

South Central Regional Transportation and Transportation Technical Committee

Meeting Notice & Agenda Wednesday, February 12, 2025 – 12:00.

This is a hybrid meeting with in-person attendance at the SCRCOG Office and remote access via Zoom.
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Action Items:

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Transportation Committee Minutes – January 8, 2025

Transportation Committee Members

FS James Cosgrove, Branford
Janice Plaziak Proxy for FS Matt Hoey, Guilford
Stephen White Proxy for Mayor Lauren Garrett, Hamden
Alison Kapushinski Proxy for Mayor Cervoni, Wallingford.
Mayor Dorinda Borer, West Haven

Guests

Erik Shortell, David Williams, FHWA
Jennifer Pacacha, CTDOT
Michael Dion, BL
Leena Qureshi, GM2
Laurie McElwee, Kennedy Collective

Transportation Technical Committee

Branford, John Hoefflerle
Madison, Rob Russo,
Meriden, Brian Ennis
New Haven, Giovanni Zinn
North Branford, Chris Holden
North Haven, Andrew Bevilaqua
Orange, Bob Brinton
West Haven, Abdul Quadir

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Laura, Francis, James Rode, Kellie Kingston,
Colette Koop

Chairman Cosgrove called the meeting to order at 12:010 PM.

Action Item #1: Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2024

A Kapushinski made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2024, meeting; A. Bevilaqua seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Item #2: Annual Endorsement of CTDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures

J Rode introduced CTDOT's Safety Performance Measures and the specific performance "target" for each measure. CTDOT is maintaining the targets that were set last year. Following a discussion, A Kapushinski made a motion to recommend approval of the performance targets. Mayor Borer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Action Item #3: 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Four

J. Rode introduced 2 project changes in Amendment 4. A Kapushinski made a motion to recommend approval. Mayor Borer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Informational Item #4 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program Update Process Discussion

J. Rode gave an overview of the current TIP and the amendment process. There was a discussion on the CTDOT transition to an ESTIP and how it will affect the region's TIP. He explained that it is a process and will take some time. Those present asked questions and provided feedback.

Informational Item #5: LOTCIP Program Update

J. Rode provided an update on the available funding and a schedule of anticipated projects. There was a discussion regarding LOTCIP funding approvals. Going forward, applications will be reviewed by the committee members before they go to CTDOT. Those present asked questions and provided feedback.

Informational Item #6 UPWP Studies Progress Update and Solicitation for New Study Cycle..

J. Rode gave an update on the 14 transportation studies currently underway. And announced a new solicitation for studies to be conducted in the next UPWP.

Informational Item #7 SCRCOG Public Participation Guidelines Update for 2025

J Rode briefly discussed the next update to the region's Public Participation Guidelines

J. Plaziak made a motion to adjourn at 12:56, J Hoefflerle seconded.

2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Amendment Number 5

Project 0014-0189 - REPLACE COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC SIGNAL

Changes: Amendment 5 decreases funding amount.

Reason: Replacement of the Computerized Traffic Signal System (CTSS) along U.S. Route 1 in Branford/East Haven from Beaver Road (Int. No. 014-203) in Branford to Main Street in East Haven (Int. No. 043-208). This project is needed to replace the aging traffic signal infrastructure, as needed for a state of good repair, by replacing the existing CTSS. The replacement of the CTSS will involve new fiber technologies to monitor and reduce travel times. PE phase includes a PD/FD split.

Project 0043-0133 - MODERN ROUNDABOUT AT US 1 & CT 100

Changes: Amendment 5 updates the project scope

Reason: The project scope has changed from Rock Slope Stabilization to a Modern Roundabout.

Project 0061-0153 - WALKABLE SIDEWALK PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENTS

Changes: Amendment 5 updates the funding source.

Reason: Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates. No change to total project cost.

Project 0075-0140 - CONVERT EXISTING COMMUTER LOT TO TRUCK PARKING AREA

Changes: Amendment 5 new project proposed.

Reason: Convert the existing commuter parking lot located at the I-95/Route 79 interchange in Madison to a truck parking area, including provisions for an amenity building, associated utilities, drainage, and stormwater management. Truck parking shortages are a national concern affecting the safety of commercial motor vehicle drivers and other roadway users as well as the efficiency of U.S. supply chains. As part of the Connecticut Statewide Freight Plan Update, the Department of Transportation conducted a Statewide Truck Parking Study to identify potential locations for expanding and developing truck parking. This site was selected as a priority location to create new truck parking.

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

Changes: Amendment 5 new project proposed.

Reason: Construct 4.5 mile trail connecting downtown New Haven to the East Shore neighborhood. Currently there is no bicycle infrastructure within New Haven's East Shore. This 4.5 mile trail will open up numerous connections for the community as well as complete New Haven's portion of the intercity Shoreline Greenway Trail. The trail will provide an easily accessible route for residents to travel from downtown for recreation and commuting purposes. The trail will connect to other existing and proposed trails and provide greater mobility for non-motorized transportation users.

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

Changes: Amendment 5 increases funding amount

Reason: Service Plaza mainline sign and sign support replacement along I-95 and I-395. The purpose of this project is to improve directional guidance to motorists seeking the use of a Service Plaza. This project will create a standard signing practice and enhance driver recognition utilizing additional Logo signing on the mainline approach to the Service Plazas. The PE phase includes a PD/FD split. PPI # PP170-0027. Per info contained on the PPI, FHWA confirmed this project is eligible for Federal reimbursement, with the exception of any specific corporate logos supplied by others. Additional info on the PPI indicates that CTDOT's Concessions and Agreements sections will be negotiating with Project Services (the plaza operator) to come to a cost sharing agreement for a portion of the project costs (likely applied to CN phase only). For purposes of the RPM, the CN phase is being shown as 100% Federally funded, but this may change following negotiations/outcome of cost sharing agreement. Traffic is responsible for coordinating with Finance to provide cost sharing information at the appropriate time. CN phase to draw funds from FY25 SIGN-PRES placeholder in OBL.

Project 0170-3742 - DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Changes: Amendment 5 adds new project

Reason: Detection upgrades at various traffic signals.

Project 0170-3743 - DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Changes: Amendment 5 changes funding source.

Reason: This will allow for flexibility at the time of authorization since it is scheduled so late in FY25. No change to total cost.

0014-0189 - REPLACE COMPUTERIZED TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM

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



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

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0043-0133 - MODERN ROUNDABOUT AT US 1 & CT 100

Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	8
Town	EAST HAVEN
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$6,350,000
Project Description	MODERN ROUNDABOUT AT US 1 & CT 100



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	Future	Total
Final Design	NHPP	-	\$240,000	-	-	-	-	\$240,000
Final Design	State Match	-	\$60,000	-	-	-	-	\$60,000
Total Final Design		-	\$300,000	-	-	-	-	\$300,000
Right of Way	NHPP	-	\$40,000	-	-	-	-	\$40,000
Right of Way	State Match	-	\$10,000	-	-	-	-	\$10,000
Total Right of Way		-	\$50,000	-	-	-	-	\$50,000
Construction	NHPP	-	-	-	\$4,800,000	-	-	\$4,800,000
Construction	State Match	-	-	-	\$1,200,000	-	-	\$1,200,000
Total Construction		-	-	-	\$6,000,000	-	-	\$6,000,000
Total Programmed		-	\$350,000	-	\$6,000,000	-	-	\$6,350,000

0061-0153 - WALKABLE SIDEWALK PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENTS

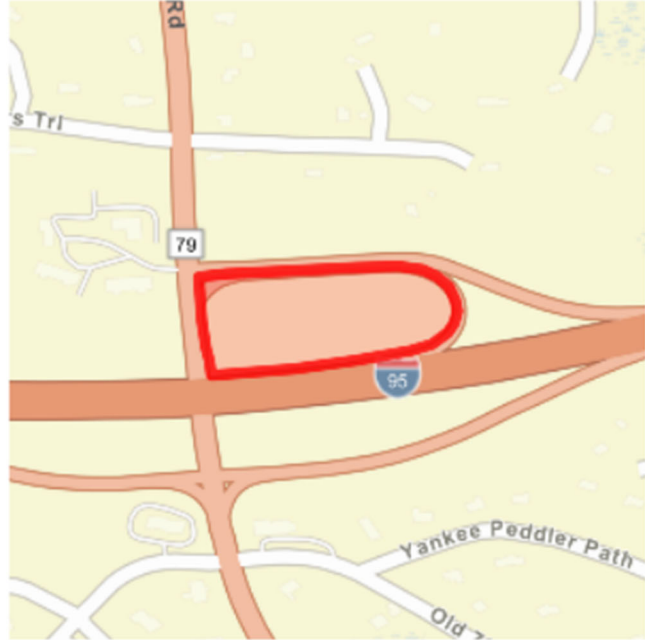
Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	8
Town	HAMDEN
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$3,552,100
Project Description	WALKABLE SIDEWALK PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENTS



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

0075-0140 - CONVERT EXISTING COMMUTER LOT TO TRUCK PARKING AREA

Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	8
Town	MADISON
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$7,000,000
Project Description	CONVERT EXISTING COMMUTER LOT TO TRUCK PARKING AREA



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	Future	Total
Construction	State Match	-	-	\$1,400,000	-	-	-	\$1,400,000
Construction	STPA	-	-	\$5,600,000	-	-	-	\$5,600,000
Total Construction		-	-	\$7,000,000	-	-	-	\$7,000,000
Total Programmed		-	-	\$7,000,000	-	-	-	\$7,000,000

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

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

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

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

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



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

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0170-3742 - DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS

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



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

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0170-3743 - DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Lead Agency	CTDOT
Project Type	FHWA
Region	1, 5, 6, 7, 8
Town	BRPT/STFD URBAN AREA
Air Quality Status	-
Total Cost	\$8,421,600
Project Description	DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	2025	2026	2027	2028	Future	Total
Final Design	CRPB	-	\$253,760	-	-	-	-	\$253,760
Final Design	State Match	-	\$63,440	-	-	-	-	\$63,440
Total Final Design		-	\$317,200	-	-	-	-	\$317,200
Construction	CRPB	-	\$6,483,520	-	-	-	-	\$6,483,520
Construction	State Match	-	\$1,620,880	-	-	-	-	\$1,620,880
Total Construction		-	\$8,104,400	-	-	-	-	\$8,104,400
Total Programmed		-	\$8,421,600	-	-	-	-	\$8,421,600

Resolution

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

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

Whereas: The Council, per 23 CFR 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a *Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program* on April 24, 2024, after finding the *Program* conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 CFR 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: *Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2023 to 2050, (April, 2023)*; and

Whereas: The Council, on April 24, 2024, indicated that periodic *Program* adjustment or amendment was possible; and

Whereas: Projects referenced in the *Program* amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s metropolitan transportation plan *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2023 to 2050, (April 2023)*; and

Whereas: Council *Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning* have been observed during the development of the proposed *Program* amendment (below); and

Whereas: By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program* and/or its amendment; and

Resolution

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

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

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

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

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

Date February 26, 2025

By: _____

Mayor Dorinda Borer, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments