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Meeting Notice & Agenda

South Central Regional MPO and COG

DATE April 23, 2025	LOCATION SCRCOG Office	DIAL-IN +1-929-205-6099
TIME 10:00 am	MEETING URL https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87974372016	MEETING ID 87974372016

- 1 **Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2 **Presentation: 2025 Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update –**
Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, REX Development
- 3 **Adopt Minutes of March 26, 2025 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)** Pages 2-4
- 4 **Treasurer's Report for month ending March 31, 2025 (motion)** Pages 5-7
- 5 **MPO Business**
 - a) FY 2025 – FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 7 (motion) Pages 8-10
 - b) Adopt Resolution to Approve FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors Program Priorities (motion) Pages 11-12
 - c) Resolution to Adopt the South Central Regional Council of Governments Public Participation Guidelines (motion) Page 13
 - d) Transportation Staff Report Pages 14-15
 - e) Greater New Haven Transit District Report
 - f) CT Rides Report
- 6 **COG Business**
 - a) FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #6 (motion) Pages 16-18
 - b) FY 2024-25 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan Amendment #4 (motion)
 - c) Executive Director's Report Pages 19-20
 - d) Regional Planning Staff Report Pages 21
 - e) Regional Planning Commission April Action Table Pages 22
 - f) REX Development Report Page 23
 - g) Sustainable CT Update
 - h) Congressional Reports
 - i) State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST
 - j) DEMHS Report
- 7 **Regional Roundtable Discussion**
 - a) Affordable Housing Video and Distribution Plan
 - b) Other
- 8 **Other Business**
- 9 **Adjournment**

TO: SCRCOG Board Members
FROM: Mayor Lauren Garrett, *Secretary*
DATE: April 1, 2025
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of March 26, 2025

Present:

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

SCRCOG Staff Laura Francis, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Stephanie Camp, Robert Dahill, Drew Thomas, Brendon Dukett, Kellie Kingston, Colette Kroop, Joan Paglinco, Arthur Newberg, Anthony Lagana

Guests:

Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Michael Anderson, *Avangrid*; Lou Mangini, *Office of Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro*; Ellen Graham, *Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal*, Tom Cavalier, *Tweed-New Haven Airport*; Nicole Velardi, *DEMHS*; Shirley Kuang, *New Haven Legislative Affairs*; Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina*, Jennifer Pacacha, *CTDOT*, Mark Zaretsky, *New Haven Register*, Bridget Moriarity, *CTDOT*, Brian O'Connor, Mike Muzynski and Randy Collins, *CCM*, Betsy Gara, *COST*

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

1. Call to order and Introductions

Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Adopt Minutes of February 26, 2025, SCRCOG Board Meeting (motion)

Chair Lyons referred to the minutes of the SCRCOG Board Meeting of February 26, 2025, which were included in the agenda packet on pages 2-5. Motion made by First Selectman Cofrancesco and seconded by Mayor Garrett. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report for month ending February 28, 2025 (motion)

First Selectman Cardozo reported there is \$4.3 million in total assets of which \$1.4 million is in cash and investments, \$280,000 is due from CTDOT. All expenses appear to be appropriate for the one-month

period. Motion made by First Selectman Cofrancesco and seconded by Mayor Garrett. The motion passed unanimously.

4. MPO Business

a) Presentation: CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program Updates

Presentation given by Bridget Moriarty the Safe Routes to School Coordinator, CTDOT on the CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrant Program updates.

b) FY 2025 – FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 6 (motion)

First Selectman Cosgrove referred to pages 12-15 of the agenda packet consisting of two projects approved by the Transportation Committee. First Selectman Cosgrove put forward the motion to approve. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Transportation Staff Report

Chair Lyons referred to pages 16 of the agenda packet.

d) Greater New Haven Transit District Report

No Report

e) CT Rides Report

Chair Lyons advised the CT Rides Report is attached to the agenda packet.

5. COG Business

a) FY 2024 – 25 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan Amendment #3 (motion)

Chair Lyons referred to pages 17-19 of the agenda packet. Motion was made by Mayor Garrett and seconded by First Selectman Cofrancesco. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Appointment and Approval of Employment Contract for Executive Director (motion)

Chair Lyons explained the Executive Committee recommended the Employment Contract for the Executive Director. Motion made by First Selectman Freda and seconded by Mayor Garrett. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Francis referred to page 20 of the agenda packet. Additionally, Francis advised she submitted testimony in support of HB7328. Francis stated municipalities are invited to the first Technical Advisory Committee meeting for the Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Feasibility Study on May 8th. DOT is conducting a Transit Orientation Development (TOD) study on 18 state owned properties (four in our region) not being highly used. Francis mentioned SCRCOG is working with CCM on a workshop on Municipal Pensions. SCRCOG will be sending information on the Student Advisory Committee for Highway Safety to school superintendents. The MRDA board met and will be changing the name to CMDA (Connecticut Municipal Development Authority).

d) Regional Planning Staff Report

Chair Lyons referred to page 21 of the agenda packet.

e) Regional Planning Commission March Action Table

Chair Lyons referred to pages 22-23 of the agenda packet.

f) REX Development Report

Chair Lyons referred to page 24 of the agenda packet.

g) Sustainable CT Update

No report

h) Congressional Reports

Lou Mangini reported the Continued Resolution for the remaining fiscal year passed last week. The HUD Regional Office in Hartford will be closing. All FY 2025 community project funding requests have been cancelled. Ellen Graham advised if you receive any notices from federal agencies please forward.

i) State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST

Mike Muzynski advised CCM is developing a guidebook on pensions. Muzynski also advised to be sure reports for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) are accurate. Randy Collins discussed the CT Government Budget and the Veterans Tax Exemption. Brian O'Connor mentioned the Young People First Senate Bill 1511 received strong support advocating for the bill which will be voted on this Friday. Betsy Gara discussed different housing plans, homelessness and the associated bills.

j) DEMHS Report

Nicole Velardi advised the CCM Emergency Management Symposium is on Tuesday, April 1st. DEHMS is working with the Army Corp of Engineers Hurricanes and Flood Awareness Workshop on May 7th. The 2024 EMPG application is due Monday, March 31st. The Building Resilience and Infrastructure in Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program applications have been extended to April 4th. The State and Local Cyber Security Grant Program applications are due May 12th. RAPT is preparing the 2025 budget. The April Steering Committee Meeting will be on April 3rd.

6. Regional Roundtable Discussion:

a) Motor Vehicle Assessment Depreciation Schedule

Chair Lyons generated a discussion regarding the Motor Vehicle Assessment Depreciation Schedule.

b) Shared Staffing Discussion

Brian Daniels generated a discussion on staffing issues.

c) Other

None.

7. Other Business

Chair Lyons advised the Executive Committee, and the Board has made a recommendation to appoint Laura Francis the SCRCOG Executive Director. Chair Lyons also mentioned they will be looking into the meeting agenda format to make the meetings more efficient.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 11:05 a.m.

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 3/31/2025

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	453,770.49
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	1,376,993.48

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	113,638.12
CT Office of Policy and Management	28,812.50
US EPA – CPRG	19,365.65
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	18,179.36
Retiree Health Insurance	1,615.78

Other Assets

Prepaid Expense – UConn MPA Interns	7,076.78
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	4,455,509.87
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Liabilities

Accrued Interest	9,325.05
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	71,787.84
Deferred Revenue - OPM	341,811.26
Deferred Revenue – RWA Grant	53,915.52
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	307,330.75
Deferred Rev. - Election Monitor	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment	7,825.00
Deferred Revenue – Retiree Health Insurance	2,379.57

Total Liabilities	798,065.76
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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	82,949.91

Total Fund Balance	3,657,444.11
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	4,455,509.87

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 3/31/2025

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	16,777.20	172,718.96	367,475.00
Municipal - Special Assessment		101,137.50	636,188.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	90,540.12	650,328.31	966,155.00
CT OPM - Parcel and CAMA Data Grant			181,500.00
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)		72,325.00	2,205,066.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	114,795.73	1,015,705.87	2,697,982.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant	13,452.05	109,630.65	239,472.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	1,650.42	46,744.54	360,291.00
CTDOT - Active Trans. Microgrants Program	2,000.00	34,147.16	34,147.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant)		104,976.98	104,969.00
US EPA - CPRG	19,365.65	245,692.29	749,672.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,691.00
CT DEEP - SMM Grant	8,119.81	18,196.56	63,406.00
CT DEEP - RWA Grant	9,150.59	16,684.48	353,000.00
Interest - Revenue	5,168.94	44,297.99	20,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance	1,601.08	9,320.50	9,000.00
Total Resources	282,621.59	2,641,906.79	8,992,014.00

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance	1,601.08	12,153.28	12,000.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	54,307.30	666,124.68	1,993,378.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	7,650.00	64,487.75	190,500.00
Other Consultants	41,530.58	580,794.19	2,205,697.00
Subrecipients	16,926.88	155,701.28	302,252.00
Travel	663.50	4,524.61	14,600.00
Data Processing	600.00	6,371.71	6,500.00
Office Supplies	3,354.01	4,268.51	5,446.00
Subscriptions and Books	553.00	1,948.35	5,550.00
Insurance and Professional Services	416.50	1,090.50	0.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	1,412.08	13,557.88	21,900.00
Capital	20,461.50	20,461.50	46,000.00
Miscellaneous		336.00	1,013.00
Transportation - Reserved			90,912.00
LOTICP - Reserved			250,000
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
CT OPM Parcel and CAMA Data Grant - Reserved			151,500.00
Total Direct Expenses	149,476.43	1,531,820.24	7,253,859.00

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Direct Labor - Employees	52,599.97	452,683.31	767,639.00

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 3/31/2025

Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	10,383.03	132,076.92	221,096.00
Employee Benefits	24,735.03	219,843.87	426,470.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	278.83	20,119.74	31,600.00
Rent	15,501.32	151,917.10	182,700.00
Telephone and Internet	325.92	3,641.28	9,000.00
Office Supplies	89.56	1,569.43	3,200.00
Equipment Maintenance	1,048.46	29,486.26	47,000.00
Subscriptions and Books		412.50	500.00
Insurance and Professional Services	1,658.25	15,198.25	47,300.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising		122.98	650.00
Miscellaneous		65.00	900.00
Total Overhead	54,020.40	574,453.33	970,516.00
Total Operating Expenses	256,096.80	2,558,956.88	8,992,014.00

2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Amendment Number 7

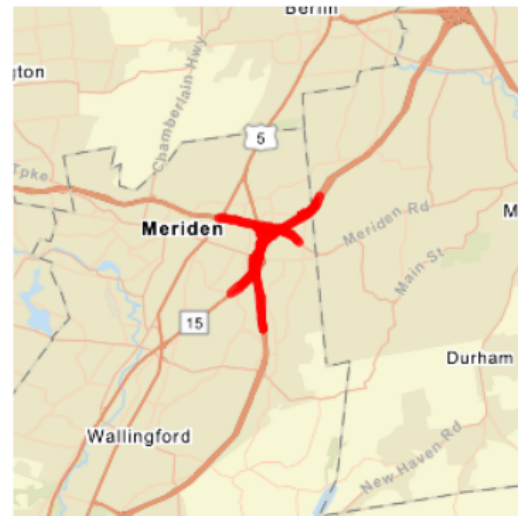
Project 0079-0240 Interchange Improvements- SB & EB to SB

Changes: Adjusts existing projects for revised cost estimates and administrative requirements.

Reason: Interchange improvements at SB and EB to SB connections in Meriden and Middletown, led by CTDOT. The project, funded through various sources, aims to improve traffic flow, safety, and congestion. Cost increases reflect revised funding allocations and adjustments.

0079-0240 - INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS - SB & EB TO SB

Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	8, 11
Town	MERIDEN, MIDDLETOWN
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$265,000,000
Project Description	INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS - SB & EB TO SB



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	DIGR	-	\$86,900,000	-	-	-	-	\$86,900,000
Construction	NFRP	-	-	-	-	-	\$34,700,000	\$34,700,000
Construction	State Match	-	\$24,725,000	-	-	-	\$8,675,000	\$33,400,000
Construction	STATE ONLY	-	\$98,000,000	-	-	-	-	\$98,000,000
Construction	STPNH	-	\$12,000,000	-	-	-	-	\$12,000,000
Total Construction		-	\$221,625,000	-	-	-	\$43,375,000	\$265,000,000
Total Future Costs		-	-	-	-	-	\$43,375,000	\$43,375,000
Total Programmed		-	\$221,625,000	-	-	-	\$43,375,000	\$265,000,000

Resolution

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

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

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

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **April 23rd, 2025**

Date April 23, 2025

By: _____

Mayor Dorinda Borer, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments

Resolution

FFY 2024 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

- Whereas:** The State of Connecticut has received annual Federal Section 5310 funding for transportation of seniors and individuals with disabilities, since 1975; and
- Whereas:** The Infrastructure Investment and Job Act, reauthorizes surface transportation programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 through FY 2026; and
- Whereas:** Funding is apportioned based on Urbanized Areas (UZAs). The New Haven UZA includes the South Central Region and portions of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) to allow funds for capital and operating expenses; and
- Whereas:** \$784,242 has been appropriated to the New Haven UZA for FY24, of which a minimum of 55% must be used for capital purchases; and
- Whereas:** SCRCOG and RiverCOG, have reviewed all applications from interested non-profit organizations, and prioritized projects based on criteria provided by CTDOT; and
- Whereas:** Agreement has been reached among the above mentioned parties on the priorities for capital purchases and operating funds after review of applications from municipalities, interested non-profit organizations, and area paratransit operators, based on ranking criteria provided by CTDOT

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

That the South Central Regional Council of Governments adopts the following 5310 priorities:

Traditional Capital Funding

1. Vista
2. Goodwill Industries
3. Mary Wade
4. Marrakech
5. Allie's Dream

Operating

1. ALS United CT
2. ETD Feeder Service
3. ETD Taxi Voucher
4. ETD Mobility Mgmt.
5. Kennedy Collective
6. Mary Wade
7. Northeast Transit
8. West Haven
9. Allie's Dream

Certificate

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Date April 23, 2024,

By: _____

Mayor Dorinda Borer, Secretary

South Central Regional Council of Governments

Resolution

To Adopt the South Central Regional Council of Governments Updated Public Participation Guidelines

Whereas: Metropolitan planning organizations are required, under the Joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration Joint Planning Rule (23 CFR 450.316), to conduct a locally developed public participation process, and to supplement this requirement, SCRCOG provides explicit procedures, strategies, and desired outcomes (23 CFR 450.316(a)(1)) in the public participation guidelines; and

Whereas: The Council has provided a substantial opportunity for public review and comment during the March 3, 2025 – April 18, 2025 period consistent with SCRCOG's Public Participation Guidelines (adopted December, 2012) and has considered public comments per 23 CFR 450; and

Whereas: The Council's Transportation Committee reviewed the Updated South Central Regional Council of Governments Public Participation Guidelines on April 9, 2025 and recommended that the Council of Governments adopt the final document.

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

That the Updated South Central Regional Council of Governments Public Participation Guidelines are hereby adopted.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on April 23, 2025.

Date April 23, 2025

By: _____

Mayor Dorinda Borer Secretary

South Central Regional Council of Governments

April 2025 Transportation Staff Report

1. Recommended Section 5310 Funding Allocations

SCRCOG collaborated with representatives from RiverCOG to evaluate and rank applications for the New Haven region's Section 5310 program. A total of 14 applications were received, including five for capital funding (vehicle purchases) and nine for operating assistance. Based on established criteria, a funding priority list was prepared and presented at the Transportation Committee meeting on April 9, 2025.

Total Capital Funding: \$431,333

Total Operating Funding: \$317,618

2. Public Participation Guidelines Update

The period for public comment on the SCRCOG Draft Public Participation Guidelines document has concluded. The public comment period opened on March 3rd and closed on April 18th. Public comments were solicited at a Hybrid Public Meeting on April 9, 2025, at 12 pm. No public comments were received. The plan includes updates to ensure compliance with all federal guidelines and expands SCRCOG policy on translation service availability. The guidelines are available on SCRCOG's website.

3. Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) Update

A new application for a sidewalk project in Madison was submitted to CTDOT. Madison's Sidewalk and Crosswalk Improvements Project will provide new ADA-compliant sidewalks, ramps, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and crosswalks at locations along Route 1 and West Wharf Rd and at Dudley Lane. This project will provide an accessible route from Boston Post Road (CT Route 1) to the coast and Madison Beach Hotel, which will be a drastic improvement for the increased foot traffic in the summer months.

4. SCRCOG Transportation Studies (UPWP) Update

Consultant agreements were signed with AKRF Inc. to start 2 new Transportation Studies in our region. The studies are as follows:

Valley Service Road Safety and Traffic Calming Study

This study will recommend safety improvements to Valley Service Road in North Haven. The road was originally a cul-de-sac and recently extended to provide access to an Amazon warehouse. Given the existing road's flat and straight alignment, and the lack of developed properties along its length, it has become a speedway. Since its partial opening in Fall of 2022 there have already been a total of 15 accidents including 6 deemed serious and at least one fatality. The final deliverable would be a study with recommended safety improvements, a survey, and concept plans for the recommended

improvements. The kick-off meeting was held on April 4th and the study is expected to be completed by January 1, 2026

Wallingford Intersection Safety Improvements Study

This study will recommend safety improvements to the Parker Farms Road, Hope Hill Road, and Highland Avenue intersection in Wallingford. The unusual geometry and difficult grades provide a challenge to implement typical safety improvement strategies. Since 2015, there have been 33 accidents reported with the majority being angle collisions. The final deliverable would be a study with recommended safety improvements, a survey, and concept plans for the recommended improvements. The kick-off meeting was held on April 3rd and the study is expected to be completed by January 1, 2026

FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #6

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

Revenue

Budget Revision #6 adds \$34,695 of revenue to the adopted FY 2024-25 budget, broken down as follows.

- \$34,695 of CTDOT – Active Transportation Microgrants Program

Expenses

Budget Revision #6 includes the following changes.

- Passthrough Grants increases by \$34,695 (Active Transportation Microgrants Program)

Actual line-item revisions are on the following page, followed by a resolution authorizing Budget Revision #6

FY 2024-25 Budget Revision #6

<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	34,147	34,695	68,842
CTDOT - LOTCIP	360,291		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	8,992,014	34,695	9,026,709

<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	2,396,197		2,396,197
Passthrough Grants	302,252	34,695	336,947
Capital	46,000		46,000
Contingency	-		-
Transportation - Reserved	90,912		90,912
LOTICIP - Reserved	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	8,992,014	34,695	9,026,709

Resolution

South Central Regional Council of Governments

Fiscal Year 2024-25 - Budget Revision # 6

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 adopted Budget Revision #4 on February 26, 2025; and

Whereas: SCRCOG has received an additional \$34,695 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 #6, 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 April 23, 2025.

Date: April 23, 2025

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

April 2025 Executive Director's Report

Organizational Updates

Staffing

1. Congratulations to Drew Thomas, Transportation Planner/GIS/Data Manager who is pursuing a PhD in Geography in the Department of Geography, Sustainability, Community and Urban Studies at UCONN. They will be conducting transportation safety research regarding roadway infrastructure. Their personal research will follow a public health geography approach, specifically looking at access to community resources and amenities such as food, healthcare, education and employment. Unfortunately, this means that Drew will be leaving SCRCOG sometime this summer. I want to thank Drew for helping build out our data and GIS capacities and look forward to having them roll out the SCRCOG Data Dashboard before the end of the FY.
2. Thalia Witkovsky has been placed with SCRCOG for the 2025 Sustainable CT Fellowship Program. Thalia expects to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wesleyan University in 2027 when she hopes to then work in environmental policy at the federal level. She is highly recommended by the Director of Sustainability at Wesleyan University and hopes to help SCRCOG communities achieve certification this year.

Financial

1. The CTDOT Office of External Audits and Bureau of Finance and Administration has concluded its review of the SCRCOG FY24 Audit. It has concluded that the report meets both the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit Act requirements in all material respects. In addition, it has completed the review of the SCRCOG Audit of Indirect Costs for FY24. The accepted Indirect Cost Rate is 132.90% which is below the maximum 150.00%.

Items Requiring Attention and/or Action

1. LIS Blue Plan Survey - Public Act 15-66 called for the development of the [Long Island Sound Resource and Use Inventory](#) and the [Long Island Sound Blue Plan](#), which were unanimously adopted by the CT General Assembly in 2021. The law also requires that these documents be reviewed and updated every five years. To assist in that effort, the Blue Plan Advisory Committee and DEEP have developed this [survey that seeks feedback](#) on your familiarity with the Inventory and Blue Plan.

Even if you are not familiar with the Resource and Use Inventory or the Blue Plan, your survey response can help improve the Blue Plan and the data and information contained in the Inventory. The survey should take only 10 minutes to complete. Join the [Blue Plan Listserv](#) to receive information and updates about the Blue Plan and revision efforts.

2. **Connecticut 2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan** - The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) invites the public to learn more about and comment on Connecticut 2055, a strategic blueprint highlighting the goals, performance measures, policies, and investments needed to develop the state's transportation system over the next 30 years.

CTDOT is hosting two virtual public information meetings on Thursday, April 24, 2025, to provide an overview of the Connecticut 2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan, gather feedback on the Plan's draft goals, and gain insight from the public on what they want to see reflected in the future of transportation in Connecticut. Registration is required to attend virtual meetings. To register, please visit [Virtual Public Meeting](#). Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to access the Zoom meeting. Both meetings will present the same content, and a question & answer (Q&A) session will immediately follow the presentation. Following the meetings, the recordings will be available on the Plan's website with captions in English and Spanish.

You can provide in person feedback at a pop-up event at the New Haven Union Station on Friday, May 16, 11am to 1pm or via an online interactive survey at [Connecticut 2055 Long-Range Transportation Plan | CDM Smith](#)

More information about the Long-Range Transportation Plan process can be found at [Long Range Transportation](#)

Interagency and External Relations

1. Participated in a panel discussion titled **Leveraging Federal Funding for Regional Economic Development** at the Yale Economic Development Symposium
2. Attended the Annual Meeting of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce where I now serve as an Ex-Officio member of the Board of Directors.
3. Attended the CCM Emergency Management Symposium
4. Attended the Workforce Alliance 47th Annual Meeting where Mike Freda was honored as the Workforce Champion of the Year!
5. Stephanie Camp and Ian McElwee attended the National Planning Conference in Denver, CO.

April 2025 Regional Planning & Municipal Services Staff Report

1. The SCRCOG Regional Purchasing Consortium is soliciting responses to a Request for Qualifications for Temporary Planning & Zoning Services. The RFQ's publishing date is Tuesday, April 22nd, 2025.
2. SCRCOG staff are coordinating with the City of Meriden, the City of Middletown, the Town of Berlin, the Capitol Region COG, and RiverCOG on a major planning and infrastructure improvement initiative on Lamentation Mountain. Brush fires last fall on Lamentation Mountain, which runs through the three towns, caused significant damage. The Towns are looking for regional cooperation to develop a detailed scope of work for different projects and to seek out funding over the next few years.
3. SCRCOG staff facilitated a meeting between housing committee members in Branford, Guilford, and Madison to discuss common affordable housing needs and initiatives and ways to align the towns' affordable housing plans to work together.
4. In coordination with UConn's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program, SCRCOG will be co-hosting a regional brownfields roundtable on May 21st from 9am-12pm at The Lab at ConnCORP. The roundtable will be an in-person meeting where key stakeholders and community members are invited to discuss available brownfields grants and services, network, explore local brownfields issues, engage in collaborative problem-solving, and share best practices and success stories.
5. SCRCOG launched its new grants hub on basecamp. Member municipalities can request access for employees involved in the grantmaking process to utilize services including a shared grants calendar, document library, and chat/announcement communications. Staff can register and access a tutorial video on site usage by visiting <https://scrcog.org/municipal-services/municipal-grants/>. Contact Brendon Duckett or Colette Kroop for additional information.

**SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
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March 2025 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	3/7/2025	Town of East Haven: Proposed Zoning Text Amendment consolidating two sections of the regulations around zoning permits and certificates of zoning compliance.	Branford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning amendment changes do 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	3/12/2025	Town of Woodbridge: Proposed Zoning Text Amendment repealing language around Opportunity Housing previously approved in December 2024.	Bethany, Hamden, New Haven, Orange	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning amendment change does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does it appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound. However, the Regional Planning Commission does recommend that all communities in the region plan for and provide highly needed additional affordable housing opportunities and consider implementing zoning regulations that provide for such growth.
2.3	3/12/25	Town of Woodbridge: Proposed Special Exception for Excavation for two properties along Lunar Drive near West Rock Park.	Bethany, Hamden, New Haven, Orange	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning amendment change 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	3/26/2025	City of Derby: Proposed Zoning Text Amendment prohibiting tobacco, smoke, and vape shops throughout the City.	Orange, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning amendment changes do 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	3/28/25	City of Milford: Proposed Zoning Text Amendment allowing for more housing development opportunities in the Devon neighborhood.	Orange, West Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning amendment change 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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April 16, 2025

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

I am pleased to provide you with the latest updates on our recent activities and upcoming initiatives:

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

The draft of the 2025–2026 South Central Connecticut Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is included in the packet for your review. REX Development will present an update at the April SCRCOG meeting. The draft is also available on the REX website for public comment through May 7. Following the comment period, the final strategy will be submitted to the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD), the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), and the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) by June 1.

Talent Attraction and Workforce Development

We attended Talent MADE, a statewide initiative designed to foster collaboration among business leaders, government officials, entrepreneurs, and young professionals. The event emphasized strategies for attracting and retaining top talent in Connecticut, a critical issue for regional economic growth.

Greater New Haven Visitors and Relocation Guide

The 2025–2026 Greater New Haven Visitors and Relocation Guide is being distributed. It is being delivered to hotels, attractions, municipal buildings, libraries, Connecticut Welcome Centers, AAA offices, and major transportation hubs along the Eastern Seaboard. The guide serves as a key tool for promoting the region to visitors, prospective residents, and businesses.

International Tourism Outreach

I represented Greater New Haven at the Discover New England Summit in Newport, held April 7–9. Tour operators from United Kingdom, Germany, France, Italy, Mexico, Japan, and other European markets attended the summit. Following the event, in collaboration with the Connecticut Convention and Sports Bureau, Visit New Haven hosted two familiarization (FAM) tours: one for international media and another for global tour operators. These efforts support long-term international tourism growth and visibility for Greater New Haven.

Air Service and Regional Collaboration

In partnership with Tweed New Haven Airport, we are coordinating with leaders from Traverse City, Michigan, to explore opportunities for cross-promotion in anticipation of new direct air service launching in June. These efforts aim to boost tourism, business travel, and regional brand awareness in both markets.

Best Regards,

Ginny Kozlowski

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