BRT - Preliminary Design**Description:** This STIP action will provide Section 5307 funding for the MOVE New Haven On-Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System project's design activities.**Project Type:** Bus**DISTRICT:****County:**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2023	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,800,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000

MPO:**Lead Agency:** CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0427-XXXX

STATUS Project Changed

Federal

Name: GNHTD- ADMIN CAPITAL/SUPPORT EQUIP/SCV PROGRAM**Description:** Transit District's Administrative Capital Funds for purchase of utility vehicles, vehicle parts, computer hardware, equipment, etc used to support Transit operations**Project Type:** Bus**DISTRICT:****County:**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
2024	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$560,000
2023	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$140,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,220,000

MPO:**Lead Agency:** CONNDOT

Previously Approved Version

0427-XXXX

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Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
2023	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$560,000
2023	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$140,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,220,000

MPO:**Lead Agency:** CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0427-XXXX1	STATUS	Project Changed	Federal
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Name: GNHTD- REPLACE PARATRANSIT VEHICLES

Description: Transit District's Capital Funds for purchase of Paratransit buses to replace vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life. Generally 4 years or 125,000 miles

Project Type: Bus

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,000
2024	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,600,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Previously Approved Version

0427-XXXX1

Name: GNHTD- REPLACE PARATRANSIT VEHICLES

Description: Transit District's Capital Funds for purchase of Paratransit buses to replace vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life. Generally 4 years or 125,000 miles

Project Type: Bus

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2023	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,000
2024	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,600,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0427-XXXX4

STATUS Project Changed

Federal

Name: GNHTD- FACILITY IMPROV SHERMAN AVE FY23**Description:** funding for the Greater New Haven Transit District's facility improvements. Activities include the repair of sink holes, parking lot restriping and state of good repair improvements at their 840 Sherman Avenue location**Project Type:** Bus**DISTRICT:****County:**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$440,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,000

MPO:**Lead Agency:** CONNDOT

Previously Approved Version

0427-XXXX4

Name: GNHTD- FACILITY IMPROV SHERMAN AVE FY23**Description:** funding for the Greater New Haven Transit District's facility improvements. Activities include the repair of sink holes, parking lot restriping and state of good repair improvements at their 840 Sherman Avenue location**Project Type:** Bus**DISTRICT:****County:**

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2023	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$440,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,000

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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Thirty Four

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—2023 to 2050, (April, 2023)*; 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, 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

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 Thirty Four (Continued)

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

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

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **March 27, 2024**

Date March 27, 2024

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