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Meeting Notice & Agenda

South Central Regional MPO and COG

DATE	May 28,20	25 LOCATION	SCRCOG Office	DIAL-IN +1-929-	-205-6099		
TIME	10:00 am	MEETING URL	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87974372016	MEETING ID 879743	72016		
1	Call to O	rder and Introductions					
			utive Director, REX Development				
2	-	-	SCRCOG Meeting (motion)		Pages 3-5		
3		•	ng April 30, 2025 (motion)		Pages 6-8		
4	MPO Bu	siness					
	a) FY 2	2025 – FY 2028 Transpo	rtation Improvement Program Amend	ment 8 (motion)	Pages 9-1		
		opt Resolution to Approve tion)	e the FY 2026 and FY 2027 Unified Pl	anning Work Program	Page 16		
	d) Res		e Delegation of Authority Regarding C of SCRCOG Representative to the Twe		Page 17		
		nsportation Staff Report			Pages 18		
	f) Gre	ater New Haven Transit I	District Report				
	-	Rides Report					
5	COG Business						
	-		the 2025 South Central Regional Cor	mprehensive Economic	Page 20		
		elopment Strategy (CED					
			Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spend	ling Plan (motion)	Pages 21		
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			the Potential Uses of the Committed nd FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Pr		Page 32		
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		MHS Report					
6		Roundtable Discussion					
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	c) (Other					

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- 7 Other Business
- 8 Adjournment

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TO:	SCRCOG Board Members
FROM:	Mayor Lauren Garrett, Secretary
DATE:	April 29, 2025
SUBJECT:	SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2025

Present:

Bethany	First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, Immediate Past Chair
Branford	First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford	First Selectman Matthew Hoey
Hamden	Mayor Lauren Garrett, Vice Chair
Madison	First Selectman Peggy Lyons, Chair
Meriden	City Manager Brian Daniels
New Haven	Mayor Justin Elicker
North Branford	Town Manager Michael Downes
Orange	First Selectman James Zeoli
Wallingford	Mayor Vincent Cervoni
Woodbridge	First Selectman Mica Cardozo, Treasurer
SCRCOG Staff	Laura Francis, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Robert Dahill, Drew

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

<u>Guests:</u>

Barbara Malmberg and Ginny Kozlowski, REX Development; Al Carbone and 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,

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

1. Call to order and Introductions

Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. <u>Presentation: 2025 Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update</u> Presentation given by Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, REX Development

3. Adopt Minutes of March 26, 2025, SCRCOG Board Meeting (motion)

Chair Lyons referred to the minutes of the SCRCOG Board Meeting of March 26, 2025, which were included in the agenda packet on pages 2-4. Motion made by First Selectman Cardozo and seconded by First Selectman Cofrancesco. The motion passed unanimously.

4. <u>Treasurer's Report for month ending March 31, 2025 (motion)</u>

First Selectman Cardozo reported there is \$4.4 million in total assets of which \$1.8 million is in cash and investments, \$113 ,000 is due from CTDOT. All expenses appear to be appropriate for the one-month

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period. Motion made by First Selectman Cofrancesco and seconded by Town Manager Downes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. MPO Business

a) FY 2025 – FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment 7 (motion)

First Selectman Cosgrove referred to pages 8-10 of the agenda packet. Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove put forward the motion to approve. First Selectman Hoey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Adopt Resolution to Approve FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors Program Priorities (motion)

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove and seconded by First Selectman Cofrancesco. The motion passed unanimously.

c) <u>Resolution to Adopt the South Central Regional Council of Governments Public Participation</u> <u>Guidelines (motion)</u>

Motion made by First Selectman Cosgrove and seconded by First Selectman Cofrancesco. The motion passed unanimously.

d) <u>Transportation Staff Report</u>

Chair Lyons referred to pages14-15 of the agenda packet.

- e) <u>Greater New Haven Transit District Report</u> No Report
- f) <u>CT Rides Report</u>

No Report.

6. COG Business

a) FY 2024 – 25 Budget Revision #6 (motion)

Executive Director referred to pages 16-18 of the agenda packet. Motion was made by First Selectman Cosgrove and seconded by First Selectman Cofrancesco. The motion passed unanimously.

b) <u>FY 2024-25 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan Amendment #4 (motion)</u>

Executive Director Francis explained the amendment. Motion made by First Selectman Cofrancesco and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Francis referred to pages 19-20 of the agenda packet. Additionally, Francis explained phase two of the Cyber Security RPIP (Regional Performance Improvement Plan) Grant is about to be launched. There will be a webinar on May 20^{th.} Francis also advised letters were sent to all high school principals related to the SAFE-R (Students Advocating for Effective Roadways) Highway Safety Program. The data collection phase of the Regional Waste Authority Grant is nearing completion. There will be a meeting in May to review.

d) Regional Planning Staff Report

Chair Lyons referred to page 21 of the agenda packet.

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e) <u>Regional Planning Commission April Action Table</u>

Chair Lyons referred to page 22 of the agenda packet.

f) <u>REX Development Report</u>

Mayor Elicker advised the Selection Committee selected Michael Harris to fill the Executive Director position.

g) Sustainable CT Update

No Report

h) <u>Congressional Reports</u>

Lou Mangini reported the federal employment in CT is 11,800 which includes 10,000 postal workers. Starting May 5th a process to recover student loans will begin. Lou also advised the Federal Hartford HUD office closing.

i) State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST

No Report

j) <u>DEMHS Report</u>

Nicole Velardi advised BRIC (Building Resilience Infrastructure of Communities) Grant Program has been terminated. FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) grants back to 2020 that municipalities have not received may be cut. DEMHS is preparing other funding opportunities for other programs. The REPT Steering Committee meeting on Friday April 26th. On May 7th in Milford there is Hurricane workshop. Nicole also advised there are still free Cyber Security Assessments available.

7. <u>Regional Roundtable Discussion:</u>

a) Affordable Housing Video and Distribution Plan

Executive Director Francis shared an Affordable Housing video provided by David Fink, Housing Consultant.

b) <u>Other</u>

None

8. Other Business

None

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned11:23 a.m.

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 4/30/2025

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Accrued Interest	9,325.05					
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	54,920.41					
Deferred Revenue - OPM	201,095.07					
Deferred Revenue – RWA Grant	53,404.30					
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	299,810.29					
Deferred Rev Election Monitor	3,690.77					
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment	7,825.00					
Deferred Revenue – Retiree Health Insurance	793.19					
Total Liabilities	630,864.08					

Fund Balance

-	Total Fund Balance Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	3,680,352.26 4,311,216.34
Change in Fund Balar	ice	105,858.06
Lease Obligation		2,357,729.03
Investment in Equipme	ent	14,114.00
Amount for Accrued L	eave	43,226.71
Committed Fund Bala	nce	270,406.00
Fund Balance		889,018.46

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 4/30/2025

Resources		Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue		17,660.62	190,379.58	367,475.00
Municipal - Special Assessment			101,137.50	636,188.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning		140,716.19	791,044.50	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		144,651.20	1,160,357.07	2,697,982.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant		11,607.71	121,238.36	239,472.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP		7,520.46	54,265.00	360,291.00
CTDOT - Active Trans. Microgrants Program		34,695.00	68,842.16	68,842.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant)			104,976.98	104,969.00
US EPA - CPRG		16,810.72	262,503.01	749,672.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor				3,691.00
CT DEEP - SMM Grant		38.24	18,234.80	63,406.00
CT DEEP - RWA Grant		511.22	17,195.70	353,000.00
Interest - Revenue		5,015.84	49,313.83	20,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance		1,601.08	10,921.58	9,000.00
-	Total Resources	380,828.28	3,022,735.07	9,026,709.00

Direct Expenses		Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance		1,601.08	13,754.36	12,000.00
Transportation Planning Consultants		100,286.55	766,411.23	1,993,378.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants		8,240.00	72,727.75	190,500.00
Other Consultants		95,117.86	675,912.05	2,205,697.00
Subrecipients		39,587.58	195,288.86	336,947.00
Travel		2,382.26	6,906.87	14,600.00
Data Processing			6,371.71	6,500.00
Office Supplies		4,000.00	8,268.51	5,446.00
Subscriptions and Books		124.24	2,072.59	5,550.00
Insurance and Professional Services			1,090.50	0.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising		636.95	14,194.83	21,900.00
Capital			20,461.50	46,000.00
Miscellaneous			336.00	1,013.00
Transportation - Reserved				90,912.00
LOTCIP – 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	251,976.52	1,783,796.76	7,288,554.00

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget	
Direct Labor - Employees	52,913.18	505,596.49	767,639.00	

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 4/30/2025

Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	10,600.42	142,677.34	221,096.00
Employee Benefits	24,676.95	244,520.82	426,470.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	314.94	20,434.68	31,600.00
Rent	15,358.07	167,275.17	182,700.00
Telephone and Internet	874.92	4,516.20	9,000.00
Office Supplies	260.69	1,830.12	3,200.00
Equipment Maintenance	(1,252.17)	28,234.09	47,000.00
Subscriptions and Books	690.11	1,102.61	500.00
Insurance and Professional Services	652.50	15,850.75	47,300.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	854.00	976.98	650.00
Miscellaneous		65.00	900.00
Total Overhead	53,030.43	627,483.76	970,516.00
Total Operating Expenses	357,920.13	2,916,877.01	9,026,709.00

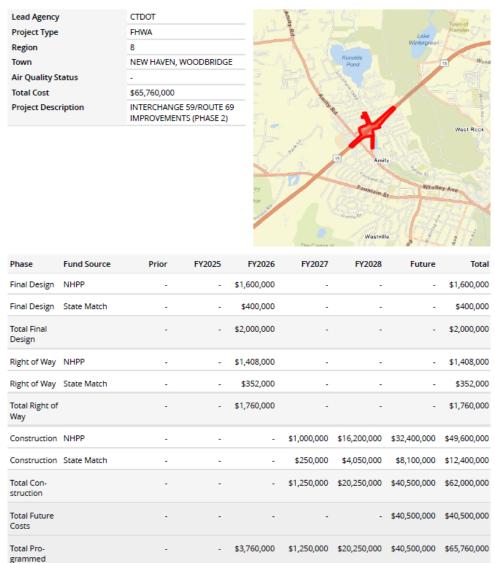
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2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Amendment Number 8

Project 0092-0689 – Interchange 59/Route 69 Improvements (Phase 2)

Changes: Updates to the schedule and funding allocations based on revised cost estimates and administrative adjustments.

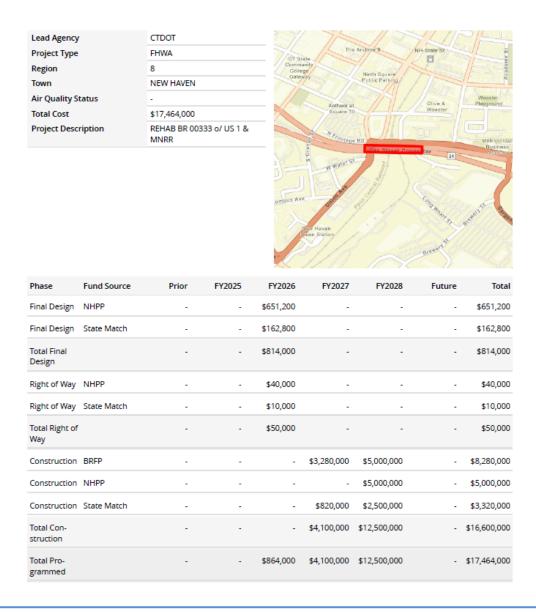
Reason: Includes improvements to Interchange 59 on Route 15 in New Haven and Woodbridge, specifically acceleration and deceleration lanes at Exit 59 connecting to Routes 63 and 69. The selected design alternative includes the replacement of the Pond Lily Bridge. Construction is planned to be financed over fiscal years 2027 through 2030.



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Project 0092-0696 – Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00333 over US 1 & Metro-North Railroad (MNRR)

Changes: Updates to the project schedule by shifting the Final Design (FD) and Right-of-Way (ROW) phases from FY 2025 to FY 2026 and separates them into individual line items. **Reason:** The project involves rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00333 over US Route 1 and the Metro-North Railroad. Construction is scheduled to be advanced through federal and state funding over FY 2026–2028.



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Project 0092-0703 - Bridge Improvements to Bridge No. 01031 over West River

Changes: New project

Final Design NHPP

Right of Way NHPP

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Final Design State Match

Right of Way State Match

Reason: This project involves bridge improvements to Bridge No. 01031 carrying CT Route 63 over the West River in New Haven. Funding is currently programmed for preliminary engineering, final design, and right-of-way phases. The construction phase is not yet programmed and remains under review pending prioritization.

Lead Agency		CTDOT			40			
Project Type		FHWA			W Rock Ave	~ \		
Region		8				7 1	1 6	
Town Air Quality Status Total Cost Project Description		NEW HAVEN - \$2,110,000 BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS; BR 01031 O/ WEST RIVER					yest Rix	
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Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Phase Preliminary Design	Fund Source BRFP	Prior -	FY2025 \$880,000	FY2026	FY2027 -		Future -	
Preliminary				FY2026	FY2027 -		Future	Tota

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Project 0170-3640 – Service Plaza Mainline Sign and Sign Support Replacement

Changes: Updates to the project scope to reflect applicable regions and adjusts the programmed construction phase.

Reason: The project, administered by CTDOT, includes replacement of mainline signs and sign supports along I-95 and I-395 service plazas. The scope has been revised to include only regions 01, 06, 07, 08, 11, 13, and 15. Construction is programmed in FY 2025.

Lead Agency	CTDOT	Trois-Rivières	8
Project Type	FHWA	Ottawa Montreal	3 / 2
Region	70	the second second	Maine
Town	STATEWIDE	Kingston Montpetier	Augusta
Air Quality Status	•	Beer Hempshys	
Total Cost	\$6,700,000	Rochester Concord	
Project Description	SERVICE PLAZA MAINLINE SIGN AND SIGN SUPPORT RE- PLACEMENT	Eguvania Harrisburg	
		Philadelphia New Jersey Washington Richmond	

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	NHPP	-	\$6,700,000	-	-	-	-	\$6,700,000
Total Con- struction		-	\$6,700,000	-	-	-	-	\$6,700,000
Total Pro- grammed		-	\$6,700,000	-	-	-	-	\$6,700,000

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Project 0170-3780 – Traffic Safety Analytics – CRSMS (S154)

Changes: New Project

Reason: This statewide project funds the development and implementation of the Crash Reduction System Management Software (CRSMS) for traffic safety analytics. Advanced Construction (AC) conversions are scheduled from FY 2025 through FY 2029.

Lead Agency	/				CTDOT				
Project Type					FHWA				
Region					70				
Town					STATEW	IDE			
Air Quality S	Status				-				
Total Cost					\$10,500	,000			
Project Desc	ription				TRAFFIC	SAFETY ANAL	YTICS - CRSMS	(S154)	
Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	F	Y2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Planning	HSIP	-	\$2,100,000	\$2,1	00,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$10,500,000
Total Plan- ning		-	\$2,100,000	\$2,1	00,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$10,500,000
Total Future Costs		-	-		-	-	-	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000
Total Pro- grammed		-	\$2,100,000	\$2,1	00,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	\$10,500,000

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Resolution

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

- 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 2025-2028Transportation 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

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Resolution Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Eight (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:

By: ____

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 **May 28th, 2025**

Date May 28th, 2025

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Resolution Approving the Final Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

- Whereas: The Council of Governments has shared a preliminary draft of the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program with the U.S. Federal Transit Administration, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, and the Connecticut Department of Transportation in March of 2025; and
- Whereas: Comments received during preliminary review were incorporated into a final Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program; and
- Whereas: The Council's Transportation Committee reviewed Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program on May 14, 2025, and recommended that the Council of Governments adopt the final work program.
- Whereas: The Council of Governments is required to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program prior to its final approval by CTDOT and the USDOT; and
- Whereas: The State and Federal final review and approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program will occur in June 2025 may require minor changes to be made to the document to enable the USDOT to approve this UPWP within the required timeframe.; and

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

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

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on May 28, 2025.

Date May 28, 2025,

By:

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Resolution

South Central Regional Council of Governments Delegation of Authority regarding invoices generated for the Connecticut Department of Transportation

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

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May 2025 Transportation Staff Report

1. Route 146 Corridor Management Plan

In 2023, CTDOT collaborated with the towns of Guilford and Branford to develop a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for Route 146 between the intersections with North Main Street, Branford and its eastern terminus at the intersection with Boston Post Road, Guilford. SCRCOG staff participated as well.

The intent of this Corridor Management Plan was to create a "community-based and flexible document that outlines the goals, strategies, and responsibilities for preserving and promoting the byway [or highway]. Corridor Management Plans typically address issues such as tourism development, historic and natural preservation, roadway safety, and economic development." The CMP for Route 146 is intended to help guide future actions within the corridor to improve safety for all users, to maintain its character and to plan for sea level rise and flooding.

The CTDOT project team held multiple public meetings in 2023 and 2024, coordinated meetings for the 30-member corridor working group, and established a project website for residents, elected officials, community leaders, and other stakeholders to share their perspectives and shape the corridor's future.

The final report can be found online under the documents tab: <u>Route 146 Corridor Management Plan</u> UPWP

2. Unified planning work program for fiscal years 2026 and 2027 (UPWP)

The draft UPWP for FY 2026 and FY2027 has been posted on our website and was presented to the Transportation Committee on the 14th. This document describes all planning and administrative activities that SCRCOG will conduct over a 2-year timeframe and includes a number of transportation planning studies. Highlights of the plan include a New FY27- FY30 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) which will be completed in June 2026. And a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan for FY27-FY54 which will start next year and be completed in April 2027.

The Draft UPWP for FY26 and FY27 is on that agenda for the Board meeting in May. And the 30 day public comment period will end June 5th. Any comments received will be incorporated into the final document that is submitted to FHWA, FTA and CTDOT for final approval.

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3. Connecticut Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Implementation Plan

SCRCOG staff met with the CTDOT Consultant team to discuss the Connecticut highway safety improvement program (HSIP) Implementation plan. This plan is required by FHWA because the CTDOT did not meet or make significant progress toward meeting their safety performance targets. This meeting is an annual event that provides us with an opportunity to highlight safety concerns and projects that could be included in the plan for implementation. Once again, the numbers show that the SCRCOG region has the second highest number of crashes and that the majority of those are happening on municipal roads. SCRCOG offered to work with CTDOT on safety studies and encouraged the department to allocate more federal funding for improvements to the local road network. When completed, a copy of the final plan will be available on our website.

4. Local transportation capital improvement program (LOTCIP) update

An application review meeting was held on May 23rd for <u>Madison's Sidewalk and Crosswalk</u> <u>Improvements Project</u>. Comments on the project will be shared with the town and once they are addressed then the Commitment to Fund Letter will be issued.

Our on call LOTCIP consultant is working on 2 applications that should be completed next month. These are the Sea Hill Rd Reconstruction project for North Branford and a elevated boardwalk project for Branford. With the on call agreement with BETA set to expire on June 30, 2025, SCRCOG staff will work with the Transportation Committee to decide next steps.

5. SCRCOG Regional Active Transportation Tour

On May 9th, 2025, we hosted a full-day Regional Active Transportation Tour in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and HDR to support the development of CTDOT's Statewide Active Transportation Plan. The tour provided CTDOT staff, consultants, and municipal officials with a firsthand look at pedestrian and bicycle safety challenges on state-owned corridors, highlighting real-world issues related to walking and biking infrastructure, safety, and connectivity. Informed by municipal feedback and planning data, the group focused on high-priority areas with recurring crash histories and accessibility concerns. The event also highlighted findings from SCRCOG and SLR's Mobility for All project, which emphasized the importance of data-driven planning and public engagement. Insights gained from the tour will help shape CTDOT's strategies for prioritizing infrastructure investments and improving non-motorized travel throughout the region.

6. Walk Audit at Metropolitan Business Academy

On May 20, 2025, SCRCOG staff participated in a walk audit at Metropolitan Business Academy in New Haven as part of the Safe Routes to School program. A walk audit is a community-based assessment that identifies barriers to safe walking and biking around schools, aiming to enable and encourage students to use active transportation. These audits support efforts to improve safety, promote healthy lifestyles, and reduce traffic congestion and emissions near school campuses. Insights gained from both events will help inform CTDOT's strategies for prioritizing infrastructure investments and improving non-motorized travel throughout the region.

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Resolution

Approving the 2025 South Central Connecticut Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update

- *Whereas:* South Central Connecticut aims to develop the region's resiliency, diversity, and community while striving for the creation and implementation of business-friendly policies and projects that result in a more attractive business environment and higher quality of life for its residents;
- Whereas: South Central Connecticut is a designated Economic Development District (EDD) through the US Economic Development Administration (US EDA);
- Whereas: South Central Connecticut Regional Economic Development Corporation a.k.a. REX Development is responsible for developing a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy every five years that is amended annually, as required by US EDA;
- *Whereas:* The purpose of the 2025 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update is to create a cohesive plan for the entire region to promote economic activity and to prepare for potential economic disruptions; and
- *Whereas:* The plan was developed over the past year by a broad spectrum of regional stakeholders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.
- Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Council of Governments

That the 2025 South Central Connecticut: Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Update is hereby approved.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on May 28, 2025.

Date: May 28, 2025

By:

FY 2025-2026 REGIONAL SERVICES GRANT (RSG) Proposed Spending Plan and Summary of Consultant-Supported Work May 28, 2025

Source of Project Funding:

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

Lin	Line Item		
1.	Staff Labor and Expenses	\$432,002	
2.	GIS Consultant	\$3 <i>,</i> 500	
3.	UConn MPA Interns - 2	\$36,500	
4.	Capitol Region Purchasing Council Dues	\$7,500	
5.	Regional Planning Consultants	\$134,000	
6.	Municipal Services Consultants	\$335,000	
To	Total		

Details of Regional Planning Consultants (5 above)

5a. Sewer and Water Infrastructure Expansion Feasibility Study					
Consultant: To Be Selected \$57,000					
The selected consultant will collect the data necessary to understand the capacity of the existing water					
and sewer infrastructure across the region and assist SCRCOG staff with municipal engagement to					
understand where expansion may be desired and eventually required.					

5b. Community Conversations - Housing				
Consultant: Benjamin Fink (continuing) \$50,000				
SCRCOG will continue to assist its member municipalities in the facilitation/promotion of resident				
education/communication through community-wide education programs and trainings.				

5c. Regional Tree Canopy Study (continuing)				
Consultant:University of Vermont (UVM)\$27,000				
Drawing upon data from the State of CT's spring 2023 flyover, UVM will begin Phase 2 of the 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. This study 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 h	ealth.			

Details of Municipal Services Consultants (6 above)

6a. Municipal Grants Assistance				
Municipal Grants, Engineering, Planning & Zoning Consultant: On-Call Lists \$25,000				
SCRCOG will provide limited grants assistance to its member municipalities which may include but is not				
limited to project review and grant matching for specific municipal projects, and GIS mapping. Other				
grant related assistance will be offered directly by SCRCOG staff or can be solicited through the Grants				
On-Call List for any municipal grant or SCRCOG led regional grant applications.				

6b. Shared Services Study	
Consultant: To Be Selected	\$175,000
The selected consultant will examine existing shared s	services, assess needs and gaps, and evaluate the

feasibility of new opportunities for inter-municipal partnerships. This study will identify scalable solutions that can address common challenges while leveraging regional resources.

6d. Transfer Station Site Assessments				
Consultant: To Be Selected (continuing) \$35,000				
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.				

6e. Economic Development				
Consultant: REX Development (continuing) \$100,000				
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 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				

Details of Other Anticipated Programs and Projects (In-House)

Regional Housing Information & Tracking

Creation and maintenance of a housing centered Regional Dashboard to assist municipalities with monitoring existing affordable units as they approach their compliance period.

Natural Resource & Open Space Mapping

Promote regular updates to the regional open spaces inventory to include the most recent information on connections, related amenities, and any new acquisitions, and to help identify potential areas for conservation.

Historic Resources Inventory

Build expertise and gather data to integrate historic preservation into the next regional POCD, with a goal of publishing an interactive regional historical resources inventory & developing technical assistance resources.

AARP Livable Communities Plan(s)

Assist interested municipalities with enrolling in the AARP network, conducting a community needs assessment, and developing an action plan for the Age-Friendly Program.

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Statement of Work and Grant Award Budget

PART I

NAME OF GRANTEE: South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG)

GRANT PROGRAM NAME: Regional Services Grant (RSG)

CONCISE GRANT PROGRAM SUMMARY (PROGRAM PURPOSE/INTENT/MISSON): The RSG Program provides annual grant-in-aid to regional councils of governments (COGs).

OPM GRANT NUMBER:

GRANT AWARD AMOUNT : (SCRCOG): Grant Amount: \$948,501.80

INTRODUCTION:

This Statement of Work and Grant Award Budget relates to the requirements of Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sections 4-66k and 4-66r and Section 8-31b. The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) is responsible for administering funds deposited to the Regional Planning Incentive Account, which is the source of RSG grant awards, and individual grant award amounts are determined through OPM's application of the statutory formula. Funds shall be used for planning purposes and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of municipal services, without diminishing the quality of such services.

Each COG shall complete its Statement of Work and Grant Award Budget following the format prescribed in Part II below. Drop-down boxes are provided to reflect allowable budget category options. The total dollar amount for each budget category shall be provided to the right of the drop-down box.

Each budget category shall be followed by a listing of typical activities expected to be performed by COG staff and/or contractors, including administrative activities.

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PART II - FY 26 RSG BUDGET CATEGORIES

(Note: The sum of **Budget Amounts** listed below must add up to the total **Grant Award Amount** shown in Part I)

1. Comprehensive Planning

Budget Amount: \$ 291,342.48

Expected Work Activities (There must be at least one activity listed per budget category. If more than one activity is listed, the last activity shall be preceded by "or". Please expand the numbering beyond "5", as necessary to reflect all expected work activities.)

- 1. Provide comprehensive support to the region's municipalities in the areas of land use, transportation, economic development, environment, historic preservation, and housing planning;
- 2. Collaborate with other CT Councils of Governments (COGs) and participate in CTCOG meetings;
- 3. Review land use referrals and provide support to the South Central Regional Planning Commission (RPC);
- 4. Continue to track and disseminate legislation that promotes SCRCOG's Legislative Agenda as it pertains to comprehensive planning programs and services in our region;
- 5. Create a series of workshops and trainings dedicated to tools and techniques for furthering the development of housing throughout the region, engage the region's community members in discussions and educational forums. FY26's programing will be designed to offer regional and local support to member municipalities based on the regional strategies that were developed in SCRCOG's Regional Housing Strategy, 2024;
- 6. Attend local and regional stakeholder meetings to foster collaboration and build relationships to better support municipalities;
- 7. Study the feasibility of expanding hard infrastructure to support additional housing development;
- 8. Provide GIS mapping support to the region's municipalities;
- 9. Maintain Regional Recreational Trails Mapping Program;
- 10. Attend local, regional, and/or federal conferences, workshops, and/or trainings for continued learning and professional development, including but not limited to the National Planning Conference and the Southern New England American Planning Association Conference;
- 11. Host and facilitate bi-annual Regional Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee Meetings;
- 12. Continue the update of the SCRCOG 2018 Tree Canopy Study;
- 13. Compile Certified Asset Management Assessor (CAMA) data and submit to OPM;
- 14. Participate in UConn MPP Intern Program;
- 15. Collaborate and support the initiatives of Sustainable CT;
- 16. Provide support and/or serve as the lead agency for state and federal grants;
- 17. SCRCOG staff time to implement, support, and/or manage the above tasks;
- 18. Purchase furniture and/or equipment to support the above tasks; or

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2. Regional Services

Budget Amount: \$657.159.32

Expected Work Activities (There must be at least one activity listed per budget category. If more than one activity is listed, the last activity shall be preceded by "or". Please expand the numbering beyond "5", as necessary to reflect all expected work activities.)

- 1. Provide comprehensive support to the region's municipalities in the areas of grant writing/administration, information technology/cybersecurity, economic development; solid waste and recycling, and energy;
- 2. Provide grant writing/administration resources, including trainings and workshops, maintain an updated list of relevant municipal grant opportunities, and offer individualized grant writing and application review support to member municipalities;
- 3. Participate in the Capitol Region Purchasing Council (CRPC) and through SCRCOG Regional Purchasing Consortium, seek out new opportunities for regional collaboration through responding to the identified needs of the region's municipalities;
- 4. Continue to track and disseminate legislation that promotes SCRCOG's Legislative Agenda as it pertains to municipal programs and services in our region.
- 5. Attend local and regional stakeholder meetings to foster collaboration and build relationships to better support municipalities;
- 6. Support economic development by offering peer-to-peer coaching or direct services to municipalities based on the market and organizational needs of the community, etc.;
- 7. Provide support to the region's municipalities that were recipients of the CT DEEP Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Round 2;
- 8. Continue site assessments of municipal transfer stations;
- 9. Conduct a municipal shared services study;
- 10. Participate in UConn MPP Intern Program;
- 11. SCRCOG staff time to implement, support, and/or manage the above tasks;
- 12. Purchase furniture and/or equipment to support the above tasks

FROM: Executive Director Laura Francis and Finance Director Christopher Rappa

TO: SCRCOG Board Members

RE: Highlights of the Proposed FY 2025-26 SCRCOG Budget

DATE: May 21, 2025

Below are highlights of the Proposed FY 2025-26 SCRCOG Budget.

• Total Budget Decreases by about \$1,850,000

The proposed FY 2024-25 budget totals \$7,186,373 as compared to a FY 2024-25 budget of \$9,026,709. The decrease was anticipated as it is a result of the lifecycle of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and other grants. Additionally, the CT DECD (EDA) – CARES ACT Grant was completed and fully expended.

• Municipal Dues

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

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

It is expected that RSG funding will remain stable at \$948,502. RSG funds, municipal dues, and competitively awarded grants received by SCRCOG, account for all non-federal revenue to SCRCOG. RSG funds are used for non-transportation regional planning, municipal shared services, and special projects.

• Transportation Planning – Federal Funds and State Match

FY 2025-2026 is the first year of the two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). CTDOT has informed SCRCOG that it will not be providing its 10% match for any carryover funds. Municipal dues are not enough to cover the increased match, so the budget proposes using the Committed Fund Balance to make up the difference.

• Operating Expenses Increasing by about \$115,000

Total operating expenses¹ are increasing from \$1,805,163 this year to a proposed \$1,920,612 in FY 2025-2026. This proposal includes a 2.5% general wage increase for all existing positions. The remaining increases are largely due to health insurance costs², software subscription costs³ and legal fees.⁴. The proposed budget projects an overhead rate of 1.3083, which is below the maximum of 1.5000 set by CTDOT.

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

² Includes an approximately 9% increase and the costs associated with the potential new positions

³ Includes Microsoft, Adobe, and Deltek Software

⁴ Includes general counsel and review of retirement plan as well as anticipated legal costs associated with the Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Grant

• Funding for New Positions in Governor's Budget Proposal

The Governor's Budget Proposal includes \$250,000 in Regional Planning Incentive Account (RPIA) funding for each COG for two new positions – one related to Stormwater Management/Flood Mitigation and one related to Solid Waste/Recycling. The proposed budget includes both positions. If this provision in the Governor's budget is not passed, the positions will be removed, and all payroll related line items will be adjusted accordingly.

• Other Considerations Affecting Proposed Budget

- An RSG Funding Extension request (\$14,000) was submitted to OPM to complete the Transfer Stations Site Assessments.
- There are several bills proposed that could possibly impact COGs by adding a position (Housing Specialist) or other functions that could affect the budget.

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Resolution

South Central Regional Council of Governments Budget Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

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

Whereas: SCRCOG's Executive Committee has reviewed and recommends acceptance of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget totaling \$7,186,373.

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

That a Fiscal Year 2026 Budget is adopted (copy attached), and

That Fiscal Year 2026 SCRCOG municipal dues are established at 44 cents per capita, per the Connecticut Department of Public Health's July 2023 population estimates.

Certificate:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the SCRCOG on May 28, 2025.

Date: May 28, 2025

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Summary

Revenue	FY 25 Budget	FY 26 Budget
Muncipal Contribution		
Municipal Contribution - Dues	245,300	249,800
Municipal Contribution - RPIP Match	636,188	375,000
Fund Balance	52,657	0
Committed Fund Balance	69,519	144,070
Transportation Planning		
U.S. DOT	1,714,416	1,350,692
U.S. DOT - Carryover	683,790	781,396
U.S. DOT - Highway Safety	239,472	169,718
CTDOT	214,302	168,837
CTDOT - Carryover	85,474	0
CTDOT - Active Transportation Microgrants Program	68,842	0
CTDOT - LOTCIP	110,291	250,000
Regional Planning		
CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)	948,502	948,502
CT OPM - RSG - Previous Fiscal Year	17,653	14,000
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)	2,205,066	1,805,066
CT OPM - Parcel and CAMA Data Grant	181,500	181,500
CT Secretary of the State - Regional Election Monitor	3,691	3,691
CT OPM - RPIA Additional Positions	0	250,000
CT DEEP - SMM Grant	63,406	20,706
CT DEEP - RWA Grant	353,000	112,500
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - CARES Act Funds	104,890	0
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - 4CT Funds	79	0
US EPA - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	749,672	320,895
Other		
Investment Income	20,000	20,000
Retiree Health Insurance	9,000	20,000
TOTAL	9,026,709	7,186,373

Expenses	FY 25 Budget	FY 26 Budget
Salaries	988,736	1,017,524
Benefits	438,470	475,791
Travel	14,700	17,100
Computer Supplies & Software	38,100	44,100
Rent	182,700	188,100
General Office Expenses	142,458	177,998
Transportation Consultants	1,993,378	1,807,539
Other Consultants	2,396,197	1,576,700
Passthrough Grants	336,947	70,000
Capital	46,000	0
Contingency	0	0
Transportation - Reserved	90,912	69,745
LOTCIP - Reserved	250,000	164,125
Highway Safety - Reserved	91,409	17,240
SMM Grant - Reserved	673	8,175
RWA Grant - Reserved	50,000	6,008
CPRG - Reserved	245,650	116,164
RPIP (Cybersecurity) - Reserved	1,568,879	1,430,066
Parcel and CAMA Data Grant - Reserved	151,500	0
Total	9,026,709	7,186,373

Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Municipal Dues

	FY 2025-26 Dues Per Capita (rounded to \$100)			
Municipality	CT DPH Population ⁽¹⁾	\$	0.44	
Bethany	5,271	\$	2,300	
Branford	28,031		12,300	
East Haven	27,533		12,100	
Guilford	22,020		9,700	
Hamden	60,014		26,400	
Madison	17,498		7,700	
Meriden	60,111		26,400	
Milford	52,793		23,200	
New Haven	135,319		59,500	
North Branford	13,415		5,900	
North Haven	24,295		10,700	
Orange	14,322		6,300	
Wallingford	43,725		19,200	
West Haven	54,790		24,100	
Woodbridge	9,021		4,000	
Total	568,158	\$ 2	249,800	

(1) State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, Estimated Population in Connecticut Towns As of July 1, 2023.

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Resolution

Amending the potential uses of the Committed Fund Balance to include the match for the FY 2026 and FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Whereas:	On January 26, 2022, the SCRCOG Board committed \$300,000 of the Unassigned Fund Balance for matching the federal Transportation Planning Funds in the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and/or the possible match required for the five-year update of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan;
Whereas:	As of June 30, 2024, the balance in the Committed Fund Balance account is \$270,406.00 and it is expected that a portion of this balance will be utilized during FY 2025;
Whereas:	The total federal "carry-over" funds in the FY 2026 and FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is expected to be \$781,936; and
Whereas:	The Connecticut Department of Transportation has indicated that it will not be providing 10% of the required 20% match for the "carry-over" funds, therefore a match of up to \$195,349 may be required in order for these federal Transportation Planning funds to be utilized;
Whereas:	SCRCOG generally leverages municipal contributions ("dues") to match the federal Transportation Planning funds; and
Whereas:	The current dues structure will not provide enough match to fully utilize the federal Transportation Planning funds that will be made available in the FY 2026 and FY 2027 UPWP.

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

In order to maximize programming over the next two fiscal years, SCRCOG amends the potential uses of the Committed Fund Balance to include the match for the FY 2026 and FY 2027 UPWP.

Certificate:

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

Date: May 28, 2025

By:

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May 2025 Executive Director's Report

Organizational Updates

Staffing

- 1. Drew Thomas, GIS/Data Manager, will begin their journey in the UCONN Geography PhD program. Their last day at SCRCOG will be Thursday, May 22. We thank Drew for helping to build a more robust use of GIS and data in our planning processes. We wish Drew much success and hope our paths will cross again in their new role.
- 2. Thalia Witkovsky will begin work on May 28 as the 2025 SCRCOG Sustainable CT Fellow. Thalia attends Wesleyan University in Middletown and has extensive volunteer experience in multiple environmental and sustainability activities. She hopes to work in environmental policy making at the federal level after graduation. Thalia will be available to help all municipalities working on Sustainable CT certification.

Financial

Announcements

 SCRCOG Staff participated in the CTDEEP CREST (Community Renewable Energy Siting Tool) Collaborative which informed the development of the tool. DEEP has since launched the online tool that will enable a more transparent and efficient siting and permitting process for large-scale renewable energy projects, while at the same time protecting Connecticut's environmental and natural resources. <u>See announcement</u>. CREST is available online via: <u>CREST Solar Suitability Application</u>

Items Requiring Attention and/or Action

 Intern Mentorship – Please contact Brendon Dukett if you are willing to spend an hour with our UCONN IPP interns (remotely or in-person). These meetings, which will take place over the academic year, will be scheduled within the intern work program currently under development. This is an opportunity for our interns to learn about municipal work and could help inform their future employment choices.

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Interagency and External Relations

- 1. SCRCOG hosted UConnTAB for an in-person Brownfield Roundtable event featuring speakers from DECD, DEEP, EPA, and other regional, state, and national partners at The Lab @ ConnCorp, a former brownfield site in Hamden. Slides from the different agencies' presentations will be available, please contact Stephanie Camp for additional information.
- 2. Colette Kroop was honored and presented at the 2023-2025 Emerging Leaders of Color Graduation Ceremony. The Ceremony was the culmination of a two-year leadership program presented by the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven and UConn's School of Public Policy, designed to find and train the next generation of public service leaders from communities of color.

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May 2025 Regional Planning & Municipal Services Staff Report

- Solid Waste, Recycling, and Food Waste Diversion Consultant Pam Roach recently completed a SCRCOG regional Donation Guide. If you have any questions about accessing the guide or sharing it with your community, please reach out to Brendon Dukett. This guide can be found at the link below: <u>https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/Wm6agEgo9SCdqzKTNBHa2dmz</u>
- Proposals are due on Wednesday, May 28th at 12:00 P.M. for RFQ#025-01: Temporary Planning & Zoning Services. Should you have any questions about the responses, please reach out to Brendon Dukett. Thank you to our review panel made of planners and zoning enforcement officers from Bethany, Hamden, and Madison.
- 3. As we did last July and August, staff are currently preparing for the upcoming round of Municipal 1-on-1 in-person meetings. These sessions will focus on any needs or priorities that you and your team have for the upcoming fiscal year. Additional information will be shared soon, but please feel free to contact Brendon Dukett with any questions in the meantime.
- 4. We have two upcoming housing meetings to bring to your attention. We will be hosting a community conversation training on Thursday May 29th from 12:00-1:30pm on how to plan and run a community conversation. This training, coming at a point when many towns and cities in our region have begun hosting community conversations with the goal of getting residents *informed* and *involved* in solving big issues like housing, and others are planning to host their first conversations will offer a chance to step back and reflect: What's been working? What's been getting in the way? What are the common concerns and challenges, and how can we address them? On Wednesday, June 4th from 2:00-3:30pm, we will be holding the final Housing Working Group meeting of the fiscal year and the final meeting with our consultant David Fink before he retires. This meeting will focus on updates to housing related legislation and a video we created on affordable housing. If you are interested in attending either meeting, please contact lan McElwee at imcelwee@scrcog.org.
- SCRCOG will be facilitating a regional application to Sustainable Materials Management Round 2 (SMMR2) to assist municipalities in administration, procurement, and coordination of regional priorities.

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6. SCRCOG staff are assisting Hamden and New Haven in their joint round 7 CIF application to DECD. SCRCOG will be providing technical assistance including mapping, letters of support, and other general assistance.

Regional Planning Commission

March 2025 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	4/11/2025	City of New Haven: Proposed zoning text amendments bringing rooming house applications, receiverships, anti- blight, and residential licensing into compliance with state law.	East Haven, Hamden, North Haven, West Haven, 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.
2.2	4/11/2025	Town of Killingworth: Proposed zoning text amendment allowing active adult communities (55+ communities) in rural districts.	Madison	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.
2.3	4/10/2025	Town of Guilford: Proposed zoning text amendment removing the need for site plan approval for signs.	Branford, Madison, North Branford	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	4/16/2025	Town of Wallingford: Proposed zoning text amendment to allow private education facilities in select locations in Town	Hamden, Meriden, 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.
2.5	4/24/2025	Town of Woodbridge: Proposed special exception for a new 96 unit apartment building on Fountain Street.	Bethany, Hamden, New Haven, 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.
2.6	4/24/2025	Town of North Haven: Proposed zoning text amendment allowing for residential care homes in certain districts and requiring minimum parking spaces similar to other care facilities	East Haven, Hamden, New Haven, North Branford, Wallingford	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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Economic Development Report: Greater New Haven Region

REX Development Update: REX Development welcomes **new Executive Director Michael Harris**. With experience coordinating CTNext state resources for the innovation economy and building place-based projects in the New Haven region, Michael joins the team with strong connections to key sectors driving regional growth. He holds certifications as a Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) and Entrepreneurship Development Professional (EDP) with IEDC, as well as Grow America's Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP). Over the coming months, Michael will be meeting with municipal leaders and key business – please feel invited to contact <u>mharris@rexdevelopment.com</u> to set up or recommend a meeting.

1. Regional Research & Market Intelligence

REX Development has subscribed to CoStar, a leading commercial real estate data platform. This tool will improve access to current real estate data, market analytics, and property comparisons. Benefits to the region include:

- Enhanced ability to attract site selectors and developers with up-to-date market reports.
- Support for municipalities in planning and economic development efforts with custom reports on vacancies, lease rates, and investment trends.
- Improved regional competitiveness through data-informed marketing and strategy.

2. Municipal Engagement & Highlights

West Haven Economic Development Summit

Mayor Dorinda Borer highlighted strong momentum in West Haven's development pipeline, including waterfront investments, infrastructure upgrades, and new business attraction efforts. REX attended in support of regional collaboration.

3. Policy & Funding Preparedness

Regional Planning Around Federal Funding Changes

To assess and prepare for potential shifts in federal policy and funding, REX has:

• Met with Hope Chavez of the Arts Council of Greater New Haven to explore anticipated impacts on the creative economy and cultural sector.

• Participated in a convening at the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven focused on implications for food security, housing, and healthcare nonprofits.

4. Brownfields Redevelopment

Regional Brownfields Roundtable

Co-hosted by REX, SCRCOG, UCONN TAB, and additional partners, this roundtable provided municipal leaders and stakeholders with:

- Funding updates and best practices for brownfield site cleanup and reuse.
- Case studies and networking opportunities to advance stalled redevelopment projects.



5. Innovation & Tourism Integration Yale Innovation Summit (May 28 & 29)

REX will attend this key innovation and entrepreneurship event to:

• Engage with bioscience, climate tech, and digital health startups.

• Promote regional tourism assets through Visit New Haven materials to visiting investors and innovators.

International Familiarization Tour

Visit New Haven hosted an Austrian tour operator in collaboration with Brand USA. Introduced the tour operators to destinations and itineraries for future group travel inclusion.

6. Visit New Haven Tourism Highlights

• **Statewide Advocacy**: Participated in Arts, Culture, and Tourism Day at the State Capitol, advocating for sustained tourism marketing funds vital to regional economic activity.

• **Media Exposure**: Hosted an Irish travel writer and vlogger, who explored culinary, historical, and cultural attractions across Greater New Haven.

• **Partnership Coordination**: Coordinating a brochure swap with the Central Regional Tourism District to maximize shared visitor outreach.

• Welcome Center Preparation: Preparing regional materials for Connecticut Welcome Centers to greet and inform summer travelers.

• International Familiarization Tour: Visit New Haven hosted an Austrian tour operator in collaboration with Brand USA, introducing regional destinations for future group travel inclusion.

7. Resource Development for Bioscience Sector Lab Staff Reductions

Following layoff announcements at Arvinas and Rallybio, REX Development convened state and regional partners to coordinate support between DOL, workforce programs, and bioscience sector-specific resources. Expecting future impacts from NIH funding cuts, this partner teams and resources are expected to

• **Direct Outreach:** Shared statement and Bioscience Career Resource Guide document listing each team member's available resources, which will also be included in presentations from the team at two DOL webinars in early June, as well as an in-person job fair in mid-June at CCSU.

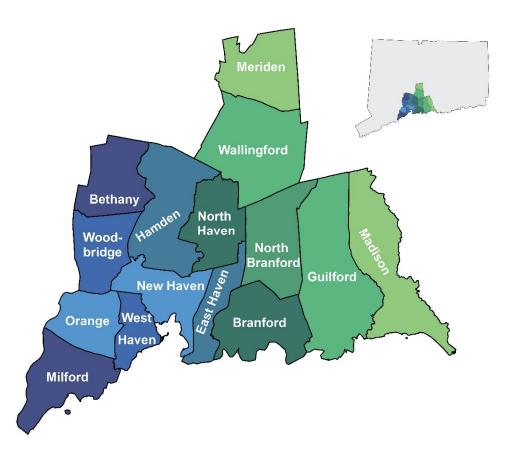
• **Employer Outreach:** Working with Arvinas' HR, industry-facing partners are distributing a compiled resume book of laid-off staff and exploring a tech-enabled matchmaking program.

Transportation Planning Work Program

Unified Planning Work Program **DRAFT REPORT**

Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027

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Introduction

The South Central Connecticut Region includes the entire corporate limits of the fifteen municipalities in the Greater New Haven area - Bethany, Branford, East Haven Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, and Woodbridge. The Region is a Council of Governments, as permitted by the Connecticut General Statutes, with each municipality represented by its chief elected official. The Council meets monthly to act on regional business and oversee the transportation activities of the Region. The Council also serves as a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Recommendations concerning transportation actions are forwarded to the Council from the Transportation Committee, consisting of six members of the Council, and the Transportation Technical Committee, which includes an appointed staff person from each municipality. These two committees meet jointly each month to recommend actions for consideration by the Council on transportation matters.

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is adopted in accordance with federal code (23CFR Part 450.308) and governs the transportation planning activities of the Region. These planning activities include planning partners at the federal level of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and, at the state level, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT).

This UPWP utilizes, builds upon, and continues the required transportation planning activities from previous UPWPs. Specific consultant-supported projects that are continued from previous UPWPs are noted hereafter.

It is noted that the FY 27 activities shown herein are subject to SCRCOG approval of the SCRCOG FY 27 budget and may be adjusted after funding levels are confirmed.

Key Issues for the 2026 and 2027 Program Years

the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act IIJA maintains the 10 planning factors, first established in the FAST Act.. The Federal Legislation, identified ten (10) planning factors that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), such as the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG), must consider in their Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWP). These general planning goals are:

- 1. Economic Vitality Support the economic vitality of the metropolitan area, especially by enabling global competitiveness, productivity and efficiency.
- 2. Safety Increase the safety of the transportation system for motorized and nonmotorized users.

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- Environment Protect and enhance the environment, promote energy conservation, improve the quality of life, and promote consistency between transportation improvements and state and local planned growth and economic development patterns.
- 5. System Integration Enhance the integration and connectivity of the transportation system, across and between modes, for people and freight.
- 6. System Accessibility and Mobility Increase the accessibility and mobility for people and freight.
- 7. System Management Promote efficient system management and operation.
- 8. System Preservation Emphasize preservation of the existing transportation system.
- 9. System Resiliency and Reliability Improve the resiliency and reliability while reducing or mitigating the stormwater impacts of surface transportation, and.
- 10. Travel and Tourism Promote and enhance travel and tourism.

The South Central Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2023-2050 (MTP) was updated in May 2023 in accordance with State and Federal guidelines. The MTP incorporates all responses received during public outreach and establishes regional goals. The update of the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) was completed in the spring of 2018. The SCRCOG POCD suggests strategies for future actions in the Region.

SCRCOG's FY 2026 and FY 2027 UPWP addresses major regional transportation issues and opportunities through a combination of regional staff effort, consultant support and coordination with CTDOT and the related staff work at our member cities and towns.

This UPWP summarizes ongoing staff work, such as inter-agency coordination, analysis and utilization of the latest available census and demographic data, data monitoring, modeling and outreach, as well as special projects to be conducted during the coming fiscal year. The FY 2026 and FY 2027 UPWP utilizes and builds upon previous year's activities.

The FY 2026 and FY 2027 Unified Planning Work Program consists of five work tasks:

Task 1: Management of the Planning Process - Program Administration

Task 2: Planning Activities

- Task 3: Data Collection/Analysis Monitoring and Projections
- Task 4: Other Technical Assistance
- Task 5: Public Participation

For each of these tasks, the following sections of the UPWP identify objectives, and major activities for the FY 2026 and FY 2027 work program. Products, such as technical memoranda, final reports or other documentation are also noted, and the anticipated schedule for major work tasks is identified. Maintaining a balanced, multi-modal transportation program is a critical element in meeting State and Federal planning guidelines.

Task 1: Management of the Planning Process – Program Administration

Objectives

To administer transportation programs in accordance with all state and federal guidelines to schedule planning activities and to allocate staff resources appropriately to conduct all identified UPWP work tasks in a timely and efficient manner.

Activities

Maintain financial records and develop quarterly reports that meet the requirements of regional partners.

The MPO Certification review was accomplished in FY 2025. Work with CTDOT, FHWA and FTA to document compliance with applicable federal standards and recertification requirements. For FY 2026 and FY 2027, annual self-certification will be approved by Council members (Mayors and First Selectmen) stating that the planning process is consistent with applicable federal regulations.

Conduct a Comprehensive audit of Council FY 2025 and FY 2026 revenue, expenditures, and internal management practices.

Prepare FY28 and FY29 UPWP for adoption prior to start of FY 28. (February-May 2027)

Products/Schedule

- Quarterly Reports. September, January, April, and July
- Annual Affirmative Action Plan. February 2026 and February 2027.
- MPO self-certification. February 2026 and February 2027
- Annual Audit. Comprehensive audit of Council FY 2025 and FY 2026 revenue, expenditures, and internal management practices (November 2026 and November 2027).
- This task requires continuing activity throughout the years.

Task 2: Transportation Planning Activities

Objectives

To continue to work with our member municipalities, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), federal transportation agencies, and other state agencies to support a regional approach to planning.

Adopt a new FY27-FY54 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) in accordance with CTDOT, FHWA and FTA guidance. Facilitate public awareness of the adoption process for the MTP, and provide the opportunity for public comment.

To maintain a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in accordance with CTDOT and reflective of current regional priorities, long-range regional objectives, and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) transportation planning requirements. Accompany TIP actions with an air quality conformity statement, as appropriate, establishing relationships with the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality.

Adopt a new FY27-FY30 TIP in accordance with CTDOT timeframe. Facilitate public awareness of the adoption process for the TIP and STIP and provide the opportunity for public comments on TIP-related actions at the SCRCOG level.

To continue the development of a web based statewide STIP/ TIP management system (ESTIP).

To assist our member municipalities in developing projects and utilizing funds made available under Federal and State discretionary grant programs.

To support a performance-based approach to planning and the use of performance measures to document expectations for future performance. Using this approach, SCRCOG will work with its member municipalities, the CTDOT, federal transportation agencies, and other state agencies, to set priorities which are reinforced and expanded by the Plan.

To Coordinate with the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) on emergency response planning and transportation security and resilience.

To provide technical assistance and coordination with Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program participants and CTDOT concerning applications for funding.

Work with REX Development and other economic development partners to ensure continued regional economic vitality.

Work with CTDOT and other state agencies to support transit oriented development (TOD) efforts throughout the region.

To support CTRAIL, CTRANSIT, The Greater New Haven Transit District, the Milford Transit District and River Valley Transit services and to promote coordination between the various providers of public transportation in our region.

To work with CTDOT regarding electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects and programs.

To promote transportation system connectivity to include access to town/city/neighborhood centers and first/last mile connections.

Activities

Transportation Systems Management and Operations

Support the development and implementation of Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSMO) improvements, advancing the use of Travel Demand Management measures, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) strategies and technologies in the region.

Maintain FY2025-FY2028 TIP and Adopt FY2027-FY2030 TIP

Update as required the current four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is consistent with the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2023-2050 and state-defined financial constraints. Adopt and maintain FY2027-FY2030 TIP in accordance with CTDOT timeline.

Maintain 2023-2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Adopt 2027-2054 MTP.

Review as necessary the Region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan to ensure consistency with regional and state goals and update as necessary through coordination with CTDOT and various other entities in accordance with guidance and federal requirements. Adopt the FY27-FY54 MTP in accordance with CTDOT, FHWA and FTA guidance. Facilitate public awareness of the adoption process for the MTP, and provide the opportunity for public comment

Review of Land Use and Transportation Models

SCRCOG staff will work with municipal staff to assess the impact of projected land uses on transportation in the Region. Land use decisions will be analyzed to assess and promote consistency with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the State, Regional, and local Plans of Conservation and Development. Identification of major growth corridors and review of major transportation improvements will help frame preferred growth patterns including transit-oriented development (TOD) and smart growth initiatives. SCRCOG staff will help advance initiatives that reduce dependence on single occupancy vehicles and improve the region's air quality. Technical assistance will be provided to the Region's municipalities as requested. Staff will work to support State efforts to fund transit improvements and TOD.

Corridor Planning and Regional Transportation Planning Studies.

Work with SCRCOG member municipalities, CTDOT and regional stakeholders to conduct corridor planning and other transportation planning studies, utilizing consultant support as needed. All consultant work will be undertaken in a manner consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Any studies undertaken by the Region that impact state transportation systems or highways will identify the role and/or assistance expected from CTDOT, including resources and outcome.

Title VI

SCRCOG staff will Utilize 2020 Census data and latest available American Community Survey data to evaluate our plans and programs and ensure continued outreach and activities to meet the requirements of Title VI.

Surface Transportation Program

Establish regional priorities with CTDOT to facilitate the annual statewide program development process. Sustain a continuous interchange with municipalities advancing Surface Transportation Program per CTDOT guidelines

Assist CTDOT in the development of a five-year capital plan.

Coordinate efforts to maintain a multi-year program that balances priorities, costs, available funds and the progress of individual projects. And continue Council monitoring of programmed work through monthly review.

Continue programming consultation with regional planning organizations comprising the Bridgeport-Stamford and New Haven urbanized areas.

Air Quality/ Environmental Planning

Work with CTDOT to consider the impacts of climate change and air quality on the transportation decision making process. And work with CTDOT to make the necessary air quality conformity determinations based upon CTDOT modeling.

FTA Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

Share notice of the annual Section 5310 grant funding availability and help potential applicants advance proposals consistent with FTA and CTDOT guidelines. Review applications and prioritize projects based on CTDOT criteria.

Transit Planning

Support efforts to coordinate Public Transit among the service providers in the region by assessing demographic and land use policies to identify new opportunities for transit service outside the existing route network and service areas. Staff will work with transit providers to develop initiatives that increase transit usage and reduce the reliance on single occupancy vehicles which contributes to improving air quality. The transportation system connectivity must include access to town/city/neighborhood centers and first/last mile connections.

Local Transit Districts

Work with Greater New Haven Transit District, the Milford Transit District and, the Meriden Transit District and assist our regional partners in developing projects and utilizing funds made available under Federal and State programs.

Transit Oriented Development (TOD)

Work with the Connecticut Municipal Development Agency (CMDA), the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), other state agencies and the member towns to provide support for transit oriented development (TOD) efforts and identify areas, including brownfields, that are suitable for construction of affordable housing in the vicinity of existing and proposed transit corridors.

Transit Stations and TOD

Work with interested municipalities, CTDOT, local legislators and residents to help promote transit and TOD opportunities to increase mobility, improve transportation options, promote economic vitality, and encourage the linking of transportation and land use decisions.

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

Support CTDOT efforts regarding electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects and programming and support efforts to develop a program for the installation of electric vehicle fast chargers along Alternative Fuel Corridors.

State Of Good Repair

Advance programs for the preservation of the existing transportation system, including actions which maintain the transportation system in a "state of good repair". The preservation of the various resources will allow opportunities for the future as regional needs evolve.

Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL)

Support the Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) approach to transportation decision-making that considers environmental, community, and economic goals early in the transportation planning process. SCRCOG will participate in PEL Studies conducted within the region.

Traffic Diversion Routes

Continue to work with member municipalities and CTDOT to periodically review and update the I-95, I-91, I-691 and Route 15 highway diversion plans as new construction and roadway modifications require.

Environmental Planning

Continue coordinated planning to promote safety, environmental sustainability and livable communities' initiatives. Through the Council's studies and planning efforts, SCRCOG staff will coordinate and participate in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Locally Coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (LOCHSTP)

The South Central Region's Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (LOCHSTP) was first adopted in 2009. In 2021, the updated Statewide LOCHSTP was adopted. SCRCOG assisted CTDOT in that effort. SCRCOG will continue to coordinate human services transportation to address the mobility needs of the Region's elderly and disabled under the Section 5310 program, Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality (CMAQ), Transportation Alternatives (TA)

SCRCOG will solicit proposals from the region for projects to be funded through the CMAQ and TA programs. Proposals will be ranked and forwarded to CTDOT in accordance with the program guidelines.

Municipal Assistance

SCRCOG will assist its member municipalities in ongoing programs such as STP-Urban, CMAQ, TA, the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTCIP), the Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) and other appropriate programs. The assistance shall include information dissemination, assistance in application preparation, screening, and prioritization as necessary.

Regional and State Freight Plans

Work with municipalities and the State to maximize future intermodal opportunities as they develop throughout the Region. SCRCOG will maintain a regional freight plan to include a multi-modal list of freight movement constraints. SCRCOG will work with CTDOT to maintain the state freight plan and assist the Department in identifying bottlenecks, needed improvements and estimated costs to improve freight movement into and through the region, the state, and surrounding states.

Freight Stakeholders

Assist CTDOT with efforts to maintain a list of freight stakeholders and operators in the region, as well as GIS data on freight-related land uses and stakeholders and major generators.

Truck Parking

Support efforts to address the need for sufficient truck parking in the region. Whenever possible, SCRCOG will work with CTDOT and the freight operators to identify new opportunities.

Operations and Management Strategies

Review State ITS Architecture refinements. SCRCOG staff will ensure coordination with regional and local plans. Many of the study efforts focused on alleviating traffic congestion and thereby improving air quality through enhanced operation and utilization of existing transportation highway and transit system assets.

Coordination with DEMHS

Attend DEHMS Region 2 regional meetings to work with DEHMS and municipal staff on emergency response planning and implementation. Review DEMHS communications and plans to ensure integration with other regional initiatives.

Security of the Transportation System

Work with DEMHS Region 2 Regional Emergency Preparedness Team Steering Committee to review and offer recommendations on security. The Transportation Regional Emergency Support Function (ESF-1) conducts regular SWOT (**S**trengths, Weaknesses, **O**pportunities, **T**hreats) analysis to help improve regional transportation function and security. SCRCOG staff, in partnership with RiverCOG staff participates in ESF-1 meetings.

Safety Activities

Work with CTDOT, member municipalities and other regional entities to advance safety programs and activities in the region. SCRCOG will participate in the implementation of CTDOT's Strategic Highway Safety Plan and incorporate its recommendations into regional plans and activities.

Safety Action Plan and Vision Zero

The South Central Regional Safety Action Plan was updated in 2023, and a Vision Zero resolution was adopted in May of that year. SCRCOG will continue its commitment to Vision Zero principles and continue to work with stakeholders in the region to improve roadway safety.

Complete Streets

Consider the needs of users of all abilities or mode to provide a comprehensive, integrated and connected multi-modal network of transportation options.

Climate Change and Resiliency

Work in cooperation with CTDOT and regional entities to improve transportation system resiliency in the face of climate change, sea level rise and severe storms. Support CTDOT's climate change and resiliency planning efforts.

Performance Based Planning and Programming

Work with transportation partners to develop and implement a performance management approach to transportation planning and programming that supports the achievement of transportation system performance outcomes. SCRCOG supports performance-based planning as required under the FAST Act. During the term of this UPWP, SCRCOG expects to continue the endorsement of CTDOT performance goals and safety targets.

Travel and tourism

Continue to work with REX Development. REX currently provides travel and tourism promotion for the region. Working with REX, SCRCOG can meet this planning goal.

Models of Regional Planning

Coordinate with Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments, and the other major MPOs sharing the region's urbanized areas. In addition, our participation in the Connecticut Association of Councils of Governments (CTCOG), and continued staff outreach, keeps us in contact and cooperation with our neighboring Councils, and the entire state regional planning community. SCRCOG staff will continue to build upon this strong base of cooperation and collaboration.

REX Development

REX Development serves as the federally designated Economic Development District (EDD) in the South Central Region. They maintain the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (<u>CEDS</u>) and provide oversight on progress towards the stated goals and objectives. SCRCOG will continue to coordinate efforts to promote regional economic vitality and opportunities. REX serves as the regional coordinator of brownfields funds, utilizing these opportunities to encourage adaptive reuse of brownfields sites to contribute to the improved economic environment of the region.

Ladders of Opportunity

Continue to look for means to identify and address transportation connectivity issues. Our previous Transit Study, utilization of a Mobility Manager Service for elderly and persons with disabilities, and the Jobs Access Study, produced in cooperation with the local NAACP chapter and the Workforce Alliance are examples of the region's commitment to identifying and working to address transportation connectivity issues. These efforts will continue during FY2026 and FY2027.

Staff Training

SCRCOG will participate in training and professional development opportunities to strengthen internal resources and to build technical capacity. SCRCOG staff will make use of training opportunities through CTDOT, FHWA, FTA and other partners.

Products/Schedule

- FY2025-2028 TIP. Maintain the four-year Transportation Improvement Program and adopt amendments as appropriate throughout the fiscal year.
- FY2027-2030 TIP. Adopt and Maintain the four-year Transportation Improvement Program and adopt amendments as appropriate throughout the fiscal year.
- 2027-2054 MTP. Adopt the MTP in accordance with CTDOT, FHWA and FTA guidance.
- FTA Section 5310 Program Priorities. Review and approval of grants, in conjunction with CTDOT (April 2026 and April 2027).

Task 3: Data Collection/Analysis – Monitoring and Projections

Objectives

To provide a database for regional transportation planning in close coordination with Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) data developed for statewide needs.

To maintain, as appropriate, regional highway and transit databases as components of SCRCOG's regional travel demand model.

To evaluate new technologies and coordinate data acquisition and software purchases with CTDOT and member municipalities to ensure the utility and compatibility of data.

Activities

Demand Modeling Database

Maintain the region's travel demand model. Integrate traffic data from Replica locationbased services data. Integrate new CTDOT traffic counts obtained through consultant supported work.

Continue network maintenance for additions and changes to the roadway and transit systems.

Traffic Data Collection Program

Utilize Replica location-based services data to collect data on intersections identified at the municipal level for evaluation of congestion. Share the collected volume, traffic, and movement data with municipalities and CTDOT's Office of Traffic Engineering and coordinate with other data collection programs at the state and local levels.

Rail and Commuter Parking Lot Occupancy Survey

Monitor late-morning occupancy (maximum occupancy) at New Haven's Union Station, and the Branford, Guilford and Madison Shore Line East stations as well as lots adjacent to I-95 and I-91 on a quarterly basis and publish data on the SCRCOG website.

Congestion Management and Monitoring

Work with municipal staff to identify target areas for operations and management strategies (O&M) including development and implementation of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategies and technologies in the region and Travel Demand Management (TDM).

Staff will continue to cooperate with CTDOT on the six elements of the congestion management process (CMP):

- (1) Determining the CMP net term and the Region,
- (2) defining congestion, identifying congested links,
- (3) developing strategies to address congested links,
- (4) implementing strategies:
- (5) short and long term and monitoring the network.

Activities will focus on the recommendations from previous consultant supported studies and as per CTDOT guidance.

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Maintain and utilize a robust GIS system. The system is shared with the Region's member municipalities. Recent data additions (FY18) have provided greater depth to the system data library.

Census Boundary Smoothing

SCRCOG will assist CTDOT in the boundary smoothing process to adjust the boundaries of the urbanized area to more accurately reflect the actual population distribution.

Technology in Planning and Data Collection.

Maintain transportation project management and data collection software.

Monitor and evaluate new technologies and planning products that support planning activities in the region. Cloud based software and planning products provide a range of benefits that enhance GIS mapping, program management and project delivery, traffic counts and TIP management.

Safety Monitoring

Review safety data, goals, objectives, and strategies to promote safety and solicit projects for participation in the CTDOT Local Accident Reduction Program.

Work with CTDOT to further the implementation of the Connecticut Strategic Highway Safety Plan.

Capital Expenditures Report

Assist CTDOT with the Local Highway Finance Report (form FHWA-536) on capital expenditures on local roads.

Products/Schedule

- Commuter Parking Lot Occupancy Data. Quarterly rail and commuter parking lot occupancy data collection. (September and December 2025; March and June 2026, September and December 2026; March and June 2027)
- Travel Demand Model Database Updates
- Congestion Management Process review with CTDOT and recommendations. Activities will occur over the fiscal years as recommended by previous studies and as per CTDOT and FHWA guidance.
- This task requires continuing activity throughout the years.

Task 4: Other Technical Assistance

Objective

To develop transportation planning proposals and studies that are consistent with the goals identified in the current South Central Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the TIP, and the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (RPOC) state and local municipal economic development objectives and the region's economic development program.

To ensure that all consultant supported work will be undertaken in a manner consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Any studies undertaken by the Region that impact state transportation systems or highways will identify the role and/or assistance expected from CTDOT, including resources and outcome.

To assist municipalities with local transportation studies that can enhance transportation safety for all, improve transportation access for all and reduce congestion.

Activities

Wallingford Intersection Study

Continuation of the study to recommend safety improvements to the Parker Farms Road, Hope Hill Road, and Highland Avenue intersection in Wallingford that began in FY25. The final deliverable will be a study with recommended safety improvements, a survey, and concept plans for the recommended improvements.

North Haven Valley Service Rd Study

Continuation of the study to recommend safety improvements to Valley Service Road in North Haven that began in FY25. The final deliverable would be a study with recommended safety improvements, a survey, and concept plans for the recommended improvements.

Northford Center Study

For additional Study and Evaluation of the preferred alternative for improved connectivity and circulation in Northford center, including a realignment of the Route 17 and 22 intersection and improved access to businesses

Multi town Pavement Management Study Phase 2

This study will provide a road condition survey of all town roads in Orange, Bethany, and Woodbridge using automated scanning techniques. It will determine a road condition rating, suggested pavement management method and estimated cost of maintenance for each town road segment.

New MPO / Transportation Website

This project will involve an update to the current SCRCOG website to provide a greater focus on the region's ongoing transportation studies, and the development of a data portal.

Guilford Route 1 Corridor Study

This study will conduct a comprehensive analysis of the Route 1 corridor in Guilford to identify potential economic growth and development, evaluating existing transportation infrastructure, and land use patterns to create a strategic plan to maximize economic activity within that corridor with the with an eye toward creative placemaking and expanded right of ways, housing & economic development, market analysis of our existing commercial real estate, pedestrian and bicycle planning, model streetscapes and design guidelines.

Wallingford Rte. 5 and Yale Ave Study

In 2006, SCRCOG completed a Route 5 corridor study that included the area around the Route 15 interchanges and Yale Avenue in Wallingford. This study reevaluates this section Route 5 using new data to develop recommendations to reduce congestion, improve traffic flow and improve safety.

Ella T. Grasso Boulevard Mobility and Safety Study

The study will analyze existing conditions, identify safety deficiencies, and develop concept-level recommendations to improve safety and mobility for all users, especially vulnerable users such as pedestrians, cyclists, and transit riders. The scope of work will include crash data analysis, field audits, stakeholder engagement, evaluation of existing conditions and developing proposed engineering improvements.

Congestion Management Process

Additional data collection and implementation of CMP recommendations from previous study. Continue to provide input to tie our CMP efforts with the Lower Connecticut River Valley COG as the two main areas of the New Haven TMA

Scenario Planning for Regional Multi-Modal Transportation in South Central CT

The South Central Regional Council of Governments is proposing a regional transportation scenario planning analysis to understand the potential impacts of increased funding to support improved and/or expanded transit in the region.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

This study will Consultant support to assist SCRCOG with administrative and outreach activities related to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) preparation to ensure compliance with State and Federal requirements. A submittal of the final MTP document is due to the federal government in April 2027.

Active Transportation Implementation Study

The Region's Active Transportation Study includes the development of up to 10 conceptual plans that will improve network connectivity and safety. This study will expand on those concepts with an eye on implementation.

North Haven Pool Rd Safety Study

This study will prepare alternatives assessments for roadway improvements and evaluate measures to improve safety and reduce speeds on Pool Road between Maple Avenue and Bassett Road. Including horizontal and vertical geometry, roadway widths and provide conceptual plans and a probable construction cost estimate for the preferred alternative

Regional Local Bridge Inspections Study

This study will inventory town owned bridges in selected municipalities that are below a 20' threshold. A field study for each bridge will be conducted and a report generated to provide maintenance recommendations including estimated cost.

Municipal Studies.

Contract for consultant services in support of the transportation planning program items that exceed available in-house staffing capacity. For any planning studies that will use PL funds, the MPO will follow all CTDOT guidance in reviewing municipal study requests. Efforts may involve studies of selected traffic and transit problems to identify deficiencies, alternatives and concepts for improvements or countermeasures, and performance measures. Activities may include, but are not limited to safety and security, bike and pedestrian planning, transit planning,

Travel and Tourism Enhancement

Utilize REX Development to further advance and promote travel and tourism in the region through the distribution of visitor guide brochures, sharing updates on social media and in newsletters, collaborating with municipal staff and local tourism & arts organizations, and assisting local businesses with tourism-related inquiries.

GIS Viewer Maintenance and Hosting and Updates

Provide annual services to maintain GIS system.

Regionwide GIS and data upgrade for asset management and planning purposes.

Utilize recent flight data to enhance current GIS and asset management data. Data upgrades may include but are not limited to aerial imagery, LiDAR land classifications, LiDAR-derived contours, and LiDAR-derived building footprints.

Products/Schedule

- Guilford Route 1 Corridor Study
- North Haven Pool Rd Safety Study
- Multi town Pavement Management Study Phase 2
- Active Transportation Implementation Study
- Scenario Planning for Regional Multi-Modal Transportation in South Central CT
- Wallingford Rte. 5 and Yale Ave
- Wallingford Intersection Study
- North Haven Valley Service Rd Study
- Northford Center Study
- New MPO / Transportation Website
- Ella T. Grasso Boulevard Mobility and Safety Study
- Congestion Management Process
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

5: Public Participation

Objectives

To facilitate a timely flow of information to interested individuals, stakeholders and organizations through media outreach and the agency website.

To provide a focus for public input relative to the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and other key products from elected officials, the public, and specifically by minority, low-income, underrepresented populations and non-English speaking communities.

To solicit public interest for each of our regional planning and transportation studies and for the SCRCOG decision-making process in general.

Ensure that outreach, review, and project definition respond to USDOT/CTDOT Environmental Justice requirements contained in the FAST federal transportation act and federal planning regulations, utilizing latest available census and demographic data. And support the implementation of the Justice40 Initiative created by Executive Order 14008,

To share technical material with professionals, elected officials and the public at appropriate times as major study efforts progress. SCRCOG will continue its commitment to public outreach through a wide range of media outlets and public meetings.

Activities

SCRCOG Committee Meetings

All meetings held by SCRCOG are ADA accessible and open to the public. To promote greater participation, remote access is provided whenever possible, which also allows for captioning to enhance accessibility. A meeting calendar is posted each November, outlining the schedule for all regular MPO meetings. Agendas are posted on the agency's website and distributed at least seven days before each meeting. Upon request, all meeting materials can be made available in accessible formats.

Public Meeting

SCRCOG holds public meetings to gather comments and input during plan updates and Transportation studies. These meetings are conducted at convenient, ADA-accessible locations and scheduled at times that encourage participation. Whenever possible, a remote option is offered for those unable to attend in person. Public meeting notices are posted in advance on the SCRCOG website and may also be distributed via direct mail, legal ads, or local networks. SCRCOG actively encourages all populations and interested parties to attend and participate.

SCRCOG Web Site (www.scrcog.org)

The website serves as a vital platform for outreach, allowing SCRCOG to effectively share information and engage with various stakeholders. By maintaining up-to-date reports, agendas, and regional data on the website, SCRCOG can enhance transparency and foster collaboration among members, municipal staff, and the public. As technology continues to evolve, so too will the website's capabilities, making it an increasingly important resource for communication and information dissemination in the region. Emphasizing user-friendly design and accessibility will also help ensure that all stakeholders can easily access the information they need. Reports, meeting notices, and links provide information and facilitate communication.

Mailing List

SCRCOG maintains a distribution list for elected officials, municipal staff, partner agencies, transportation service providers, and regional stakeholders. This list is used to share meeting notices, project updates, and newsletters.

Individuals wishing to sign on to this list may contact SCRCOG directly or they can subscribe to the monthly agenda distribution on the SCRCOG website. This distribution list includes media contacts including the New Haven Register, Connecticut Post, Meriden Record-Journal, La Voz Hispana, Inner City News, and other local news organizations in the region.

Monthly Newsletter, Memos and Reports

The newsletter is published monthly, providing updates on transportation planning, land use, environmental issues, and municipal services programs. It is distributed through the mailing list and posted on the region's website. Additionally, memos and reports, as well as materials from the monthly Policy Board and Transportation Committee meetings, are available on the agency's website for easy access.

Public Participation Guidelines

SCRCOG Public Participation Guidelines were updated in FY25 and are available on the region's website.

Evaluation of Effectiveness

Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Region's public outreach is an ongoing process. Staff continually review the attendance at SCRCOG and Transportation Committee meetings, as well as at public meetings that are held as part of consultant supported work. Staff attend public meetings of regional and state organizations and civic groups . This involvement and communication is indicative of the Region's ongoing commitment to effective public outreach.

Efforts will focus on enhanced public awareness and understanding of the region's transportation needs. In FY 2026 and FY 2027, public outreach will continue to emphasize the implementation of the Regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development, working toward solutions involving policies such as smart growth, non-vehicular transportation, and context-sensitive design solutions.

This task requires continuing activity throughout the years.

Table 1 Fiscal Year 2026 - Anticipated Revenues

	Federal	State	Local	Total
FHWA	1,090,831	136,354	136,354	1,363,539
FTA	259,860	32,483	32,483	324,826
FY 2023 Carryover	483,961	0	120,990	604,951
FY 2023 IIJA	297,435	0	74,359	371,794
2.5% Complete Streets Set Aside	0	0	0	0
Total	2,132,087	168,837	364,185	2,665,110

Table 2Fiscal Year 2026 - Planning Costs by Task

	Federal	State	Local	Total
Management of the Planning Process	84,271	6,673	14,394	105,338
Transportation Planning Activities	507,115	40,158	86,621	633,894
Data Collection / Analysis	21,609	1,711	3,691	27,011
Planning Projects	1,481,217	117,296	253,009	1,851,522
Public Participation	37,874	3,000	6,470	47,344
Total	2,132,087	168,837	364,185	2,665,110

Fiscal Year 2027 - Anticipated Revenues

	Federal	State	Local	Total
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FHWA	1,090,831	136,354	136,354	1,363,539
FTA	259,861	32,483	32,483	324,826
FY 2023 Carryover	0	0	0	0
FY 2023 IIJA	0	0	0	0
2.5% Complete Streets Set Aside	113,462	0	0	113,462
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Total	1,464,154	168,837	168,837	1,801,827

Table 9Fiscal Year 2027 - Planning Costs by Task

	Federal	State	Local	Total
Management of the Planning Process	91,682	10,572	10,572	112,826
Transportation Planning Activities	566,798	65,359	65,359	697,516
Data Collection / Analysis	23,298	2,687	2,687	28,672
Planning Projects	741,980	85,560	85,560	913,100
Public Participation	40,396	4,659	4,659	49,713
Total	1,464,154	168,837	168,837	1,801,827

Table 3 Fiscal Year 2026 - Direct Salaries by Task & Overhead Applied (1)

				Pers	onnel Costs by	y Task				
	Ex. L	Dir.	Trans. Di	r.	Planners		Admin.		Total	
	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost
Management of the Planning Process	350	27,042	200	11,875	100	6,269	0	0	650	45,187
Transportation Planning Activities	100	7,726	900	53,441	4,100	159,738	1,492	48,998	6,592	269,904
Data Collection / Analysis	0	0	0	0	250	9,580	0	0	250	9,580
Planning Projects	100	7,726	100	5,938	1,200	45,924	0	0	1,400	59,589
Public Participation	50	3,863	100	5,938	250	9,195	0	0	400	18,996
Subtotal	600	46,357	1,300	77,192	5,900	230,707	1,492	48,998	9,292	403,255
Overhead (2)		61,609		102,588		306,609		65,119		535,926
Total		107,966		179,780		537,316		114,117		939,182

1. See Table 6 for FY 2026 maximum hourly rates

2. Estimated overhead rate @ 1.3290

Table 10

Fiscal Year 2027 - Direct Salaries by Task & Overhead Applied (1)

	Personnel Costs by Task									
	Ex. 1	Dir.	Trans. Dir.		Planners		Admin.		Total	
	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost	Hrs	Cost
Management of the Planning Process	350	28,394	210	13,093	105	6,912	0	0	665	48,399
Transportation Planning Activities	100	8,113	945	58,919	4,304	176,069	1,566	54,000	6,915	297,100
Data Collection / Analysis	0	0	0	0	250	10,138	0	0	250	10,138
Planning Projects	100	8,113	100	6,235	1,200	48,221	0	0	1,400	62,568
Public Participation	50	4,056	100	6,235	250	9,655	0	0	400	19,946
Subtotal	600	48,675	1,355	84,482	6,109	250,994	1,566	54,000	9,630	438,151
Overhead (2)		64,689		112,276		333,571		71,766		582,303
Total		113,364		196,758		584,565		125,766		1,020,454

1. See Table 6 for FY 2027 maximum hourly rates

2. Estimated overhead rate @ 1.3290

Table 4	
Fiscal Year 2026 - Total Labor by Task - Salaries & Overhead Applied (1)	

		Labor Costs by Task						
	Ex. Dir.	Trans. Dir.	Planners	Administrative	Total			
Management of the Planning Process	62,980	27,657	14,601	0	105,238			
Transportation Planning Activities	17,994	124,465	372,029	114,117	628,605			
Data Collection / Analysis	0	0	22,312	0	22,312			
Planning Projects	17,994	13,829	106,958	0	138,782			
Public Participation	8,997	13,829	21,416	0	44,243			
Total	107,966	179,780	537,316	114,117	939,179			

1. Estimated overhead rate @ 1.3290

Table 11

Fiscal Year 2027 - Total Labor by Task - Salaries & Overhead Applied (1)

		Labor Costs by Task						
	Ex. Dir.	Trans. Dir.	Planners	Administrative	Total			
Management of the Planning Process	66,129	30,494	16,098	0	112,721			
Transportation Planning Activities	18,894	137,223	410,064	125,766	691,946			
Data Collection / Analysis	0	0	23,611	0	23,611			
Planning Projects	18,894	14,521	112,306	0	145,721			
Public Participation	9,447	14,521	22,487	0	46,455			
Total	113,364	196,758	584,565	125,766	1,020,454			

1. Estimated overhead rate @ 1.3290

	Direct Expenditures by Task						
	Printing	Travel	Equip ¹	Consult	Misc ²	Total	
Management of the Planning Process	0	100	0	0	0	100	
Transportation Planning Activities	775	2,100	0	0	2,413	5,288	
Data Collection / Analysis	0	200	4,500	0	0	4,700	
Planning Projects	0	200	0	1,710,540	2,000	1,712,740	
Public Participation	500	100	0	0	2,500	3,100	
Total	1,275	2,700	4,500	1,710,540	6,913	1,725,928	

Table 5 Fiscal Year 2026 - Direct Expenditures by Task

1. Equipment expenses include, but are not limited to, computer software, server, workstations, laptops, & related hardware and installation

2. Miscellaneous expenses include, but are not limited to, technical training & support, technical publications, advertising, and translation services.

Table 12 Fiscal Year 2027 - Direct Expenditures by Task

		Di	rect Expendit	ures by Task		
	Printing	Travel	Equip ¹	Consult	Misc ²	Total
Management of the Planning Process	0	105	0	0	0	105
Transportation Planning Activities	831	2,205	0	0	2,534	5,569
Data Collection / Analysis	0	335	4,725	0	0	5,060
Planning Projects	0	210	0	765,070	2,100	767,380
Public Participation	525	105	0	0	2,625	3,255
Total	1,356	2,960	4,725	765,070	7,259	781,369

1. Equipment expenses include, but are not limited to, computer software, server, workstations, laptops, & related hardware and installation

2. Miscellaneous expenses include, but are not limited to, technical training & support, technical publications, advertising, and translation services.

Table 6 Fiscal Year 2026 - Planning Projects with Consultant Assistance

Table 7 Fiscal Year 2026 - Total UPWP Program Cost

FY 26 FHWA Funds		FY 26 FTA Funds		
	Cost		Cost	
Regional Local Brige Inspection Study	158,969	Multi-Town Pavement Study	154,826	SCRCOG Salaries
Ella Grasso Blvd	250,000	ESTIP	20,000	Overhead - Indirect Applied (1.3290)
		New MPO Website	50,000	Printing
		Wallingford Intersection Study	60000	Travel
		Northford Center	40,000	Equipment
		Total	324,826	Consultants - FY 26 FHWA Funds
Total	408,969			Consultants - FY 26 FTA Funds
FY 23 Carryover Funds		FY 23 IIJA Funds		Consultants - FY 23 Carryover Funds
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Regional GIS Hosting and Maintenance	25,000	Wallingford Route 5 and Yale Ave Study	200,000	Miscellaneous
Active Transportation Implementation	109,951	Travel Demand Model and Data	100,000	
Guilford Route 1 Corridor Study	300,000	Municipal Studies	71,794	
North Haven Valley Service Road	60,000			
Travel and Tourism	50,000			
Congestion Management	60,000			
Total	604,951	Total	371,794	

Total

2,665,110

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Table 13 Fiscal Year 2027 - Planning Projects with Consultant Assistance

FY 27 FHWA Funds	Cost	FY 27 FTA Funds	Cost	
Scenario Planning	150,000	Pool Road Study	150,000	SCRCOG Salaries
Regional GIS Hosting and Maintenance	25,000	Travel Demand Model and Data	104,826	Overhead - Indirect Applie
MTP Update	151,782	Travel and Tourism	50,000	Printing
		ESTIP	20,000	Travel Equipment Consultants - FY 27 FHW/
Total	326,782	Total	324,826	Consultants - FY 27 FTA I Consultants - Complete St.
		Complete Streets 2.5%		Miscellaneous
		Municipal Studies	113,462	
		Total	113,462	
				Total

Table 14 Fiscal Year 2027 - Total UPWP Program Cost

	Cost
SCRCOG Salaries	438,151
Overhead - Indirect Applied (1.3290)	582,306
Printing	1,356
Travel	2,960
Equipment	4,725
Consultants - FY 27 FHWA Funds	326,782
Consultants - FY 27 FTA Funds	324,826
Consultants - Complete Streets 2.5%	113,462
Miscellaneous	7,259

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Table 15Fiscal Year 2026 - Job Titles and Maximum Hourly Rates

Job Title	Maximum Hourly Rate
Executive Director	\$ 90.00
Transportation Director	\$ 75.00
Planner	\$ 70.00
Administrative	\$ 35.00

Table 16Fiscal Year 2027 - Job Titles and Maximum Hourly Rates

Job Title	Maximum Hourly Rate		
Executive Director	\$ 95.00		
Transportation Director	\$ 80.00		
Planner	\$ 75.00		
Administrative	\$ 40.00		

Appendix B

Statement of Cooperative MPO/State/Transit Operators' Planning Roles & Responsibilities

Purpose

The purpose of this statement is to outline the roles and responsibilities of the State, the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) and appropriate providers of public transportation as required by 23 CFR Sec. 450.314(a), (h)" Metropolitan Planning Agreements".

General Roles & Responsibilities

The SCRCOG will perform the transportation planning process for their region and develop procedures to coordinate transportation planning activities in accordance with applicable federal regulations and guidance. The transportation process will, at a minimum, consist of:

- 1. Preparation of a two-year Unified Planning Work Program that lists and describes all transportation planning studies and tasks to be completed during this two-year period.
- 2. Preparation and update of a long range, multi-modal metropolitan transportation plan.
- 3. Preparation and maintenance of a short-range transportation improvement program (TIP).
- 4. Financial planning to ensure plan and program are financially constrained and within anticipated funding levels.
- 5. Conduct planning studies and system performance monitoring, including highway corridor and intersection studies, transit system studies, application of advanced computer techniques, and transportation data collection and archiving.
- 6. Public outreach, including survey of affected populations, electronic dissemination of reports and information (website), and consideration of public comments.
- 7. Ensuring the transportation planning process evaluates the benefits and burdens of transportation projects and/or investments to ensure significant or disproportionate impacts on low income and minority populations are avoided and/or mitigated. This will be accomplished using traditional and non-traditional outreach to Title VI populations, including outreach to LEP populations.
- 8. Development and implementation of a Congestion Management Process as appropriate.
- 9. Ensuring plans, projects and programs are consistent with and conform to air quality goals of reducing transportation-related emissions and attaining National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
- 10. Self-certify the metropolitan planning process at least once every four years, concurrent with TIP adoption and submittal, certifying the planning process is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal requirements and addressing the major issues facing the area.

Long Range Metropolitan Transportation Plan

1. SCRCOG_will be responsible for preparing and developing the long range (20–25 years) metropolitan transportation plans for their respective region.

- 2. SCRCOG may develop a consolidated transportation plan summary report for the planning region that includes the key issues facing the area and priority programs and projects.
- 3. CT DOT will provide the following information and data in support of developing the transportation plan:
 - a. Financial information estimate of anticipated federal funds over the 20-25 year time frame of the plan for the highway and transit programs.
 - b. Trip tables for each analysis year, including base year and the horizon year of the plan by trip purpose and mode. (CT DOT will provide this only if requested since SCRCOG may maintain their own travel forecast model.)
 - c. Traffic count data for state roads in the SCRCOG region, and transit statistics as available.
 - d. List of projects of statewide significance by mode, with descriptions, so that they can be incorporated into the long range metropolitan transportation plans.
 - e. Assess air quality impacts and conduct the regional emissions assessment of the plan. Will provide the results of the assessment in a timely manner to allow inclusion in the plan and to be made available to the public at public information meetings. (Refer to air quality tasks.)
- 4. SCRCOG may conduct transportation modeling for the area.
- 5. SCRCOG will consult with the appropriate providers of public transportation on local bus capital projects to include in the transportation plan and will work together to develop local bus improvements for the plan from the 10-year capital program. Through consultation, they will identify future local bus needs and services, including new routes, service expansion, rolling stock needs beyond replacement, and operating financial needs.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- 1. The selection of projects in the TIP and the development of the TIP will occur through a consultative process between CT DOT, SCRCOG, and the appropriate provider(s) of public transportation.
- 2. CT DOT will send a draft proposed 5-year Capital Plan to the SCRCOG for review and comment. The draft list will reflect input that the CT DOT received from the SCRCOG during the consultation process on the previous year's plan.
- 3. CT DOT will prepare an initial list of projects to include in the new TIP. This list will be based on the current TIP that is about to expire and the 5- year Capital Plan.
- 4. CT DOT will consult with and solicit comments from SCRCOG and transit providers on the TIP and incorporate where practicable.
- 5. CT DOT will provide detailed project descriptions, cost estimates and program schedules. The project descriptions will provide sufficient detail to allow the SCRCOG to explain the projects to the policy board and the general public.
- 6. CT DOT will provide a list of projects obligated during each of the federal fiscal years covered by the TIP/STIP. The annual listing of obligated projects should include both highway and transit projects.
- 7. SCRCOG will compile the TIP for the Region, including preparing a narrative. Projects will be categorized by federal aid program and listed in summary tables. The TIP will be converted into a format that will allow it to be downloaded to the Region's website. SCRCOG will maintain the TIP by tracking amendments and changes to projects (schedule, scope and cost) made through the TIP/STIP Administrative Action/Amendment/Notification process.

- 8. CT DOT will develop the STIP based on the MPOs' TIPs and projects located in the rural regions of the State.
- 9. CT DOT will include one STIP entry each for the Bridge program and the Highway Safety Improvement program. This entry will list the total funds needed for these programs for each fiscal year. All Regions will receive back up lists in the form of the Bridge Report and the Safety Report monthly. The one line entry will reduce the number of entries needed in the STIP. Any projects listed in the Bridge and or Safety Report that are over \$5m and on the NHS, will be transferred directly into the STIP as its own entry per the TIP/STIP Administrative Action/Amendment/Notification process.
- 10. CT DOT will provide proposed amendments to the SCRCOG for consideration. The amendment will include a project description that provides sufficient detail to allow the SCRCOG to explain the proposed changes to the <u>SCRCOG</u> board and project management contact information. It will also provide a clear reason and justification for the amendment. If it involves a new project, CT DOT will provide a clear explanation of the reasons and rationale for adding it to the TIP/STIP.
- 11. When an amendment to the TIP/STIP is being proposed by the SCRCOG, the project sponsor will consult with CT DOT to obtain concurrence with the proposed amendment, to obtain Air Quality review and consistency with Air Quality Conformity regulations and ensure financial consistency.
- 12. CT DOT will provide a financial assessment of the STIP with each update. SCRCOG should prepare a TIP summary table listing all projects by funding program sorted by year based on CT DOT's financial assessment, demonstrating and maintaining financial constraint by year.

Air Quality Planning

- 1. CT DOT and SCRCOG should meet at least once per year to discuss the air quality conformity process, the regional emissions analysis and air quality modeling.
- 2. CT DOT will conduct the regional emissions analysis, which includes the SCRCOG area and provide the results to the SCRCOG. The regional emissions analyses for the build or future years will include the proposed transportation improvements included in the regional long-range metropolitan transportation plans and TIP.
- 3. SCRCOG will prepare a summary report of the conformity process and regional emissions analysis for the Region. It will contain a table showing the estimated emissions from the transportation system for each criteria pollutant and analysis year.
- 4. The summary report on the regional emissions analyses will be inserted into the long-range transportation plan and TIP.
- 5. SCRCOG will make the regional emissions analysis available to the public.

Public Participation Program

- 1. The SCRCOG will annually review and evaluate their public participation program.
- 2. The SCRCOG will update and prepare a list of neighborhood and local organizations and groups that will receive notices of MPO plans, programs and projects.
- 3. The SCRCOG will work to ensure that low-income, minority and transit dependent individuals are afforded an adequate opportunity to participate in the transportation planning process, receive a fair share of the transportation improvement benefits and do not endure a disproportionate transportation burden. SCRCOG will comply with federal legislation on these issues.

- 4. The SCRCOG's process for developing plans, projects, and programs will include consultation with state and local agencies responsible for land use and growth management, natural resources, environmental protection, conservation and historic preservation.
- 5. The SCRCOG will maintain their website to provide clear and concise information on the transportation planning process and provide an opportunity to download reports and documents. This will include developing project and study summaries, converting reports into a pdf or text format, and maintaining a list of available documents. The website will provide links to other associated organizations and agencies.

Public Transportation Planning

- 1. The SCRCOG will allow for, to the extent feasible, the participation of transit providers at all transportation committee and policy board meetings to provide advice, information and consultation on transportation programs within the planning region.
- 2. The_SCRCOG will provide the opportunity for the transit provider(s) to review and comment on planning products relating to transit issues within the region.
- 3. The SCRCOG will allow for transit provider(s) to participate in UPWP, long-range plan, and TIP development to ensure the consideration of any appropriate comments.
- 4. The SCRCOG and CT DOT will assist the transit provider(s), to the extent feasible, with planning for transit-related activities.

Fiscal/Financial Planning

- 1. The CT DOT will provide the SCRCOG with up-to-date fiscal and financial information on the statewide and regional transportation improvement programs to the extent practicable. This will include:
 - a. Anticipated federal funding resources by federal aid category and state funding resources for the upcoming federal fiscal year, as shown in the TIP financial chart.
 - b. Will hold annual meetings to discuss authorized funds for the STP-Urban and LOTCIP accounts.
 - c. Annual authorized/programmed funds for the FTA Section 5307 Program as contained in the STIP and the annual UZA split agreements.
 - d. Monthly updates of STP-Urban Program showing current estimated cost & scheduled obligation dates.
- 2. The CT DOT will notify the SCRCOG when the anticipated cost of a project, regardless of funding category, has changed in accordance with the agreed upon TIP/STIP Administrative Action/Amendment/Notification process.
- 3. The SCRCOG will prepare summary tables and charts that display financial information for presentation to the policy board.

Congestion Management Process (CMP) Program

1. The SCRCO, if located in a TMA, will conduct a highway performance monitoring program that includes the gathering of available traffic counts and travel time information and determination of travel speeds and delay.

- 2. The SCRCOG_will conduct congestion strategies studies for critical corridors and identify possible improvements to reduce congestion and delay.
- 3. The SCRCOG will work with CT DOT on programming possible congestion-reducing projects.
- 4. The SCRCOG will, upon implementation of a congestion reduction improvement, assess post-improvement operations and determine level of congestion relief.

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program

- 1. The CT DOT will maintain the statewide ITS architecture and ensure consistency with the Regional ITS Architecture for SCRCOG.
- 2. The SCRCOG will maintain and update the Regional ITS Architecture for the SCRCOG where appropriate.

Performance Based Planning and Programming

A. Collection of Performance Data

- 1. All data collected for performance measure goals will be collected by the CTDOT and will meet the MAP 21/FAST ACT provisions and requirements, unless the MPO decides to set its own performance target, in which case the MPO will be responsible for collecting their own data.
- 2. All data collected for goals for Federal Transit Administration's (FTA's) State of Good Repair performance measures and Safety performance measures established under the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) will include data provided by the Transit Districts to the National Transit Database (NTD) and through CTDOT, in accordance with the Transit Asset Management Rule.
- 3. CTDOT will make the compiled data collected for each performance measure available on a platform accessible by CTDOT and the MPO's.
- 4. CTDOT will develop a Measures and Deliverables tracking spreadsheet outlining each Performance Measure, the deliverables required, the submittal dates and the CTDOT contact and provide to the SCRCOG.

B. Selection of Performance Targets

CTDOT will draft statewide performance targets for each of the FAST Act performance measures and coordinate with the MPOs and Transit Representatives, as required by 23 CFR Parts 450 and 771, as well as 49 CFR Part 613 as outlined below:

- 1. The CTDOT will discuss performance measures at each of the regularly scheduled monthly meetings (via teleconference or in person meeting).
- 2. The CTDOT will present data collected for each performance measure and collaborate with the SCRCOG and Transit Representatives on assumptions.
- 3. The CTDOT will provide SCRCOG and Transit Representative with 30 days to provide feedback on the data received and the assumptions provided.
- 4. The feedback received will be discussed at the next scheduled monthly meeting.
- 5. CTDOT will set targets for each performance measure with consideration of feedback received.

C. Reporting of Performance Targets

- 1. CTDOT will notify the SCRCOG and Transit Representatives by email when final statewide targets are established.
- 2. CTDOT will send the targets that have been set, the backup information and a PowerPoint presentation to SCRCOG for their use in educating the MPO Policy Board. CTDOT will provide region level data summaries, if available.
- 3. The SCRCOG has 180 days after the CTDOT establishes their targets to establish their own targets or endorse the State's targets and agree to plan and program projects so that they contribute toward the accomplishment of the performance targets.
- 4. If the SCRCOG is establishing their own targets, the SCRCOG will report those targets to the CTDOT by email no later than the 180 day timeframe.
- 5. The SCRCOG will share this information with the Policy Board and will require Policy Board resolution to support the targets set by CTDOT or endorse their own targets.
- The SCRCOG will forward the Policy Board resolution to the Performance Measures Unit at the CTDOT before the 180 day limitation for FHWA performance measures via the <u>DOT.Map21@ct.gov</u> email box.
- 7. For FTA performance measures, it is noted that SCRCOG provided a resolution of support for the initial transit State of Good Repair (SGR) performance targets on July 1, 2017. Thereafter, in accordance with FTA, transit providers will continue to share their targets annually with the SCRCOG. However, SCRCOG targets are not required to be updated annually, only revisited whenever the SCRCOG updates their MTP and/or TIP on or after October 1, 2018.
- 8. For FTA safety performance measures as part of the PTASP, the SCRCOG has received the Plan which included safety performance targets and will have 180 days to support these initial targets. Each transit provider is required to review its agency Safety Plan annually and update the plan, including the safety performance targets, as necessary.

D. Reporting of progress toward achieving goal

- CTDOT will document progress towards achieving statewide performance targets annually, and report to the NTD. Information will be available to the SCRCOG and transit representatives for use in updates to the Long Range Transportation Plan, the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, the CTDOT TAM Plans and the FTA Annual report by email after the required reports are issued to Federal Agencies.
- 2. CTDOT will share updated TAM Plans with the SCRCOG in a timely manner, and the MPOs will incorporate them into their planning process.
- 3. SCRCOG will document progress towards achieving performance targets and report that information to CTDOT in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Plan as outlined in the Measures and Deliverables tracking spreadsheet via email. The CTDOT will collect this information and file until requested from FHWA/FTA.

E. The collection of data for the State asset management plan for the NHS

1. CTDOT will collect all asset management data required for all NHS routes, regardless of ownership.

30 Performance Measures

Highway Safety	Number of Fatalities - 5-Year Rolling Average
Highway Safety	Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT - 5-Year Rolling Aver- age
Highway Safety	Number of Serious Injuries - 5-Year Rolling Average
Highway Safety	Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT - 5-Year Rolling Average
Highway Safety	Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Seri- ous Injuries - 5-Year Rolling Average
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of Pavements of the Interstate System in Good Condition
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of Pavements of the Interstate System in in Poor Condition
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Good Condition
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of Pavements of the Non-Interstate NHS in Poor Condition
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of NHS Bridges classified in Good Condition (by deck area)
Bridges & Pavements	Percentage of NHS Bridges classified in Poor Condition (by deck area)
System Performance	Percent of the Person-Miles Traveled on the Interstate That Are Reliable
System Performance	Percent of the Person-Miles Traveled on the Non-Interstate NHS That Are Reliable
Freight	Percent of the Interstate System mileage providing for reliable truck travel times
Congestion and Air Qual- ity(beg 2022)	Annual Hours of Peak-Hour Excessive Delay (PHED)
Congestion and Air Quality	Percent of Non-SOV Travel
Congestion and Air Qual- ity(beg 2022)	Total Emissions Reduction

Transit Asset Management	Percentage of Service (non-revenue) Vehicles that have met or exceeded their Useful Life Benchmark (ULB)
Transit Asset Management	Percentage of Facilities with an asset class rated below con- dition 3 on the TERM scale.
Transit Asset Management	Infrastructure (rail, fixed guideway, track, signals, and sys- tems) - Percentage of track segments with performance re- strictions
Transit Asset Management	Percentage of Revenue Vehicles within a particular asset class that have met or exceeded their ULB
FTA C 5010.1E	Number of fatalities per "vehicle revenue miles." by mode.
FTA C 5010.1E	Number of serious injuries per "vehicle revenue miles." by mode.
PTASP safety performance targets	Fatalities (total number of reported fatalities)
PTASP safety performance targets	Fatalities (fatality rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode)
PTASP safety performance targets	Injuries (total number of reportable injuries)
PTASP safety performance targets	Injuries (injury rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode)
PTASP safety performance targets	Safety Events (total number of reportable safety events)
PTASP safety performance targets	Safety Events (safety event rate per total vehicle revenue miles by mode)
PTASP safety performance targets	System Reliability (mean distance between mechanical fail- ures by mode)

Amendment

This Statement on Transportation Planning may be amended from time to time or to coincide with annual UPWP approval as jointly deemed necessary or in the best interests of all parties, including Federal transportation agencies.

Effective Date

This Statement will be effective after it has been endorsed by the SCRCOG as part of the UPWP, and as soon as the UPWP has been approved by the relevant Federal transportation agencies.

No Limitation on Statutory Authority

Nothing contained in this Statement is intended to or shall limit the authority or responsibilities assigned to signatory organizations under Connecticut law, federal law, local ordinance, or charter.