

Meeting Notice & Agenda

South Central Regional MPO and COG

DATE February 26, 2025	LOCATION SCRCOG Office	DIAL-IN +1-929-205-6099
TIME 10:00 am	MEETING URL https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87974372016	MEETING ID 879 7437 2016

- 1 **Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2 **Adopt Minutes of January 22, 2025 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)** Pages 2-6
- 3 **Treasurer’s Report for month ending January 31, 2025 (motion)** Pages 7-9
- 4 **MPO Business**
 - a) Presentation: New Haven TMA Certification Review – Jennifer Brady, FHWA CT Division Office & Christina Mendoza, FTA Region 1 Office Pages 10-16
 - b) FY 2025 – FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 5 (motion) Pages 17-25
 - c) Transportation Staff Report
 - d) Greater New Haven Transit District Report
 - e) CT Rides Report
- 5 **COG Business**
 - a) FY 2024-25 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan Amendment #2 (motion) Pages 26-28
 - b) FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #5 (motion) Pages 29-31
 - c) Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute Agreement with Selected Vendor for Municipal Transfer Station Site Assessments (motion)
 - d) Executive Director’s Report
 - e) Regional Planning Staff Report
 - f) Regional Planning Commission February Action Table Page 32
 - g) Legislative Updates
 - h) REX Development Report Pages 33-34
 - i) Sustainable CT Update
 - j) Congressional Reports
 - k) State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST
 - l) DEMHS Report
- 6 **Regional Cooperation/ Other Business**
- 7 **Adjournment**

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

TO: SCRCOG Board Members
FROM: Mayor Lauren Garrett, *Secretary*
DATE: January 29, 2025
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2025

Present:

Bethany	First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, <i>Chair</i>
Branford	First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford	First Selectman Matthew Hoey
Hamden	Mayor Lauren Garrett, <i>Secretary</i>
Madison	First Selectman Peggy Lyons, <i>Vice Chair</i>
Meriden	City Manager Brian Daniels
New Haven	Mayor Justin Elicker
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda
North Branford	Town Manager Michael Downes
Orange	First Selectman James Zeoli, <i>Immediate Past Chair</i>
Wallingford	Mayor Vincent Cervoni
West Haven	Mayor Dorinda Borer, <i>Treasurer</i>
Woodbridge	First Selectman Mica Cardozo
SCRCOG Staff	Laura Francis, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Stephanie Camp, Robert Dahill, Brendon Dukett, Ian McElwee, Kellie Kingston, Joan Paglinco, Arthur Newberg

Guests:

Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Michael Anderson and Al Carbone, *Avangrid*; Lou Mangini, *Office of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro*; Jameson Foulke, *Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy*; Tom Cavalier, *Tweed-New Haven Airport*; Mike Muszynski, *CCM*; Nicole Velardi, *DEMHS*; Jen Pacacha, *CTDOT*; Shirley Kuang, *New Haven Legislative Affairs*; Rory Burke, *Assistant Town Manager North Branford*

NOTE: The January SCRCOG Board meeting was a hybrid meeting.

1. Call to order and Introductions

Chair Cofrancesco called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

2. Adopt Minutes of November 20, 2024, SCRCOG Board Meeting (motion)

Chair Cofrancesco referred to the minutes of the SCRCOG Board Meeting of November 20, 2024, which were included in the agenda packet on pages 3-5. Motion made by Mayor Carfora and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adopt Minutes of December 12, 2024, Special SCRCOG Meeting (motion)

Chair Cofrancesco referred to the minutes of the Special SCRCOG Meeting of December 12, 2024, which were included in the agenda packet on page 6. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by Mayor Garrett. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report for month ending December 31, 2024 (motion)

Mayor Borer reported there is \$4.5M in total assets of which \$1.8 million is in cash and investments, \$95 thousand is due from CTDOT. All expenses appear to be appropriate for the one-month period. Motion made by First Selectman Lyons and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

5. MPO Business

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

First Selectman Cosgrove advised the Amendment was unanimously approved by the Transportation Committee and made a motion to approve. First Selectman Lyons seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Endorsement of CTDOT Target for Safety Performance Measures (motion)

Chair Cofrancesco referred to pages 16-30 of the agenda packet. Motion made by Mayor Garrett and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Approval of Annual SCRCOG Self-Certification (motion)

Chair Cofrancesco referred to pages 31-32 of the agenda packet. Motion made by First Selectman Lyons and seconded by Mayor Garrett. The motion passed unanimously.

d) Resolution Authorizing the Interim Executive Director to sign agreements with CTDOT (motion)

Chair Cofrancesco referred to page 33 of the agenda packet. Motion made by Mayor Garrett and seconded by First Selectman Lyons. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Transportation Staff Report

James Rode referred to the Existing Conditions Report for Active Transportation Study handout. Rode also advised they are working on the next cycle of UPWP (Unified Planning Work Program). Laura Francis urged all board members to review their respective town sections for accuracy. The 5310 Funding applications for Senior Center Buses will be sent out. Recertification with FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) will take place in March.

f) Greater New Haven Transit District Report

No Report

g) CT Rides Report

No Report

6. COG Business

a) Nominating Committee Report for Calendar Year 2025 Officers and Committees

Chair Cofrancesco referred to page 34 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Cosgrove announced the members of each committee.

b) Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees (

Combined with item 6 A. Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Acceptance of Gavel by New Chair

Chair Cofrancesco passed the gavel to the new Chair First Selectman Lyons.

d) **Adopt Resolution to appoint SCRCOG Bank Signatories (motion)**

Chair Lyons referred to page 35 of the agenda packet. Motion made by Mayor Garrett and seconded by Mayor Borer. The motion passed unanimously.

e) **Adoption of 2025 Affirmative Action Policy Statement (motion)**

Chair Lyons referred to page 36-39 of the agenda packet. Motion made by Mayor Garrett and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

SCRCOG Board Officers

<i>Chair</i>	<u>First Selectman Peggy Lyons</u>
<i>Vice Chair</i>	<u>Mayor Lauren Garrett</u>
<i>Secretary</i>	<u>Mayor Dorinda Borer</u>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<u>First Selectman Mica Cardozo</u>
<i>Immediate Past Chair</i>	<u>First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco</u>

Executive Committee

1. <i>Chair</i>	<u>First Selectman Peggy Lyons</u>
2. <i>Vice Chair</i>	<u>Mayor Lauren Garrett</u>
3. <i>Secretary</i>	<u>Mayor Dorinda Borer</u>
4. <i>Treasurer</i>	<u>First Selectman Mica Cardozo</u>
5. <i>Immediate Past Chair</i>	<u>First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco</u>
6. <i>Member at Large</i>	<u>First Selectman Matthew Hoey</u>
7. <i>Member at Large</i>	<u>Mayor Joe Carfora</u>
8. <i>Member at Large</i>	<u>Mayor Justin Elicker</u>

Transportation Committee

1. <i>Chair</i>	<u>First Selectman James Cosgrove</u>
2.	<u>First Selectman Matthew Hoey</u>
3.	<u>Mayor Justin Elicker</u>
4.	<u>Mayor Vincent Cervoni</u>
5.	<u>Mayor Anthony Giannattasio</u>
6.	<u>Mayor Lauren Garrett</u>
7.	<u>Mayor Dorinda Borer</u>

Administrative & Personnel Subcommittee

1. <i>Chair</i>	<u>First Selectman Peggy Lyons</u>
2.	<u>Mayor Lauren Garrett</u>
3.	<u>Mayor Dorinda Borer</u>
4.	<u>First Selectman Matthew Hoey</u>

f) **Amendment to SCRCOG Legislative Agenda (motion)**

Chair Lyons referred to page 40 of the agenda packet. Interim Executive Director Francis advised of the changes to the SCRCOG Legislative Agenda. Motion made by Mayor Garrett and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

g) **Resolution Authorizing Executive Director to Negotiate and Execute Agreement with Selected Vendor for Municipal Transfer Station Site Assessments**

Tabled

h) **Executive Director's Report**

Interim Executive Director Francis advised Draft Resolution has been prepared by MRDA (Municipal Redevelopment Draft Authority). A copy will be forwarded to any interested municipality. Francis also advised the SCRCOG team is working to complete all work by year end and will compile a status report of all work. SCRCOG has been meeting with OPM and their GIS office regarding the GIS Improvement Plan to finalize and issue an RFQ and create an On-Call list for qualified GIS consultants. Francis then advised today there is a kickoff meeting for the Regional Waste Authority Feasibility Study.

i) **Regional Planning Staff Report**

Stephanie Camp gave a presentation on the FY25 Regional Services Grant spending plan draft. Stephanie also advised of a pending 2025 Housing Snapshot Update handout for each municipality. Interim Executive Director Francis advised all municipalities will be receiving a Crash Data report for their town as well.

j) **Regional Planning Commission January Action Table**

Chair Lyons referred to attachment in the agenda packet.

k) **Sustainable CT Update**

Interim Executive Director Francis reported she is no longer a Co-Chair for Sustainable CT and announced the new co-chairs.

l) **REX Development Report**

Barbara Malmberg reported advised Ginny Kozlowski is retiring tomorrow, Thursday but will continue to be a resource as needed.

m) **Congressional Report**

Jameson Foulke advised there are changes to immigration laws and tariffs. Jameson also advised he will be moving to the Washington D.C. to continue working with Senator Murphy. Lou Mangini advised the grants that are in process are not in jeopardy. The Social Security Fairness Act allows for teachers, firefighters and police to have access to Social Security. The Farm Recovery Support Block Grant will pay out for damages not covered by the severe hailstorm. Jim Zeoli advised on Monday, January 27th 10am at the Mill Pond Tavern in Northford Rosa DeLauro will be holding a meeting related to farm damage.

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

Mike Muszynski reported the Legislative Session is in full swing. There are 600 bills being introduced which most are proposed legislation. The Governors budget will be coming out the first Wednesday of February. A major focus is the Young People First Program. CCM will be participating in two Representation Matters workshops in March. First Selectman Cofrancesco reported out for COST and advised next week COST is celebrating 50 years.

o) **DEMHS Report**

First Selectman Cofrancesco reported on behalf of DEMHS. The Severe Cold Protocol remains in effect through noon on Friday, January 24th. The CCM Emergency Management Symposium will be held on April 1st at Camp Nett in Niantic. DEMHS and the CT Military Department are offering free

Cyber Security Assessments focusing K-12 public school districts, local public health districts, public water wastewater and councils of government. Registration deadline is May 31, 2025. DEMHS is accepting applications for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) programs. Applications are due March 14, 2025. CT DEEP is accepting applications for a matching funds grant program for supporting applicants pursuing funds through BRIC. Applications are due March 3, 2025. The 2021, 2022 and 2023 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) will be closing between March and September of this year. The 2024 EMPG applications are due March 31, 2025. The next REPT meeting will be Friday, February 21, 2025.

7. Regional Cooperation/Other Business

Al Carbone from Avangrid advised Avangrid hosted several events on how to help customer learn how to save energy and lower their bills. Please advise Al if you are having any events in your town and would like Avangrid to attend. First Selectman Freda shared information on Special Education. Interim Executive Director Francis shared there is interest in a Retirement Plans Workshop and Retention Plans and will work to put that together.

8. Adjournment

Chair Lyons made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Motion was seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 1/31/2025

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	305,536.15
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	1,466,876.49

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	167,751.68
US EPA – CPRG	67,388.02
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	939.74

Other Assets

Retiree Health Insurance	1,586.38
Prepaid Expense – UConn MPA Interns	14,153.74
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	54,889.63
Furniture & Equipment	14,114.00
Right to Use Asset - Real Property	2,841,457.29
Right to Use Asset - Equipment	34,813.69
Amortization	(509,216.90)

Total Assets	4,460,289.91
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	12,500.00
Accrued Interest	9,325.05
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	105,242.24
Deferred Revenue - OPM	529,325.08
Deferred Revenue – RWA Grant	66,689.17
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	70,801.45
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment	36,637.50

Total Liabilities	834,211.26
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	889,018.46
Committed Fund Balance	270,406.00
Amount for Accrued Leave	43,226.71
Investment in Equipment	14,114.00
Lease Obligation	2,357,729.03
Change in Fund Balance	51,584.45

Total Fund Balance	3,626,078.65
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	4,460,289.91

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 1/31/2025

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	21,054.91	140,057.76	367,475.00
Municipal - Special Assessment		72,325.00	636,188.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	103,858.36	477,510.79	966,155.00
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)		72,325.00	2,205,066.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	156,840.14	774,724.50	2,697,982.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant	15,384.07	84,125.89	239,472.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	9,267.82	33,273.84	110,291.00
CTDOT - Active Trans. Microgrants Program		32,147.16	32,147.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant)		104,976.98	104,969.00
US EPA - CPRG	67,388.02	159,880.39	749,672.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,691.00
CT DEEP - SMM Grant	239.61	956.94	63,406.00
CT DEEP - RWA Grant	2,044.40	5,910.83	353,000.00
Interest - Revenue	5,538.19	34,163.89	20,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance	1,601.08	6,118.34	9,000.00
Total Resources	383,216.60	1,998,497.31	8,558,514.00

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance	1,601.08	8,951.12	12,000.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	116,177.42	523,169.02	1,993,378.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	9,575.00	48,538.75	190,500.00
Other Consultants	49,655.19	450,158.18	2,221,697.00
Subrecipients	53,861.01	88,256.60	300,252.00
Travel	727.04	3,412.32	14,600.00
Data Processing		5,771.71	6,500.00
Office Supplies		914.50	5,446.00
Subscriptions and Books	167.26	1,395.35	5,550.00
Insurance and Professional Services		674.00	0.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	2,188.06	11,760.17	21,900.00
Miscellaneous	336.00	336.00	1,013.00
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
Total Direct Expenses	234,288.06	1,143,337.72	6,820,359.00

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Direct Labor - Employees	55,673.68	352,052.06	767,639.00

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

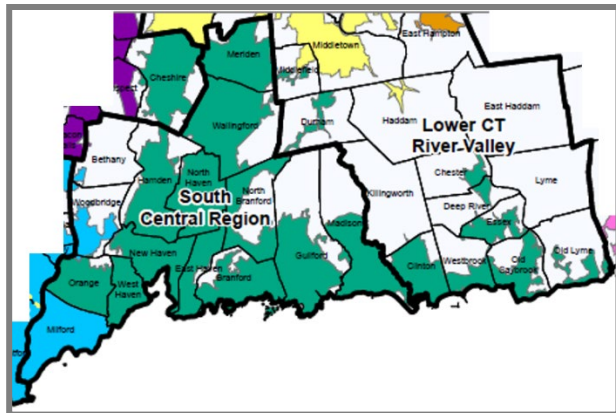
South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 1/31/2025

Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	17,332.57	107,289.67	221,096.00
Employee Benefits	25,231.10	168,662.87	426,470.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	247.59	9,598.15	31,600.00
Rent	15,358.07	121,057.71	182,700.00
Telephone and Internet	205.92	2,740.44	9,000.00
Office Supplies	249.67	1,318.40	3,200.00
Equipment Maintenance	2,448.46	27,389.34	47,000.00
Subscriptions and Books	412.50	412.50	500.00
Insurance and Professional Services	1,890.00	13,000.00	47,300.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising			650.00
Miscellaneous		54.00	900.00
Total Overhead	63,375.88	451,523.08	970,516.00
Total Operating Expenses	353,337.62	1,946,912.86	8,558,514.00

2025 Federal Certification Review

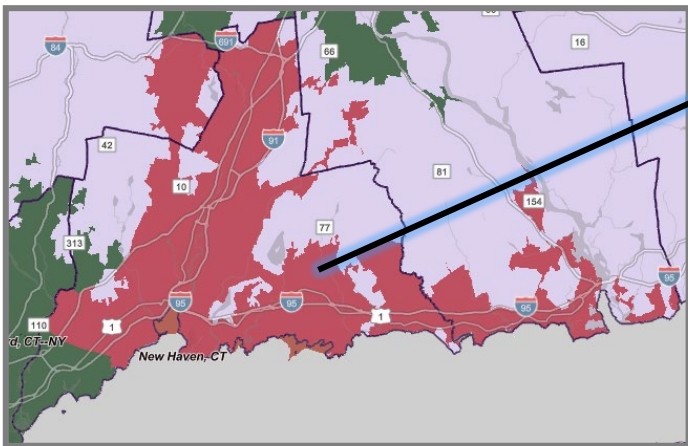
of the
South Central Region Council of Governments MPO and the Lower CT River Valley MPO
 for the
New Haven Transportation Management Area



Overview

At least once every four years, the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) must certify that a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) serving a Transportation Management Area (TMA) – an urbanized area with a population over 200,000 – is carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process in adherence with federal requirements under [23 U.S.C. 134](#) and [49 U.S.C. 5303](#). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) jointly conduct this review, make a certification determination, and produce a report that may include compliance issues (corrective actions), areas for improvement (recommendations), and/or notable practices (commendations). Based on these findings, the MPO will either be “certified,” “certified with conditions or restrictions,” or “not certified”.

New Haven TMA



Comprised Of:

Primarily Served By:

- South Central CT MPO
- and
- Lower CT River Valley MPO

SCRCOG
 Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

Local Elected Officials

CT transit

CONNECTICUT DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
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SHORE LINE EAST
 CT rail

RIVER VALLEY TRANSIT

GREATER NEW HAVEN TRANSIT DISTRICT
 Est. 1974

Milford Transit District
 "Ride the Wave"

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

A **continuous, cooperative, and comprehensive** (3-C) process that informs transportation decisions, including how projects are selected and prioritized for implementation within a region.

With limited funds, this is critical for prioritizing regional needs and identifying projects that best meet performance goals and objectives while providing public benefit. The process assists in developing a framework for the future transportation system.

3-C Planning Process

Continuous: Regularly addressing short-term needs and long-term regional goals

Cooperative: Involving all interested parties through a public participation process

Comprehensive: Multimodal in scope and consistent with other regional and statewide planning products and federal planning factors

Four Key MPO Planning Documents

Please note that there are other federal requirements applicable to MPOs, these are four core planning documents that frame the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Public Participation Plan (PPP)

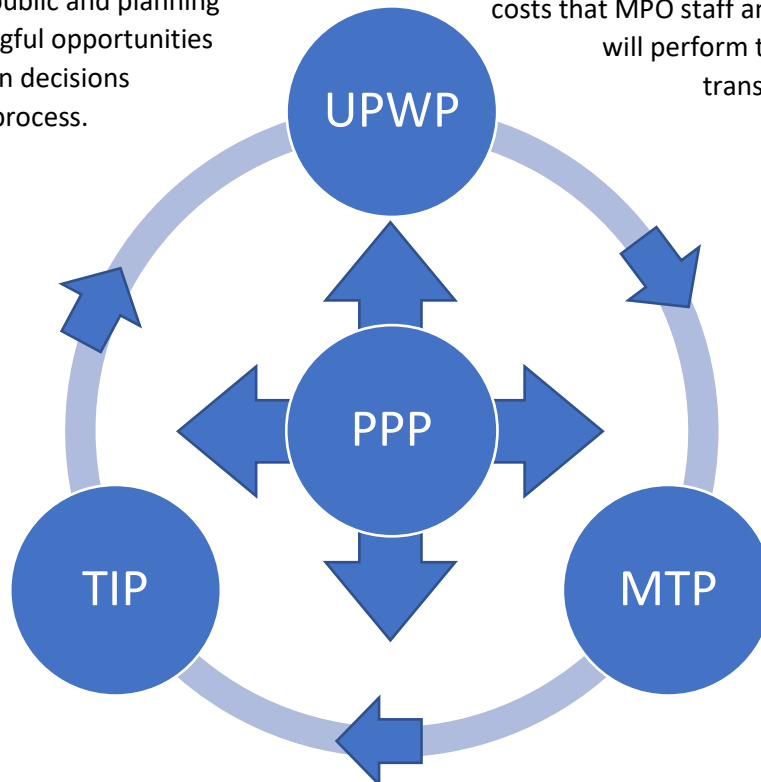
Documents public involvement strategies that provide the general public and planning stakeholders with meaningful opportunities to influence transportation decisions throughout the planning process.

Updated as needed

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Lists transportation tasks, products, and associated costs that MPO staff and other responsible parties will perform to support the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Updated biennially



Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Identifies transportation investments, and associated costs, by year for implementation in the region over the next 4 years. Projects reflect investment priorities from the MTP and activities from the UPWP.

Updated regularly; New TIP prepared every 2-3 years

Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Establishes regional goals, strategies, projects, and priorities for an integrated intermodal transportation system that reflect current and future demand over at least 20 years.

Updated every four years

Things to Think About...

What are your views on the planning process?

- What are some challenges?
- What are some strengths?

Do you feel you understand how the planning process works and how to get involved?

Do you feel like you have adequate opportunities to participate and be heard?

How is the Process Going? We Want Your Input!

Written comments can be submitted by 3/28/2025 to:

FHWA: Jennifer Brady, Transportation Specialist
jennifer.brady@dot.gov or
 c/o FHWA Connecticut Division
 450 Main Street, Suite 612; Hartford, CT 06103

FTA: Christina Mendoza, Community Planner
christina.mendoza@dot.gov or
 c/o Federal Transit Administration, Region 1
 220 Binney St, 9th Floor; Cambridge, MA 02142

New Haven TMA Certification Review

SCRCOG
Meeting
2/26/25



Who **We** Are?

Federal Highway Administration - Connecticut Division

Hartford, CT

- Jennifer Brady - MPO Coordinator / Transportation Specialist
- Erik Shortell - Transportation Specialist

Federal Transit Administration - Region 1

Cambridge, MA

- Christina Mendoza - Community Planner

Why Are **We** Here?

- The Federal government is required to *review and certify* the transportation planning practices of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in areas with a population over 200,000
- No less than once every 4 years FHWA & FTA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process
- Ensure compliance with BIL and federal regulations
- The last certification review decision for the SCRCOG MPO was May 26, 2021

Why Are **You** Here?

- To provide input regarding transportation planning and decision-making processes administered by the SCRCOG MPO
- Examples include:
 - Availability of draft planning documents for public review and comment
 - Access and opportunity to participate in the planning process
 - Consideration of public input
 - Technical assistance and project selection
- The comments received will be taken into consideration and summarized in the final report

What is the Outcome of this Review?

- A certification determination will be made following the review and a report will be issued
- Determination categories:
 - Certified
 - Certified subject to corrective actions
 - Not Certified
- If 'Not Certified', funding restrictions may be put in place

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

What is the Planning Process?

A process by which transportation decisions are made and projects are planned, selected and prioritized for implementation within the region.

Why is it Important?

- *Decides how federal dollars are allocated within the region annually.*
- *Because of limited funding, the MPO must prioritize the regional needs and determine those projects that best meet performance goals and objectives and have the most public benefit.*
- *The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.*

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

Who is involved?

- *SCRCOG and RiverCOG*
- *CTDOT*
- *Public Transportation Operators*
- *Federal Agencies (FTA & FHWA)*
- *Other stakeholders and the public*

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

Products of the Process

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Continuing - Cooperative - Comprehensive
Multimodal - Public Input

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

Comments?

Questions?

Thank you for your participation!

Comments may also be submitted by March 28, 2025, to:

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jennifer.brady@dot.gov

450 Main Street, Suite 612

Hartford, CT 06103

FTA

Christina Mendoza

christina.mendoza@dot.gov

220 Binney Street, 9th Floor

Cambridge, MA 02142

2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Amendment Number 5

Project 0014-0189 –

REPLACE COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Changes: Amendment 5 decreases funding amount, replacing NHPP with CRPNH funds.

Reason: The federal aid (FA) code has changed from NHPP to CRPNH. Construction funding was reprogrammed to the more restrictive CRP source due to updated eligibility. The latest estimate reflects a 19.10% cost reduction.

Project 0061-0153 –

WALKABLE SIDEWALK PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENTS

Changes: Amendment 5 updates the funding source, replacing TAPNH with TAP-FLEX.

Reason: The FY 2026 TAPNH conversion was reduced by \$1.8M. There is no change to the total cost, as the project was balanced using FY 2025 TAPNH funds and additional FY 2026 TAP-Flex funds. A TAP-Flex AC Entry was added.

Project 0092-0698 –

CONSTRUCT TRAIL CONNECTING DOWNTOWN TO EAST SHORE NEIGHBORHOOD

Changes: Amendment 5 adds new project.

Reason: This project will construct a 4.5-mile trail connecting downtown New Haven to the East Shore neighborhood, completing New Haven's portion of the intercity Shoreline Greenway Trail. The trail will link to other existing and proposed trails, enhancing mobility for non-motorized transportation users.

Project 0170-3640 –

SERVICE PLAZA MAINLINE SIGN AND SIGN REPLACEMENT

Changes: Amendment 5 increases the funding amount.

Reason: Adjustments are based on revised cost estimates.

Project 0170-3742 –

DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Changes: Amendment 5 adds new project

Reason: This project will replace in-pavement loop detectors with 360-degree stop bar detection cameras and dilemma zone detection radar units at state-owned traffic control signals, aiming to reduce vehicle delays and emissions.

BETHANY | BRANFORD | EAST HAVEN | GUILFORD | HAMDEN | MADISON | MERIDEN | MILFORD | NEW HAVEN | NORTH BRANFORD
NORTH HAVEN | ORANGE | WALLINGFORD | WEST HAVEN | WOODBRIDGE

0014-0189 - REPLACE COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM

Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	8
Town	BRANFORD, EAST HAVEN
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$4,406,000
Project Description	REPLACE COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	Future	Total
Right of Way	NHPP	-	\$156,000	-	-	-	-	\$156,000
Right of Way	State Match	-	\$39,000	-	-	-	-	\$39,000
Total Right of Way		-	\$195,000	-	-	-	-	\$195,000
Construction	CRPNH	-	\$3,368,800	-	-	-	-	\$3,368,800
Construction	State Match	-	\$842,200	-	-	-	-	\$842,200
Total Construction		-	\$4,211,000	-	-	-	-	\$4,211,000
Total Programmed		-	\$4,406,000	-	-	-	-	\$4,406,000

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0061-0153 - WALKABLE SIDEWALK PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENTS

Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	8
Town	HAMDEN
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$3,552,100
Project Description	WALKABLE SIDEWALK PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENTS



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	Future	Total
Construction	Local Match	-	\$260,420	\$450,000	-	-	-	\$710,420
Construction	TAP-FLEX	-	-	\$650,000	-	-	-	\$650,000
Construction	TAPNH	-	\$1,041,680	\$1,150,000	-	-	-	\$2,191,680
Total Construction		-	\$1,302,100	\$2,250,000	-	-	-	\$3,552,100
Total Programmed		-	\$1,302,100	\$2,250,000	-	-	-	\$3,552,100

0092-0698 - CONSTRUCT TRAIL CONNECTING DOWNTOWN TO EAST SHORE NEIGHBORHOOD

Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	8
Town	NEW HAVEN
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$8,750,000
Project Description	Construct 4.5 mile trail connecting downtown New Haven to the East Shore neighborhood. Funds appropriated in FY23 under Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending Demo ID CT195. Currently there is no bicycle infrastructure within New Haven's East Shore. This 4.5 mile trail will open up numerous connections for the community as well as complete New Haven's portion of the intercity Shoreline Greenway Trail. The trail will provide an easily accessible route for residents to travel from downtown for recreation and commuting purposes. The trail will connect to other existing and proposed trails and provide greater mobility for non-motorized transportation users.

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	Future	Total
Construction	CPCDH	-	-	\$7,000,000	-	-	-	\$7,000,000
Construction	Local Match	-	-	\$1,750,000	-	-	-	\$1,750,000
Total Construction		-	-	\$8,750,000	-	-	-	\$8,750,000
Total Programmed		-	-	\$8,750,000	-	-	-	\$8,750,000

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0170-3640 - SERVICE PLAZA MAINLINE SIGN AND SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENT

Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	70
Town	STATEWIDE
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$6,700,000
Project Description	SERVICE PLAZA MAINLINE SIGN AND SIGN SUPPORT REPLACEMENT



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	Future	Total
Construction	NHPP	-	\$6,700,000	-	-	-	-	\$6,700,000
Total Construction		-	\$6,700,000	-	-	-	-	\$6,700,000
Total Programmed		-	\$6,700,000	-	-	-	-	\$6,700,000

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0170-3742 - DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	5, 11, 8
Town	NEW HAVEN URBANIZED AREA
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$5,490,400
Project Description	DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	Future	Total
Final Design	CRPNH	-	\$144,320	-	-	-	-	\$144,320
Final Design	State Match	-	\$36,080	-	-	-	-	\$36,080
Total Final Design		-	\$180,400	-	-	-	-	\$180,400
Construction	CRPNH	-	-	\$2,400,000	\$1,848,000	-	-	\$4,248,000
Construction	State Match	-	-	\$600,000	\$462,000	-	-	\$1,062,000
Total Construction		-	-	\$3,000,000	\$2,310,000	-	-	\$5,310,000
Total Programmed		-	\$180,400	\$3,000,000	\$2,310,000	-	-	\$5,490,400

Resolution

Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Five

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

Whereas: The Council, per 23 *CFR* 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a *Fiscal Year 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 Five (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 *Five* shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, for inclusion in the *State Transportation Improvement Program*

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **February 26, 2025**

Date February 26, 2025

By: _____

Mayor Dorinda Borer, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments

FY 2024-2025 REGIONAL SERVICES GRANT (RSG)
Spending Plan and Summary of Consultant-Supported Work
Amendment #2 – February 26, 2025

Source of Project Funding:

CT OPM Regional Services Grant (RSG)	\$948,502
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FY 2024-25 Budget

Line Item	Budget
1. Staff Labor and Expenses	\$415,502
2. GIS Consultant	\$13,000
3. UConn MPA Interns - 2	\$34,500
4. Capitol Region Purchasing Council Dues	\$7,500
5. Regional Planning Consultants (amended)	\$179,500
6. Municipal Services Consultants (amended)	\$252,500
7. Capital – Conference Room Technology Update	\$46,000
Total	\$948,502

Details of Regional Planning Consultants (#5 above)

5a. Affordable Housing Part 1	
Consultant: David Fink (continuing)	\$41,500
<i>SCRCOG will continue offering guest speakers, presentations, workshops, and discussions for its Regional Housing Working Group and will dedicate additional time and more specific resources to interacting with municipal staff to further their housing goals. This year we will also offer bus tours of successful developments.</i>	

5b. Affordable Housing Part 2	
Consultant: Benjamin Fink (continuing)	\$48,000
<i>SCRCOG will continue to assist its member municipalities in the facilitation/promotion of resident education/communication through community-wide education programs and trainings.</i>	

5c. Regional Data Dashboard	
Consultant: UMass Center for Economic Development (CED)	\$25,000
<i>CED in conjunction with SCRCOG staff will develop a web-based Data Dashboard with interactive features and graphing/mapping capabilities useful to the region and its municipalities.</i>	

5d. Regional Tree Canopy Mapping	
Consultant: UVM (University of Vermont) Geospatial Analysis Lab	\$15,000 (previously \$40,000)
<p><i>Drawing upon data from the State of CT's spring 2023 flyover, which will not be processed until June 2024, UVM will create a Regional Tree Study of the SCRCOG Region. The current study will be comparable to the 2018 SCRCOG Regional Tree Mapping Study also developed by UVM. SCRCOG will coordinate with the Yale School of the Environment (YSE,) sharing our Tree Mapping Study as we did with our 2018 Regional Tree Study with YSE, and, in turn, YSE will share their NASA-funded Heat Island Study of the region. Both studies will assist municipal and regional planners with determining where the planting of shade trees and other measures could be taken to mitigate extreme heat and its deleterious effect on human health. Revised amount reflects anticipated Phase I spending. The project will be completed in FY 2025-26. The balance is moved to 5d. Replica Data Platform Subscription.</i></p>	

5e. MS4 Mapping	
Consultant: To Be Selected	\$0 (previously \$25,000)
<p><i>The proposed Regional MS4 Inventory seeks to take a geographic inventory of all MS4 assets within the SCRCOG region and develop a comprehensive database of locations, conditions, and characteristics of MS4 infrastructure. The purpose of the database will be to create an authoritative and standardized inventory of all MS4 assets in the region to allow for better prioritization of improvements, maintenance, and coordination between municipalities for stormwater resilience. The balance is moved to 5d. Replica Data Platform Subscription.</i></p>	

5d. Replica Data Platform Subscription	
Consultant: Replica, Inc.	\$50,000
<p><i>A continuation of the Replica Data Platform Subscription, which provides SCRCOG and its consultants with access to datasets that inform transportation studies, economic development efforts, and provide context to regional studies and grants. Replica was recently used to inform the Regional Mobility Study and the Congestion Management Process Update and will continue to be used to provide data for studies across the agency.</i></p>	

Details of Municipal Services Consultants (#6 above)

6a. Municipal Grants Assistance	
Municipal Grants Consultants: Juliet Burdelski/Renata Bertotti (continuing)	\$60,000
<p><i>SCRCOG will continue providing grants assistance to its member municipalities by offering: (1) grants training and workshops with the Regional Grants Working Group; and (2) research and information to member municipalities of relevant municipal grants opportunities; and (3) providing individualized grants writing and administration assistance to SCRCOG member municipalities.</i></p>	

6b. Solid Waste & Recycling, Food Waste Diversion and Composting	
Consultant: Pam Roach (continuing)	\$45,000 (previously \$60,000)
<p><i>SCRCOG will continue offering guest speakers, presentations, workshops, and discussions for its Regional Solid Waste & Recycling Working Groups. SCRCOG will also assist its member municipalities in the facilitation/promotion of resident education/communication through community-wide education programs and trainings, as well as the production of educational materials. SCRCOG will also provide individualized assistance to member municipalities in researching grant opportunities and assisting in applying for such grants. Finally, SCRCOG will provide assistance in municipal efforts to individually and collaboratively pursue new programs of glass and plastics recycling, and food waste diversion, as well as the conversion of existing municipal leaf and brush piles to use as composting facilities with the addition of food waste diversion. Revised amount reflects anticipating spending through June 30, 2025. The balance is moved to 7. Capital – Conference Room Technology Update.</i></p>	
Municipal Transfer Station Site Assessments	
Consultant: To Be Determined	\$25,500
<p><i>The Selected Consultant will conduct municipal transfer station site assessments to two (2) regional member municipalities. This site assessment will evaluate operations, finances, and regulation adherence and provide a transfer station facility improvement plan to respective municipalities as a final product.</i></p>	

6c. Information Technology/ Cybersecurity	
Consultant: Novus Insight (continuing)	\$14,500
<p><i>SCRCOG will continue offering cyberawareness training for SCRCOG municipal members' employees. Currently, 2010 municipal employees are involved in the training. The emphasis for the coming year and beyond will be on implementation of the OPM \$2.2 million Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) grant funding for Regional Cybersecurity Assessment and Protection.</i></p>	

6d. Economic Development	
Consultant: REX Development (continuing)	\$90,000
<p><i>In collaboration with the South Central Regional Council of Governments, REX Development will offer free on-call economic development services under SCRCOG's Municipal Services Program. These services will provide peer-to-peer coaching or direct service based on the market and organizational needs of the community. Such services will include: On-Call Staff Coverage: when municipal staff is absent due to attrition or your staff is temporarily away or unavailable, the program will provide limited in-house coverage; Economic Development Training; Economic Development Consulting; Workforce Development; Resources; and Peer Review of Documents and assistance with the Local Economic Development Processes.</i></p>	

6e. Regional Energy Initiative	
Consultant: People's Action for Clean Energy (PACE)	\$17,500 (previously \$48,500)
<p><i>The SCRCOG consultant and staff will share resources and best practices with municipal Energy Task Forces to develop programs and take advantage of existing programs that will result in municipal energy efficiency savings and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Revised amount reflects actual contract with PACE. The balance is moved to 7. Capital – Conference Room Technology Update.</i></p>	

FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #5

This revision updates the FY 2024-25 budget to incorporate CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program funding, additional LOTCIP administrative funding, and the CT Office of Policy and Management Parcel and CAMA Data Improvement Grant funding, as well as align the budget with the Amended FY 2024-25 Regional Services Grant Spending Plan.

Revenue

Budget Revision #5 adds \$183,500 of revenue to the adopted FY 2024-25 budget, broken down as follows.

- \$2,000 of CTDOT – Active Transportation Microgrants Program
- \$250,000 of CTDOT - LOTCIP
- \$181,500 of CT OPM – Parcel and CAMA Data Grant

Expenses

Budget Revision #5 includes the following changes.

- Passthrough Grants increases by \$2,000 (Active Transportation Microgrants Program)
- Other Consultants decreases by \$16,000
 - \$30,000 for Parcel and CAMA Data Grant Consultant(s)
 - - \$46,000 (moved to Capital)
- Capital increases by \$46,000
 - For Conference Room Technology Update. This change aligns budget with the Amended Regional Services Grant Spending Plan.
- Project Contingencies
 - The project contingency line-items for the LOTCIP – Reserved and CT OPM – Parcel and CAMA Data Grant – Reserved increase by \$250,000 and \$151,500, respectively. This constitutes the estimated amount of funds available for use in the next fiscal year.

Actual line-item revisions are on the following page, followed by a resolution authorizing Budget Revision #5.

FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #5

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
Municipal Contribution			
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
Transportation Planning			
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	32,147	2,000	34,147
CTDOT - LOTCIP	110,291	250,000	360,291
Regional Planning			
CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)	948,502		948,502
CT OPM - RSG - Previous Fiscal Year	17,653		17,653
CT OPM - Parcel and CAMA Data Grant	-	181,500	181,500
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
Other			
Investment Income	20,000		20,000
Retiree Health Insurance	9,000		9,000
TOTAL	8,558,514	433,500	8,992,014

<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	(16,000)	2,387,392
Passthrough Grants	300,252	2,000	302,252
Capital	-	46,000	46,000
Contingency	8,805		8,805
Transportation - Reserved	90,912		90,912
LOTCIP - Reserved	0	250,000	250,000
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
Parcel and CAMA Data Grant - Reserved	-	151,500	151,500
Total	8,558,514	433,500	8,992,014

Resolution

South Central Regional Council of Governments

Fiscal Year 2024-25 - Budget Revision # 5

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;

Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #2 on September 25, 2024;

Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #3 on September 25, 2024;

Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #4 on October 23, 2024;

Whereas: SCRCOG has received \$2,000 of CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program funds, has received an additional \$250,000 of LOCTIP administrative funds, has been awarded a \$181,500 CT Office of Policy and Management Parcel and CAMA Improvement Grant; and

Whereas: The SCRCOG Board approved Amendment #2 to FY 2024-25 Regional Services Grant Spending Plan on February 26, 2025

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

That Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Revision #5, which incorporates CDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program funds. Additional LOCTIP administrative funds, and the CT Office of Policy and Management Parcel and CAMA Improvement Grant, as well as aligns the budget with the Amended Regional Services Grant Spending Plan 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 February 26, 2025.

Date: February 26, 2025

By: _____
Mayor Dorinda Borer, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments

**SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
Regional Planning Commission**

February 2025 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	1/3/2025	City of West Haven: Zoning text amendment allowing additional uses in commercial and industrial zones.	Milford, New Haven, Orange	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.
2.2	1/14/2025	City of Milford: Zoning text amendment allowing warehouses with caretaker residences in an industrial zone.	Orange, West Haven	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.
2.3	1/24/2025	City of Milford: Zoning text amendment allowing live entertainment on patios and decks in the downtown.	Orange, West Haven	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.
2.4	1/16/2025	Town of Hamden: Zoning map amendment changing five contiguous properties to allow for mixed use development	Bethany, East Haven, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, 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.
2.5	1/16/2025	Town of Wallingford: Zoning text amendment allowing multi-family dwellings in certain zones in the middle of town.	Hamden, Meriden, North Branford, North Haven	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.
2.6	1/30/2025	City of New Haven: Zoning text amendment restricting tobacco, vape, and product advertisements and sales in the City.	East Haven, Hamden, Orange, 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.

February 18, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

Here are recent updates on key initiatives, including insights from the Greater New Haven Community Wellbeing Index, openings on the Central Regional Tourism District Board, and progress on CEDS.

Conferences, Tradeshows, and Education

- **Community Foundation for Greater New Haven**

The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven hosted a webinar by DataHaven on the Greater New Haven Community Wellbeing Index. The report can be reviewed here:

<https://www.ctdatahaven.org/reports/greater-new-haven-community-wellbeing-index>

Tourism

- **Central Regional Tourism District Board of Directors Openings**

The Central Regional Tourism District (CRTD) invites East Haven, Hamden, Madison, Milford, West Haven, and Woodbridge to appoint representatives to its board. CRTD, which contracts with REX for regional tourism services, meets quarterly, often remotely. Representatives can be municipal employees or community members involved in tourism, providing an opportunity to recognize contributors from industries like hotels, restaurants, and attractions. Board members share local tourism updates to help shape promotional materials, including brochures and social media content, showcasing the region's attractions.

- **Attended Annual American Bus Association Marketplace – February 1-2, 2025**

Marketplace is an iconic show to expand motorcoach and group travel/tour business in North America. During the event, I met with 39 tour operators who expressed interest in traveling to Greater New Haven.

CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy)

- **Presentations**

We provided CEDS updates in the following towns: Hamden, North Haven, North Branford, Guilford, Branford, and Madison.

- **Committee Activities**

All of the CEDS committees have met and are on schedule to submit their updates by the March 17 deadline.

- **US EDA CEDS Guidance**

Following guidance from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), we are removing all dedicated references to "climate resilience" from the South Central Connecticut CEDS, though our focus on hazard mitigation remains unchanged. Similarly, in anticipation of future directives, we will also remove references to "diversity, equity, and inclusion," while maintaining our

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commitment to expanding economic opportunities for all. These adjustments ensure our strategy remains aligned with regional priorities while protecting funding opportunities. The revised EDA CEDS Content Guidelines can be found here, with the updated PDF dated 02/06/25.

Upcoming Meetings

- **REDFO**
February 27 at 11:45 a.m. - Frederick L. Welk Jr. of The Community Economic Development Fund
- **Brownfields 101 for Municipal Staff & Commission Members**
March 11 at 9:30-11:30 a.m. at SCRCOG

Best Regards,

Ginny Kozlowski
Executive Director