

Meeting Notice & Agenda
South Central Regional MPO and COG

DATE February 25, 2026	LOCATION <i>*This meeting has been updated to a virtual-only format.</i>	DIAL-IN +1 929-346-7262 103423992#
TIME 10:00 am	MEETING URL Teams Link	MEETING ID 234 598 065 221 9 PASSCODE Ki9fy6bS

- 1 **Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2 **Adopt Minutes of January 21, 2026 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)** Pages 2-5
- 3 **Treasurer’s Report for month ending January 31, 2026 (motion)** Pages 6-8
- 4 **MPO Business**
 - a) Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Fifteen (motion) Pages 9-20
 - b) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into Agreement for Regional GIS Parcel Viewer (motion) Page 21
 - c) Approval of Annual SCRCOG Self-Certification (motion) Pages 22-23
 - d) Transportation Staff Report Pages 24-26
 - e) Greater New Haven Transit District Report
 - f) CT Rides Report
- 5 **COG Business**
 - a) Adoption of 2026 Affirmative Action Policy Statement (motion) Pages 27-30
 - b) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into Agreement for On-Call Municipal Zoning & Implementation Support (motion)
 - c) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Documents in Connection with Moving SCRCOG Section 401(a) Money Purchase Plan and SCRCOG Section 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan from Principal (motion)
 - d) Resolution to Endorse CRCOG’s Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) Application Grant for Shared Finance Officer for Woodbridge and Marlborough (motion) Pages 31-37
 - e) Executive Director’s Report
 - f) Regional Planning Staff Report Pages 38-39
 - g) Regional Planning Commission February Action Table Page 40
 - h) REX Development Report Pages 41-42
 - i) Congressional Reports
 - j) State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST
 - k) DEMHS Report
 - l) Discussion Item: Proposed FY 2026-27 RSG Projects
- 6 **Regional Cooperation/ Other Business**
- 7 **Adjournment**

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TO: SCRCOG Board Members
FROM: Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary
DATE: January 21, 2026
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2026

Present:

Branford	First Selectman Joshua Brooks
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Carfora, <i>Treasurer</i>
Guilford	First Selectman Matthew Hoey
Hamden	Mayor Adam Sendroff
Madison	First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, <i>Immediate Past Chair</i>
Meriden	City Manager Brian Daniels
New Haven	Mayor Justin Elicker
North Branford	Acting Town Manager Rory Burke
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange	First Selectman James Zeoli
Wallingford	Mayor Vincent Cervoni, <i>Secretary</i>
West Haven	Mayor Dorinda Borer, <i>Chair</i>
Woodbridge	First Selectman Mica Cardozo, <i>Vice Chair</i>

SCRCOG Staff

Laura Francis, Christopher Rappa, James Rode, Brendon Dukett, Robert Dahill, Kellie Kingston, Colette Kroop, Ian McElwee, Justin Salva, Angelina DeBenedet, Elizabeth Moy, Matthew Rothchild

Guests: Michael Anderson (Avangrid), Elizabeth Gara (CT Council of Small Towns), Michael Harris (REX Development), Alfredo Herrera (Office of Policy and Management), Sarah Hurley (Office of Policy and Management), Shirley Kuang (City of New Haven), Louis Mangini (Office of Representative Rosa DeLauro), Mario Marrero (Greater New Haven Transit District), Donte Spell (CT Rides), Nicole Velardi (CT Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security)

1 Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Lyons called the meeting to order at 10:04am.

2 Adopt Minutes of January 7, 2026, Special SCRCOG Meeting (motion)

Chair Lyons referred to the January 7, 2026, minutes of the Special SCRCOG Meeting, included in the agenda packet on pages 2-3. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

3 Treasurer's Report for month ending December 31, 2025 (motion)

First Selectman Cardozo referred to the Treasurer's Report on pages 4-6 of the agenda packet. Motion made by Mayor Cervoni and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

4 Presentation – GIS Mandates Public Act 25-33 & Public Act 25-1

The presentation was postponed to later on the agenda.

5 MPO Business

a) Fiscal Year 2025 – Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Fourteen (motion)

James Rode referred to the amendment on pages 7-12 of the agenda packet. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

b) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements for FY 26 UPWP Consultant Services (motion)

James Rode referred to the resolution regarding consultant agreements with VHB, STV, and BL Companies for the Congestion Management Process Study, Scenario Planning for Economic Development and Housing Creation in Transit Oriented Communities, and North Haven Ridge Road Safety Study, respectively. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

c) Transportation Staff Report

James Rode referred to the report on page 13 of the agenda packet. It was also noted that public meetings have started on the Bus Rapid Transit project in New Haven.

d) Greater New Haven Transit District Report

Mario Marrero provided a report. It was noted that there were six new driver applicants ready for training. New Haven, Hamden, West Haven, and North Haven continue to lead the way with the number of trips utilized. There were 18 accidents in this quarter with five (5) being preventable and 13 rear-ends or sideswipes of buses. Marrero noted that a meeting of the Real Estate Committee was held in December and provided an update on the timeline for the construction of the Greater New Haven Transit facility to be opened in December 2029.

e) CT Rides Report

Donte Spell introduced himself as the new Outreach and Engagement Specialist for CT Rides, noting that Jennifer Egeberg is covering a new territory.

6 COG Business

a) Nominating Committee Report for Calendar Year 2026 Officers and Committees

First Selectman Freda referred to the Nominating Committee report on page 14 of the agenda packet, announcing the 2026 SCRCOG Officers and Committees. Chair Lyons noted that in discussions about SCRCOG bylaws, the Board was supportive of one-year rotations with current officers moving up into positions.

b) Election of Officers and Appointment of Committees (motion)

Motion was made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by Mayor Cervoni. The motion passed unanimously.

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c) Acceptance of Gavel by New Chair

Chair Lyons formally presented the gavel to the newly appointed Chair, Mayor Borer.

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

Chair Borer referred to the resolution included on page 15 of the agenda packet. Motion made by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Approval of FY 2025-26 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan Amendment #3 (motion)

Chair Borer referred to the amendment included on pages 16-20 of the agenda packet. Motion made by First Selectman Freda and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

f) Approval of FY 2025-26 Budget Revision #3 (motion)

Chair Borer referred to the budget revision included on pages 21-23 of the agenda packet. Motion made by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by Mayor Cervoni. The motion passed unanimously.

g) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate and Sign a Consultant Agreement for the Regional Planning & Natural Resources Dashboard (motion)

Chair Borer referred to a handout of the resolution regarding the consultant agreement with Dewberry to develop the SCRCOG Natural Resources Dashboard. Motion made by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

h) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Francis referred to the report on pages 24-25 of the agenda packet. It was noted that SCRCOG is hiring a Regional Housing Program Manager and a Regional Solid Waste & Recycling Specialist. The Board was encouraged to consider appointments to the Regional Planning Commission as current vacancies impact quorum. The Board was also informed of upcoming housing community conversations as well as the exploration of a change order for the SCRCOG Shared Services Study to include a feasibility analysis of a regional Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Discussion followed on these topics.

Following the Executive Director's report, Alfredo Herrera, Geographic Information Officer at the CT Office of Policy and Management, provided a presentation on relevant GIS mandates established through Public Act 25-33 & Public Act 25-1, recent advancements, and available resources for Board members.

i) Regional Planning & Municipal Services Staff Report

Brendon Dukett referred to pages 26-27 of the agenda packet. There were no questions.

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- j) **Regional Planning Commission December and January Action Tables**
Chair Borer referred to pages 28-29 of the agenda packet. There were no questions.
 - k) **Adoption of 2026 SCRCOG Legislative Agenda (motion)**
Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectman Freda. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Director Francis noted that the SCRCOG Legislative Breakfast on January 15, 2026, was successful, and a public thanks was extended to all who supported the event.
 - l) **REX Development Report**
Michael Harris provided highlights from the written report shared as a handout. Updates were provided on bus tour operations, opportunities to engage with Discover New England, and upcoming REDFO meetings. It was also noted that REX is expanding on-call services for Board members, including an economic development curriculum for new or returning commissions. Harris also reported takeaways from the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) East Coast conference for companies that buy, sell, and operate shopping centers. It was noted that accurate unemployment data is still stalled due to the government shutdown. Discussion followed on the American 250 program in CT and funding for regional marketing.
 - m) **Congressional Reports**
Louis Mangini noted that Representative Rosa DeLauro's Annual Mayors' Meeting will be held on March 9th. Upcoming deadlines include those for American Rescue Plan funds and submissions of projects for the Water Resources Development Act. Discussion followed on potential earmark funds within upcoming federal appropriations and opportunities for municipalities.
 - n) **State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST**
There was no one present from the CT Conference of Municipalities (CCM), and a report was not provided. Elizabeth Gara from CT Council of Small Towns (COST) reported on an upcoming CCM meeting on housing growth plans, the COST draft legislative platform, and updates on PA-490 relating to land use values. Discussion followed.
 - o) **DEMHS Report**
Nicole Velardi referred to page 38 of the agenda packet. There were no questions.
- 7 Regional Cooperation/Other Business**
No additional business was discussed.
- 8 Adjournment**
Chair Borer motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by First Selectman Hoey, and the meeting adjourned at 11:44am.

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 1/31/2026

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	243,123.30
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	1,674,121.77

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	178,760.40
CT Office of Policy and Management	12,665.00
US EPA - CPRG	3,015.95
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	9,213.24
CT DEEP – RWA Grant	52,673.05
Retiree Health Insurance	1,045.80

Other Assets

Prepaid Expense - UConn MPA Interns	25,737.15
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	24,968.92
Furniture & Equipment	54,899.00
Right to Use Asset - Real Property	2,841,457.29
Right to Use Asset - Equipment	19,002.78
Amortization	(634,977.85)

Total Assets	4,505,705.80
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	(500.00)
Payroll Taxes Payable & Accrued Interest	9,049.64
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	131,873.32
Deferred Revenue - OPM	595,195.29
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	258,251.97
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue – Special Assessment	22,830.00

Total Liabilities	1,020,390.99
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	955,164.14
Committed Fund Balance	230,174.00
Amount for Accrued Leave	13,306.00
Investment in Equipment	54,899.00
Lease Obligation	2,216,324.36
Change in Fund Balance	15,447.31

Total Fund Balance	3,485,314.81
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	4,505,705.80

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 1/31/2026

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	17,176.04	117,926.68	393,870.00
Municipal - Special Assessment		142,040.10	375,000.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	83,702.00	395,016.56	1,240,517.00
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)		142,040.10	1,805,066.00
CT OPM - Parcel and CAMA Data Grant	12,665.00	49,985.00	181,500.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	109,077.71	677,144.89	2,300,925.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant	12,735.79	87,486.56	169,718.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	1,215.11	10,193.88	250,000.00
CTDOT - Active Trans. Microgrants Program		19,599.00	19,599.00
US EPA - CPRG	3,015.95	117,960.46	320,895.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,691.00
CT DEEP - SMM Grant		9,344.88	20,706.00
CT DEEP - RWA Grant	556.63	120,018.46	112,500.00
Interest - Revenue	5,307.07	33,368.01	20,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance	2,076.00	13,796.04	20,000.00
Total Resources	247,527.30	1,935,920.62	7,233,987.00

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance	2,076.00	13,796.04	20,000.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	33,897.10	238,944.80	1,807,539.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	4,000.00	22,600.00	137,500.00
Other Consultants	42,557.25	644,226.18	1,539,200.00
Subrecipients	1,061.22	61,392.20	89,599.00
Travel	43.40	4,957.87	17,000.00
Data Processing		5,265.00	9,500.00
Office Supplies	221.12	883.32	5,846.00
Subscriptions and Books		1,101.11	5,800.00
Insurance and Professional Services		1,350.00	54,800.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	4,888.90	13,141.44	25,300.00
Miscellaneous	163.00	163.00	590.00
Transportation - Reserved			49,554.00
LOTCIP - Reserved			163,846.00
Highway Safety Grant - Reserved			14,012.00
CT OPM (RPIP Grant) - Reserved			1,430,066.00
CT DEEP (SMM Grant) - Reserved			8,009.00
CT DEEP (RWA Grant) - Reserved			5,460.00
US EPA (CPRG) - Reserved			114,041.00
Total Direct Expenses	88,907.99	1,007,820.96	5,497,664.00

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Direct Labor - Employees	66,368.65	385,142.64	733,001.00

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South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 1/31/2026

Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	19,279.85	118,992.66	227,634.00
Employee Benefits	27,950.26	204,519.26	448,638.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	14,893.18	23,717.20	34,600.00
Rent	15,818.81	124,676.53	188,100.00
Telephone and Internet	205.92	2,770.44	10,600.00
Office Supplies	141.62	1,616.65	3,200.00
Equipment Maintenance	481.88	23,187.22	40,500.00
Subscriptions and Books	149.90	149.90	500.00
Insurance and Professional Services	9,331.00	27,837.85	47,800.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising			1,150.00
Miscellaneous	17.00	42.00	500.00
Total Overhead	88,269.42	527,509.71	1,003,322.00
Total Operating Expenses	243,546.06	1,920,473.31	7,233,987.00

2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Amendment Number 15**Project #0061-0155 Traffic Signal Modernization at Various Intersection**

Cost: \$3,739,037

Action: Scope change and schedule adjustment to move the project from FY 2027 to FY 2028.

Summary: Modernization of traffic signals to improve safety and operations at multiple intersections in the Town of Hamden.

Includes: Six intersections along Dixwell Avenue and one intersection on Skiff Street.

Project #0083-0273 Resurfacing & Safety Improvements w/ BR 01445 Deck Replacement

Cost: \$27,300,000

Action: Update project description to reflect scope changes resulting from preliminary and final design, including additional roadway and bridge elements.

Summary: Roadway resurfacing and safety improvements, including mill and fill of the parkway, bridge deck replacement, and guiderail upgrades to improve traffic operations and safety.

Includes: SR 796 (Milford Parkway) North and South in Milford.

Project #0083-0275 Drainage Improvements

Cost: \$7,300,000

Action: Scope change and schedule adjustment to move the project from FY 2026 to FY 2027.

Summary: Drainage and roadway improvements to address recurring flooding and improve traffic safety and operations along a major corridor in Milford.

Includes: US Route 1 in Milford, including the intersection at Schoolhouse Road and traffic signal replacements at intersections along Bridgeport Ave.

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Project #0092-0681 Intersection Improvement at SR745 & Kimberly Ave

Cost: 14,900,000

Action: Scope change to move the project from FY 2026 to FY 2027 and increase project cost based on design changes requested by the city.

Summary: Intersection improvements to enhance safety, traffic flow, and multimodal accommodation at a key urban intersection.

Includes: Route 10 and Kimberly Avenue intersection in New Haven.

Project #0092-0696 Rehab BR 00333 o/ US 1 & MNRR

Cost: \$17,464,000

Action: Scope change move project from FY26 to FY27

Summary: Rehabilitation of an existing bridge structure to improve structural integrity and extend service life.

Includes: Bridge 00333 carrying traffic over US Route 1 and the Metro-North Railroad corridor.

Project #0156-0184 Replace BR 03612 o/ West River

Cost: \$93,550,000

Action: Scope change to move the project in the STIP FY 26 to FY 27 and adjust costs based on revised estimates.

Summary: Replacement of Bridge No. 03612 carrying Kimberly Avenue (SR 745) over the West River to improve structural condition, safety, and long-term performance.

Includes: Bridge 03612 on Kimberly Avenue (SR 745) over the West River between West Haven and New Haven.

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**Project #0499-2024NH Sec 5310 PRGRM-Enhanced Mobility of Seniors/Individuals w/Disabilities-
New Haven FY24**

Cost: \$1,185,611

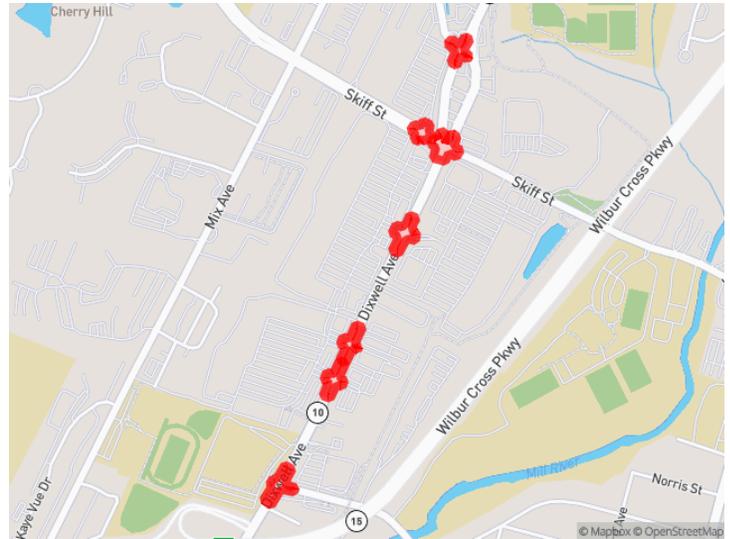
Action: Project previously approved in the 2021–2024 STIP; move FY 2024 Section 5310E project to FY 2026 as Section 5310P (carryover) and adjust funding to actual federal apportionment levels.

Summary: Funding to support transportation services that enhance mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Includes: Eligible Section 5310 program activities within the New Haven area.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	8
Town:	HAMDEN
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$3,739,037



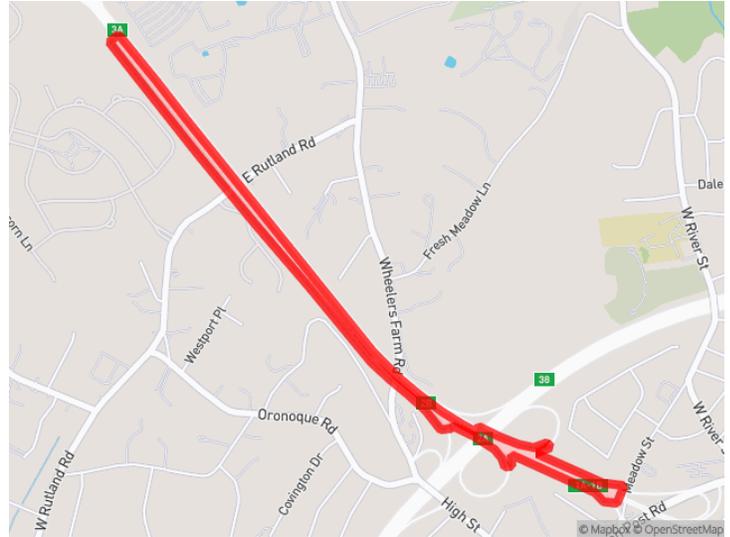
Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Final Design	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$332,378	\$0	\$0	\$332,378
Total Final Design		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$332,378	\$0	\$0	\$332,378
Construction	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,406,659	\$0	\$3,406,659
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,406,659	\$0	\$3,406,659
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$332,378	\$3,406,659	\$0	\$3,739,037

0083-0273 - RESURFACING & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS w/ BR 01445 DECK REPLACEMENT

RESURFACING & SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS w/ BR 01445 DECK REPLACEMENT

AGENDA ITEM- 4a

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	8
Town:	MILFORD
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$27,300,000

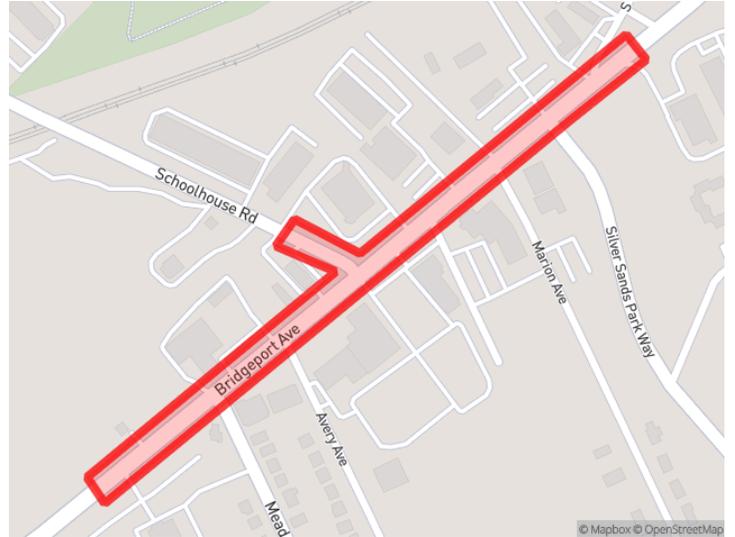


Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Final Design	NHPP	\$0	\$240,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$240,000
Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$60,000
Total Final Design		\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
Construction	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$13,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$3,600,000	\$0	\$21,600,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$3,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$900,000	\$0	\$5,400,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$16,250,000	\$6,250,000	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$27,000,000
-	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Programmed		\$0	\$300,000	\$16,250,000	\$6,250,000	\$4,500,000	\$0	\$27,300,000

0083-0275 - DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	8
Town:	MILFORD
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$7,300,000



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Final Design	PRFP	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000
Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Total Final Design		\$0	\$0	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$750,000
Right of Way	PRFP	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Right of Way	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Total Right of Way		\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Construction	PRFP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,200,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,300,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,500,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$800,000	\$6,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$7,300,000

0092-0681 - INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT AT SR745 & KIMBERLY AVE

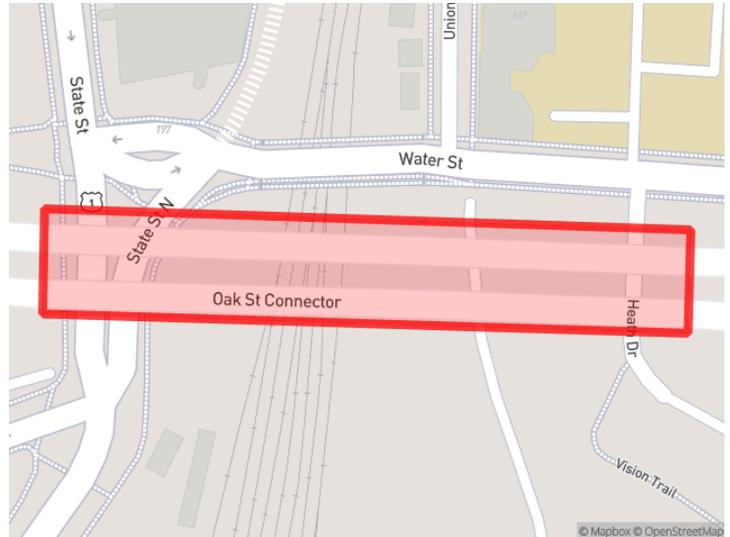
INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENT AT SR745 & KIMBERLY AVE

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	8
Town:	NEW HAVEN
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$14,900,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,980,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,980,000
Construction	STPNH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,920,000	\$0	\$0	\$11,920,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,900,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,900,000

REHAB BR 00333 o/ US 1 & MNRR

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	8
Town:	NEW HAVEN
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$17,464,000



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Final Design	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$651,200	\$0	\$0	\$651,200
Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$162,800	\$0	\$0	\$162,800
Total Final Design		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$814,000	\$0	\$0	\$814,000
Right of Way	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Right of Way	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Total Right of Way		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Construction	BRFP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,280,000	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$8,280,000
Construction	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$5,000,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$820,000	\$2,500,000	\$0	\$3,320,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,100,000	\$12,500,000	\$0	\$16,600,000
-	BRFP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
-	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,964,000	\$12,500,000	\$0	\$17,464,000

0156-0184 - REPLACE BR 03612 o/ WEST RIVER

REPLACE BR 03612 o/ WEST RIVER

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	8
Town:	WEST HAVEN
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$93,550,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
Final Design	STPA	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
Total Final Design		\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000
Right of Way	State Match	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Right of Way	STPA	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
Total Right of Way		\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$375,000	\$4,625,000	\$13,400,000	\$18,400,000
Construction	STPA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$13,000,000	\$53,600,000	\$67,100,000
Construction	STPNH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$5,500,000	\$0	\$6,500,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,875,000	\$23,125,000	\$67,000,000	\$92,000,000
-	STPA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
-	STPNH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Future Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,000,000	\$67,000,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$1,550,000	\$0	\$1,875,000	\$23,125,000	\$67,000,000	\$93,550,000

0499-2024NH - SEC 5310 PRGRM-ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS/INDIVIDUALS w/DISABILITIES-NEW HAVEN FY24

AGENDA ITEM- 4a

SEC 5310 PRGRM-ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS/INDIVIDUALS w/DISABILITIES-NEW HAVEN FY24

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	8
Town:	NEW HAVEN URBANIZED AREA
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$1,185,611

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Other Activities	5310P	\$0	\$0	\$784,242	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$784,242
Other Activities	Local Match	\$0	\$0	\$401,369	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$401,369
Total Other Activities		\$0	\$0	\$1,185,611	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,185,611
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$1,185,611	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,185,611

Resolution

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

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

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Resolution

**Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Fifteen
(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 *Fifteen* 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 25, 2026**

Date February 25, 2026

By: _____

Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary

South Central Regional Council of Governments

Resolution

Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreement with New England Geosystems for Development of new Regional GIS Parcel Viewer

Whereas: SCRCOG's Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Transportation Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), adopted by the Council on May 28, 2025, and amended on October 23, 2025, identified planning studies which are to be conducted with consultant services to complement staff efforts; and

Whereas: SCRCOG solicited price quotes from design and development firms to design, and develop a new Regional GIS Parcel Viewer ; and

Whereas: the Request for Proposals was posted on December 1, 2025, with responses due on January 7, 2026; and

Whereas: After reviewing the proposals received, the SCRCOG selection committee is recommending the selection of New England Geosystems.

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

That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and sign a consulting agreement with New England Geosystems

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 February 25, 2026.

Date: February 25, 2026,

By: _____
 Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary
 South Central Regional Council of Governments

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MPO PLANNING CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) has been designated by the Governor of the State Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for South Central Region and

WHEREAS, SCRCOG conducts the transportation planning process in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation by preparing a Unified Planning Work Program, preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), preparing and updating the endorsed Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and MTP, and proactively involving the public in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the South Central Regional Council of Governments hereby certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
- (2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;

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(6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;

(7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;

(8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;

(9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and

(10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

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 February 25, 2026.

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Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments

Transportation Planning Staff Report

February 2026

1. **DOT Bus Rapid Transit Project**

The MOVE New Haven Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project builds on previous efforts to identify and develop BRT service along key corridors in the CTtransit New Haven Division to improve service along the four most heavily ridden routes (212, 238, 243, and 265). It seeks to enhance the quality, reliability, and speed of bus service through the introduction of limited-stop, on-street BRT service while also improving the safety of all corridor users. This effort is supported by a \$25 million federal RAISE grant and additional state funding, reflecting a commitment to improve bus service, infrastructure, safety, and accessibility.

The project includes dedicated bus lanes, as well as transit signal priority, upgraded signal equipment, and enhanced pedestrian safety measures. Improvements will also include BRT-branded stops with amenities, multimodal accessibility upgrades, and mobility hubs designed to facilitate transfers and accommodate electric bus charging at the end of each BRT line.

Staff attended the CTDOT public kickoff meeting for BRT project in New Haven alongside local and state stakeholders to discuss regional impact and support the participating municipalities. Staff additionally attended public input meetings for the planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project hosted in Hamden and West Haven to support the CTDOT's public outreach efforts. Staff will continue to be involved with coordination between municipalities and the CTDOT as the project advances.

2. **Website Launch Update**

Staff have been coordinating with Zero Gravity Marketing to develop an updated SCRCOG website for enhanced usability, accessibility, and content organization. The new website is currently projected to be finalized in late February to early March. An announcement of the launch will be shared via email and social media.

3. **DOT Active Transportation Micro-Grants Applications Open**

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has opened applications for the 2026 Active Transportation Microgrant Program, which provides up to \$5,000 in upfront, state-funded support for small-scale, non-infrastructure projects that expand equitable, safe, and accessible walking, biking, and rolling opportunities across Connecticut. Eligible applicants include municipalities, school districts, and nonprofit or community organizations. Funding may be used for items such as bicycle safety equipment, maintenance training, adaptive bikes, racks, educational

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materials, and similar non-infrastructure needs. Grants are awarded on a rolling basis through each region's Council of Governments (COG), **with quarterly deadlines beginning March 10, 2026.**

4. **Section 5310 Applications Open**

The South Central Regional Council of Governments, in conjunction with RiverCOG, is responsible for reviewing Section 5310 applications in the New Haven TMA and sending a prioritized list of projects to the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT). Section 5310 provides funding to purchase mobility vehicles and support to programs that address the transportation challenges of individuals with disabilities and seniors. Applications will be **accepted through April 1st**. For more information visit the CTDOT's Section 5310 website or contact Director of Transportation Planning James Rode at jrode@scrcog.org.

5. **Parcel Viewer**

The selection committee has recommended New England Geosystems, LLC for the GIS Parcel Viewer RFP. Coordination will begin promptly to assess the needs of the new GIS Parcel Viewer website and to develop a functional workplan to create an interactive, up-to-date tool for the region.

6. **MS4 Updates and Coordination with OPM**

Staff are coordinating with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to discuss next steps towards fulfilling the geospatial data collection efforts outlined under PA 25-33. In addition, our GIS Analyst has begun working with the CT GIS Office Water Working Group to discuss updates on municipal data collection. This group has had its second meeting as of February 4th and will continue to meet monthly. For more information regarding this process and our regional GIS program, please contact Justin Salva at jsalva@scrcog.org.

7. **Connecticut Department of Transportation Public Information Meetings**

Within the last month, CTDOT held three public Information meetings to introduce proposed projects and to solicit public comment. SCRCOG staff attended these events and offered comments.

- **Heroes Tunnel Project (#0167-0108)**

This project is to address structural deterioration and install new fire life safety systems within the Heroes Tunnel to improve serviceability and safety along Route 15. Construction is expected to start in spring 2028 pending the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permit(s).

- **Exit 46, Route 15 Improvements (#0092-0689)**

This project will install acceleration and deceleration lanes on Exit 46, which will improve safety, mobility, and connectivity on Route 15, and the immediate connections with Route 69 and Route 63. The project also proposes relocating the existing Route 15 northbound on-

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ramp to a new loop ramp. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring 2028 pending the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permit(s).

- **Railroad Station Improvements in Madison (#0310-0058)**

The purpose of this project relates directly to CTDOT's ongoing commitment to improving commuter rail services. The proposed work at the town's Shore Line East Station will efficiently and effectively provide this enhanced service by making this station a full-service dual-platform station. Construction is expected to start in fall 2027 pending the availability of funding, acquisition of rights of way, and approval of permit(s).

8. **Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) Update**

Several projects have received their final approvals and will be ready to start construction. Combined, these projects represent approximately 20 million dollars in LOTICIP funding in our region. These projects are:

- Falcon Rd Roadway and Seawall Reconstruction in Guilford (#L059-0003)
- Copse Rd and Warpus Rd Pavement Rehabilitation in Madison (#L075-0002)
- Toelles Road Bridge Replacement in Wallingford (#L148-0003)
- Spring Street Culvert Replacement Project (#L156-0002)

9. **LOCHSTP Survey**

SCRCOG hosted a LOCHSTP Mobility Access Working Group on February 10th. This meeting served as a focus group for the South Central Region of Connecticut and focused on transportation challenges and gaps for individuals with disabilities, elderly individuals, and low-income people. This outreach was part of CTDOT's ongoing series of Focus Group events across the state, as part of the Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan (LOCHSTP).

Staff are collaborating with CTDOT to gather input via a shared survey on transportation barriers faced by elderly residents, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents. CTDOT is encouraging all stakeholders across the region—individuals, agencies, municipalities, and service providers—to take a few minutes to complete the survey: [Locally Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan \(LOCHSTP\) Survey](#).

February 25, 2026

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of SCRCOG (“the agency”) to assure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to an individual’s race, color, religion, creed, sex, gender identity or expression, **sexual orientation**, marital status, national origin, age, ancestry, status as a veteran, or disability. Such action shall include; employment; promotion, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship, and/or on-the-job training.

This agency will implement, monitor, enforce and achieve full compliance with this Affirmative Action Policy Statement in conjunction with the applicable Federal and State laws, regulations, executive orders and contract provisions, including but not limited to those listed below:

Dissemination of Policy:

All members of the agency who are authorized to hire, supervise, promote, and discharge employees, or who recommend such action, or who are substantially involved in such action, will be made fully cognizant of, and will implement, this agency’s Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policy and contractual responsibilities to provide EEO in each grade and classification of employment. These actions shall include:

1. Periodic meetings of supervisory and personnel office employees will be conducted before the start of work and then not less often than once every year, at which time the agency’s EEO policy and its implementation will be reviewed. These meetings will be conducted by the EEO officer.
2. All new supervisory or personnel office employees will be given a thorough indoctrination by the EEO Officer, covering all major aspects of the agency’s EEO obligations within thirty days following their reporting for duty.
3. All personnel who are engaged in direct recruitment for the agency will be instructed by the EEO Officer of the agency’s procedures for locating and hiring minority group employees.
4. Notices and posters setting forth the agency’s EEO policy will be placed in areas readily accessible to employees, applicants for employment and potential employees.
5. The agency’s EEO policy and the procedures to implement such policy will be brought to the attention of employees by means of meetings, employee handbooks, or other appropriate means.
6. Sexual Harassment Prevention Resources including training and remedies must be available to all employees. See Connecticut General Assembly Public Acts 19–16 and 19–93.

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Recruitment:

When advertising for employees, the agency will include in all advertisements the notation; “An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.” All such advertisements will be placed in publications having a large circulation among minority groups in the area where the workforce would normally be derived.

1. The agency will conduct systematic and direct recruitment through public and private employee referral sources likely to yield qualified minority and female applicants. To meet this requirement, the agency will identify referral sources and establish procedures for recruitment to obtain the referral of minority and female applicants.
2. The agency will encourage their present employees to refer minority group applicants for employment. Information and procedures with regard to referring minority group applicants will be discussed with employees.

Personnel Actions:

Wages, working conditions, and employee benefits shall be established and administered, and personnel actions of every type, including hiring, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, and termination, shall be taken without regard to race, color, religion, creed, sex, gender identity or expression, **sexual orientation**, marital status, national origin, age, ancestry, status as a veteran, or disability. The following procedures shall be followed:

- The agency will promptly investigate all complaints of alleged discrimination made to the agency, and will take appropriate corrective action within a reasonable time. If the investigation indicates that the discrimination may affect persons other than the complainant, such corrective actions shall include such other persons. Upon completion of each investigation, the agency will inform every complainant of all of their avenues of appeal.

Training and Promotion:

The agency will assist in locating, qualifying, and increasing the skills of minority group and women employees, and applicants for employment. The agency will utilize the following tools to identify training and promotional opportunities in the firm:

1. The agency will advise employees and applicants for employment of available training programs and the entrance requirements.
2. The agency will encourage minority group and women employees to apply for such training and promotion.

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Selection of Contractors/Consultants:

The agency will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, religion, creed, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, age, ancestry, status as a veteran, or disability in the selection and retention of contractors/consultants, including procurement of materials and leases of equipment.

1. The agency shall use their best efforts to ensure contractor/consultant compliance with Federal and State Equal Opportunity (EO) and EEO requirements.

Records and Reports:

The agency and any contractor/consultant shall keep records as necessary to document compliance with EO/EEO requirements. Such reports shall be retained for a period of three years following completion of the contract/consultant work and shall be available at reasonable times and places for inspection by authorized representatives of CTDOT and/or the United States Department of Transportation. The following records should be maintained:

1. The number of minority and non-minority group members and women employed in each work classification;
2. The progress and efforts being made in locating, hiring, training, qualifying, and upgrading minority and female employees; and
3. Complaints of Discrimination.

In implementing this policy and ensuring that affirmative action is being provided, each time a hiring opportunity occurs this agency will contact and request referrals from minority and female organizations, referral sources, and media sources. All advertising will emphasize that the agency is “An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.”

In order to substantiate this agency’s efforts and affirmative actions to provide equal opportunity, the agency will maintain and submit, as requested, documentation such as referral request correspondence, copies of advertisements utilized and follow-up documentation to substantiate that efforts were made in good faith. This agency will maintain the necessary internal audit procedures and record keeping systems to report the agency’s affirmative action efforts.

It is understood by the Executive Director and the agency’s Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and supervisory and managerial personnel that failure to effectively implement, monitor and enforce this agency’s affirmative action program and/or failure to adequately document the affirmative actions taken and efforts made to recruit and hire minority and female applicants, in accordance with our affirmative action program in each instance of hire, will result in this agency being required to recommit itself to a

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more stringent affirmative action program. This policy, in addition to CTDOT's EO/EEO contract provisions and requirements, shall constitute the agency's Affirmative Action Program.

The Executive Director has designated a responsible official to monitor all employment related activity to ensure that the agency's EEO policy is being implemented. The equal opportunity officer (hereinafter referred to as the EEO Officer) shall have the responsibility for and must be capable of effectively administering and promoting an active program of equal employment opportunity and is assigned adequate authority and responsibility to do so.

It is fully understood by this agency that the ultimate responsibility for the full implementation of this agency's Affirmative Action Program rests with Executive Director of the agency.

Laura Francis

Name of Executive Director

Signature of Executive Director

Date

Angelina DeBenedet, Administrative Assistant

Name and Title of Appointed EEO Officer

Signature of EEO Officer

Date

Agenda Item Summary

To: SCRCOG Policy Board
From: Pauline Yoder, Chief Operating Officer, CRCOG
CC: David Porter, Town Manager, Marlborough

Meeting Date: February 25, 2026

Subject: Resolution to Endorse CRCOG's Regional Performance Incentive Program grant Application for Shared Finance Officer

Background: The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) accepts applications for the Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) on a rolling basis. Marlborough and Woodbridge have been discussing the possibility of a shared finance officer. Marlborough and Woodbridge wish to apply for a RPIP grant to help fund this initiative. CRCOG would administer the program.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG:

A shared finance officer program would present an opportunity for the named member towns to share services, reduce costs, and increase service levels in their communities.

Financial/Operational Impact:

The RPIP grant would offer an opportunity to use state funding to help start the shared finance officer program in the two towns. The grant would require a minimum of a 50% match from the two participating municipalities and the towns would need to fund program in its entirety after the three-year grant period is complete.

There is no financial impact to SCRCOG or the SCRCOG membership, other than Woodbridge.

Project Schedule: OPM reviews RPIP applications on a rolling basis. The RPIP grants are awarded for a maximum of three years.

Request:

Approve the Resolution to Endorseme CRCOG's Regional Performance Incentive Program grant Application for Shared Finance Officer

Attachments:

- Proposed resolution

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE CRCOG’s REGIONAL PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATION GRANT FOR SHARED FINANCE OFFICER

WHEREAS, Section 4-124s of Public Act 13-246 passed by the Connecticut General Assembly provides statewide incentive grants to regional planning organizations for projects that involve shared services; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects around the CRCOG region; and

WHEREAS, the South Central Region Council of Governments (SCRCOG) is acting as a convener and facilitator of service sharing projects around the SCRCOG region; and

WHEREAS, the Capitol Region Council of Governments desires to apply for shared Finance Officer for the towns of Marlborough and Woodbridge; and

WHEREAS, the Woodbridge is a member of the South Central Region Council of Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut's Office of Policy and Management administers the statewide grants and requires a 50% match for the grant, of which CRCOG shall provide from local municipal funding from the participating municipalities; and by the end of the grant award period, the participating municipalities shall fund 100% of the program cost;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Central Region Council of Governments endorses the Capitol Region Council of Governments’ application for a Regional Performance Incentive Program Grant for a Shared Finance Officer.

I certify that the above is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the SCRCOG Policy Board at its meeting of February 25, 2026.

By: _____

Date: _____

Regional Performance Incentive Program

Part 1 – Applicant Information

Applicant Organization: _____

Tax ID (FEIN): _____

Authorized Official empowered to submit proposal and to execute any resultant contract on behalf of applicants: _____ Title: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Name and e-mail of additional staff that may be contacted regarding this application:

Part 2 – Proposal

Project Name/ Title: _____

List participating municipalities/ school districts:

RPIP request: \$ _____ Grantee Match: \$ _____

Length of grant award period: _____

Part 3 – Project Description

Describe the proposed service/ initiative:

Explain the need for the service/ initiative:

Who will be responsible for delivering the service/ initiative and how?

Describe the population that will be served.

How will the service/ initiative achieve economies of scale for participating municipalities/ school districts?

Describe the plan for implementation of the service/ initiative on a regional basis, including how growth and attrition in participation will be accommodated during the grant award period.

Part 4 – Required Attachments Use this checklist to ensure complete application package

- Application form
- Statement of Work and Budget
- Cost benefit analysis of regional provision of the service/ initiative vs. the provision of such service by individual participating municipalities/ school districts. (including an explanation of all assumptions)
- Estimate of savings/ cost avoidance for participating municipalities/ school districts and the state over the grant award period and when the service/ initiative is self-funded.
- A resolution endorsing the proposal approved by the governing body of the COG or RESC, which must include a statement that not less than 50% of the total cost of the proposal shall be funded by the COG or RESC during the grant award period and that the COG or RESC shall fund 100% of the costs of the service/ initiative thereafter.
- A resolution endorsing the proposal by the governing body of the COG or RESC of *each* planning region in which the service/ initiative will be provided. (If applicable)
- Proof of notification to any employee organization that may be impacted by the proposal.
- Proof that a copy of the application has been sent to all state legislators representing participating municipalities (a cc: to opmrpip@ct.gov on an e-mail notification is sufficient)

Required Forms

The following forms are only required if there have been changes made to your organizational information since you last filed these forms with the State.

- [OPM Vendor/Bidder/Applicant Profile Sheet \(OPM-A-15\)](#)
- [Agency Vendor Form \(SP-26NB\)](#)
- [W-9](#)

Statement of Work and Budget

Task	Target Completion (Mo. Yr.)	Funding				
		RPIP Grant Request (\$)	Grantee Match (\$)	Other (\$)	Other Source	Total (\$)
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS						

Regional Planning & Municipal Services Staff Report February 2026

1. SCRCOG Municipal Shared Services Study Update

Raftelis has now completed interviews with nearly all 15 member municipalities and is in the process of finalizing the remaining conversations. Based on these discussions and further research, the team is developing the core services matrix and synthesizing existing conditions. Raftelis will present these findings at the March SCRCOG Board meeting.

2. SCRCOG Regional Planning Commission - VACANCIES

SCRCOG currently has several vacancies on the Regional Planning Commission (RPC). RPC members review land use referrals every month, including zoning and subdivision applications that may have inter-municipal impacts, and will be an advisory body when the COG begins the Regional Plans of Conservation and Development (POCD) update next fiscal year. Members must be on the municipality's planning commission and be able to meet monthly virtually. The following seats are vacant:

- Bethany
- East Haven
- Hamden
- New Haven
- North Branford
- North Haven
- West Haven

It is imperative for the commission to be fully staffed for true regional representation on important issues and discussions. Any questions on the commission or to report of a recent appointment, please contact Ian McElwee at imcelwee@scrcog.org.

3. Haven's Harvest Facility Tour

SCRCOG's Solid Waste and Recycling Working Group recently held an in-person session at Haven's Harvest in Hamden, CT, which focused on food recovery, waste diversion, and municipal partnership opportunities. The session highlighted how recovered perishable and prepared foods are redirected to community partners such as daycares, churches, and senior centers, helping reduce food waste while addressing food insecurity, and provided participants with a warehouse tour, program overview, and discussion on how municipalities can engage in similar efforts.

4. Follow-up: Tire Stewardship Presentation and Materials

Thank you to those who attended SCRCOG's Solid Waste & Recycling Working Group session on Wednesday, February 4th on the **CT Tire Stewardship (CTS) Program**. CTS launches on **March 21st** as a statewide tire collection and disposal entity. Municipalities can join the program at no cost. If you

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would like more information, please reference the [CTS website](#), complete the [CTS interest form](#), and review the [presentation slide deck](#) and [draft Tire Collection Program Covered Entity Agreement](#). CTS Executive Director Jesse Schofield can be reached by email at Jesse@recycletiresct.com.

5. **Inaugural SCRCOG Regional Climate Resilience Working Group**

SCRCOG will host the first meeting of the Regional Climate Resilience Working Group in April, with the specific date and time to be announced. The purpose of this group is to coordinate and support member municipalities in implementing their Municipal Emissions Reduction Playbooks (MERPs), a key deliverable of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP), while providing a forum to share strategies, funding opportunities, and local climate initiatives. If you are interested in attending, please email Ian McElwee at imcelwee@scrcog.org.

6. **March Grants Working Group Meeting**

The next Grants Working Group meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 12th from 9:00-10:30 am** at the SCRCOG Office. The session will feature a brief presentation from our Regional Planning Interns Matthew Rothchild and Elizabeth Moy on the new application library highlighting grant successes and near misses. This will be followed by a comprehensive group exercise designed to strengthen regional grant coordination and strategy. Please register by **Tuesday, March 10th at 8:30 am** using this link: [REGISTER HERE](#). If you have any further questions, please contact Sabrina Davis at sdavis@scrcog.org.

7. **CT Green Bank Monthly Webinar Series**

SCRCOG is partnering with the CT Green Bank to host a monthly educational webinar series focused on energy, resilience, and sustainability initiatives offered to member municipalities. The first webinar will be held on **Wednesday, March 4th from 10:00-11:00am**, featuring a presentation on the **Fleet Electrification Accelerator**, with a focus on funding and capital strategies available to municipalities. This session will include a 30-minute presentation followed by time for Q&A. If you are interested in attending this event, please reach out to Sabrina Davis at sdavis@scrcog.org.

8. **Save the Date - SCRCOG/The Nature Conservancy Urban Forestry Event**

SCRCOG, in partnership with the Nature Conservancy, will host an Urban Forestry Peer Learning Exchange on **Wednesday, April 15th**. This half-day convening will bring together municipal staff, community organizations, and environmental partners to exchange knowledge, discuss urban forest management strategies, and strengthen regional collaboration around tree canopy and resilience. For notice of interest or any questions, please email Ian McElwee at imcelwee@scrcog.org.

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January 2026 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	1/15/2026	Town of Wallingford. Proposed zoning text amendment adding museums and art galleries to industrial districts.	Hamden, Meriden, North Branford, North Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning text amendment does not appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound nor will it cause negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region.
2.2	1/15/2026	Town of Killingworth. Proposed zoning text amendment redefining certain elements of housing regulations.	Madison	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning text amendment does not appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound nor will it cause negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region.
2.3	1/27/2026	City of Milford. Proposed zoning text amendment allowing certain districts to convert detached garages to detached ADUs.	Orange, West Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning text amendment does not appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound nor will it cause negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region.
2.4	1/30/2026	Town of Orange. Proposed zoning text amendment making changes to regulations on planned residential developments.	Milford, New Haven, West Haven, Woodbridge	The proposed zoning text amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impact to the Towns in the South Central Region nor will there be a negative impact on the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound; however, language around off-street parking minimums should be removed to align with state legislation or language should be added that these minimums should only be enforced if a PRD will add 17 or more units of housing.
2.5	1/30/2026	City of Meriden. Proposed zoning text amendment allowing self-storage facilities in certain commercial and industrial districts.	Wallingford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning text amendment does not appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound nor will it cause negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region.
2.6	1/29/2026	City of New Haven. Proposed zoning map change on properties near Union Station from planned development to transit oriented communities.	East Haven, Hamden, North Haven, Orange, West Haven, Woodbridge	No resolution needed.

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Economic Development Report: Greater New Haven Region (February 2026)

Upcoming Regional Economic Development Forums (REDFO)

REDFO meets in person at SCRCOG offices at 11:45 the last Thursday each month.
REDFO workshops provide webinar support on specific projects for discussion (10am).

Feb 26th: **What it takes to win a Site Selection:** AdvanceCT’s Site Certification Process

*March 10 Workshop: Site review w/ Costar and certification checklists

March 26th: **Are You Bus-Ready?** Preparing Businesses to Sell to Tour Groups

*April 2 Workshop: Business sell sheets for Discover New England

Hospitality Report – Visit New Haven

- **Discover New England:** Building on the momentum of business engagement from the American Bus Association January Marketplace, Visit New Haven will be attending the Discover New England 28th Annual Tourism Summit & International Marketplace, with focused outreach to 74 tour operators and brokered meetings to promote the region and negotiate packages.
- **Shaping New England: Travel, Tourism, & Hospitality:** Visit New Haven presented and participated in a panel of inventive engagement tactics as part of a statewide strategy summit.
- **Stable Occupancy Growth Amid Industry Uncertainty**

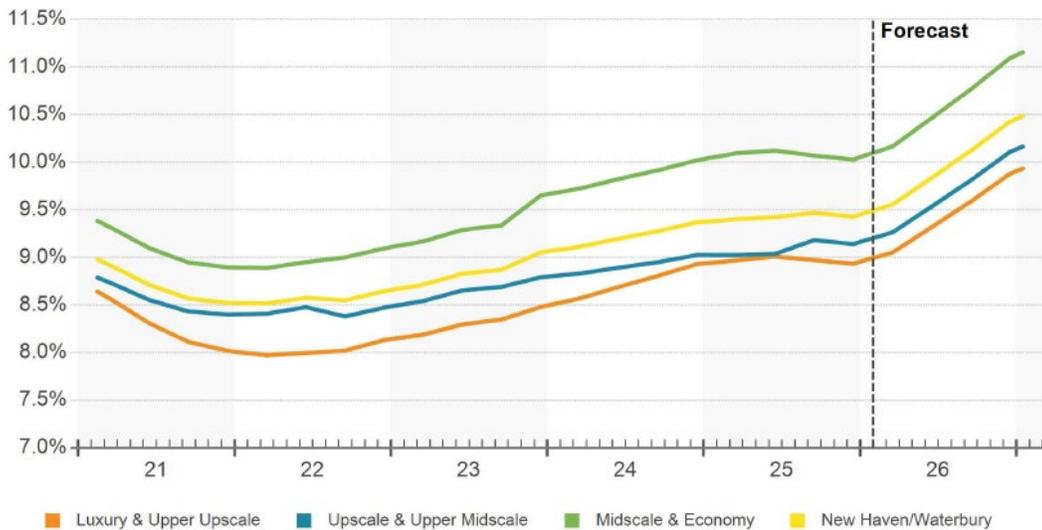
OCCUPANCY MONTHLY



• New Hotel Construction:

Hampton Inn & Suites, North Haven	103 Rooms – Winter 2026
Comfort Inn Hamden, Hamden	51 Rooms – Fall 2026

MARKET CAP RATE



RECENT SIGNIFICANT SALES

Property Name/Address	Property Information				Sale Information		
	Class	Yr Built	Rooms	Brand	Sale Date	Price	Price/Room
1 Fairfield Inn & Suites Wallingford... 100 Miles Dr	Upper Midscale	1985	116	Fairfield Inn	12/23/2025	\$9,200,001	\$79,310
2 Hampton Inn Milford 129 Plains Rd	Upper Midscale	1984	148	Hampton by Hilton	9/18/2025	\$6,049,000	\$40,872
3 Debonair Beach Motel 295 Beach St	Economy	1959	22	-	2/11/2025	\$2,000,000	\$90,909
4 Courtyard New Haven Wallingford 600 Northrop Rd	Upscale	1990	149	Courtyard	10/1/2025	-	-

Municipal On-Call Services Updates

- **Direct Municipal Services:** In February, REX Development provided a site feasibility assessment and work plan options report for a municipal property in Guilford, supported department transition planning in Hamden, and presented testimony before municipal legislatures in Madison and New Haven for keystone projects in review.
- **Economic Development Commission 101 series:** Building on two years of engagement with local EDCs, we've drawn the common themes and most-asked-questions of our work into an EDC 101 orientation series for new and returning volunteer municipal commissioners. Implementation of EDC strategic plans continues with support for Meriden's EDC sub-committees and facilitation for North Haven business visitation.
- **Commercial Leasing Intel Program:** Powered by Costar, REX's Commercial Leasing Intel program provides real-time market updates on priority commercial and industrial properties.