

**Meeting Notice & Agenda**  
South Central Regional MPO and COG

<b>DATE</b>	April 22, 2026	<b>LOCATION</b>	SCRCOG Office	<b>DIAL-IN</b>	+1 929-346-7262 103423992#
<b>TIME</b>	10:00 am	<b>MEETING URL</b>	<a href="#">Teams Link</a>	<b>MEETING ID</b>	234 598 065 221 9
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- 1 **Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2 **Adopt Minutes of March 25, 2026 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)** Pages 2-5
- 3 **Treasurer’s Report for month ending March 31, 2026 (motion)** Pages 6-8
- 4 **MPO Business**
  - a) FY 2025 – FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Eighteen (motion) Pages 9-16
  - b) FY 2025 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (motion) Pages 17-18
- 5 **COG Business**
  - a) FY 2025-26 Budget Revision #4 (motion) Pages 19-21
  - b) Preliminary Review of Proposed FY 2026-27 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan Pages 22-28
  - c) Regional Planning Commission April Action Table Page 29
- 6 **Speaker: State Senator Christine Cohen**  
State Legislation Session Updates
- 7 **Reports**
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  - e) CT Rides Report
  - f) REX Development Report
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- 8 **Regional Roundtable Discussion**
- 9 **Other Business**
- 10 **Adjournment**

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TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**  
 FROM: **Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary**  
 DATE: **March 25, 2026**  
 SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2026**

**Present:**

Bethany	First Selectwoman Carol Goldberg
Branford	First Selectman Joshua Brooks
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Carfora, <b>Treasurer</b>
Guilford	First Selectman Matthew Hoey
Hamden	Mayor Adam Sendroff
Madison	First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, <b>Immediate Past Chair</b>
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, <b>Secretary</b>
West Haven	Mayor Dorinda Borer, <b>Chair</b>
Woodbridge	First Selectman Mica Cardozo, <b>Vice Chair</b>

**SCRCOG Staff:** Laura Francis, Christopher Rappa, James Rode, Brendon Dukett, Kellie Kingston, Ian McElwee, Justin Salva, Angelina DeBenedet, Matthew Rothchild

**Guests:** Michael Anderson (Avangrid); Rebecca Augur (Office of Policy and Management); Nan Birdwhistell (Murtha Cullina LLP); Hope Chávez (Arts Council of Greater New Haven); James Flick, Jonathan Ingram, Ben Kittelson (Raftelis); Paige Gionet (Whitney Center); Ellen Graham (Office of Senator Richard Blumenthal); Michael Harris (REX Development); Louis Mangini (Office of Representative Rosa DeLauro); Laurie McElwee (River Valley Transit); Brian O'Connor (CT Conference of Municipalities); Jennifer Pachacha (CT Department of Transportation); Farian Rabbani (Office of Senator Chris Murphy); Donte Spell (CT Rides)

*Note: The March Board meeting was held in a hybrid format.*

**1. Call to order**

Chair Borer called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

**2. Adopt Minutes of February 25, 2026, Board Meeting (motion)**

Chair Borer referred to pages 2-7 of the agenda packet. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectwoman Lyons. The motion passed unanimously.

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### 3. **Treasurer's Report for month ending February 28, 2026 (motion)**

Mayor Carfora referred to the Treasurer's Report on pages 8-10 of the agenda packet, noting that all expenses appear to be appropriate for a one-month period. Motion to accept made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectman Freda. The motion passed unanimously.

### 4. **MPO Business**

#### a. **FY 2025 – FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Seventeen (motion)**

James Rode noted that the Transportation Committee recommended the amendment included on pages 11-14 of the agenda packet. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectwoman Lyons. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5. **COG Business**

#### a. **Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract Amendment with REX Development for the Land Bank Feasibility Study (motion)**

Chair Borer referred to page 15 of the agenda packet. Brendon Dukett provided additional context on the proposed feasibility study as a contract amendment with REX Development. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by Mayor Sendroff. The motion passed unanimously.

#### b. **Regional Planning Commission March Action Table**

Executive Director Francis referred to page 16 of the agenda packet, noting that Hamden and West Haven have appointed members to the Regional Planning Commission. It was noted that vacancies remain.

### 6. **Presentation: Regional Shared Services Phase 1 Deliverables, Raftelis Consultants**

Chair Borer referred to the memo and presentation deck included as handouts in the agenda packet. Jonathan Ingram, Ben Kittelson, and James Flick of Raftelis presented an update on the SCRCOG Municipal Shared Services project. Discussion followed on findings of the legal review and the upcoming implementation workshop on May 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

### 7. **Reports**

#### a. **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Francis referred to pages 17-18 of the agenda packet, highlighting several flyers for upcoming workshops and learning opportunities. The Town of Branford was spotlighted for their recent Connecticut Green Bank award for school bus fleet electrification. Executive Director Francis referred to the open comment period for the CT Office of Policy and Management's Public Act 25-1 Implementation Guidelines. It was noted that an interest survey on cybersecurity and AI best practices had been distributed to Board members for potential program development with NOVUS. Executive Director Francis also noted her participation in a voluntary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) consolidation working group and discussions with legislative leadership on potential funding.

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**b. Transportation Staff Report**

James Rode referred to pages 19-21 of the agenda packet, noting an open solicitation for additional traffic and safety studies.

**c. Regional Planning & Municipal Services Staff Report**

Brendon Dukett referred to pages 22-25 of the agenda packet.

**d. Greater New Haven Transit District Report**

There was no one present from Greater New Haven Transit District (GNHTD). Executive Director Francis noted that GNHTD is undergoing its triennial review and requesting municipal participation as needed.

**e. CT Rides Report**

Donte Spell provided a verbal report on upcoming CT Rides events and opportunities for the public and municipalities. The Drive Less CT Challenge will be held from April 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> to encourage individuals to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips by using public transit and other sustainable transportation options. Participants can log their trips to demonstrate the collective impact of reduced driving, with incentives such as tiered prizes and gift cards. Informational sessions for municipalities are available. Donte Spell also shared [registration information for the CT Rides 2026 Transportation Showcase](#) for municipalities, employees, and residents to connect on statewide transportation initiatives, resources, and strategies.

**f. REX Development Report**

Michael Harris referred to the report which was included as a handout. Discussion followed on available training programs for economic development commission members and the Regional Land Bank Feasibility Study scope.

**g. Congressional Reports**

Louis Mangini shared a verbal report from the Office of Representative Rosa DeLauro. It was noted that meetings had been held with Electric Boat on expanded hiring in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. It was also noted that appropriations included in the Fiscal Year 2026 Homeland Security bill will be resubmitted for Fiscal Year 2027.

Ellen Graham shared a verbal report from the Office of Senator Richard Blumenthal, noting that applications for projects to be included in Congressionally Directed Spending funds are open through April 6<sup>th</sup>. Farian Rabbani noted that this applies to submissions to the Office of Senator Chris Murphy as well.

**h. State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST**

Brian O'Connor provided a verbal report from the CT Conference of Municipalities on recent state legislative updates. Discussion followed on legislation in the areas of education funding, local commerce, health insurance coverage, and municipal reimbursements for veteran exemptions.

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i. **DEMHS Report**

Chair Borer referred to page 26 of the agenda packet. There was no one present from DEMHS.

**8. Regional Roundtable Discussion**

a. **Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP) Implementation Framework**

Brendon Dukett referred to a memo and flyers included as handouts and provided additional context on the plan's implementation framework. Executive Director Francis noted that, through this process, Municipal Emissions Reduction Playbooks (MERPs) were compiled for each individual municipality.

**9. Other Business**

First Selectman Freda shared congratulatory remarks for Chair Borer's recent Legislative Leader award by the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:22am.

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## Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 3/31/2026

<b>Assets</b>
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**Cash and Investments**

Key Bank - Checking Account	236,943.05
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	1,684,215.08

**Accounts Receivable**

CT Department of Transportation	237,255.68
CT Office of Policy and Management	21,542.32
US EPA - CPRG	1,518.09
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	(1.87)
CT DEEP – RWA Grant	53,413.28
Retiree Health Insurance	4,167.60

**Other Assets**

Prepaid Expense - UConn MPA Interns	7,487.10
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)

<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>4,551,890.47</b>
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<b>Liabilities</b>
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Accounts Payable	(500.00)
Payroll Taxes Payable & Accrued Interest	9,049.64
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	84,869.44
Deferred Revenue - OPM	658,180.25
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	255,956.77
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue – Special Assessment	38,730.00

<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,049,976.87</b>
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<b>Fund Balance</b>
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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	32,046.10

<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>3,501,913.60</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b>4,551,890.47</b>

## Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 3/31/2026

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	26,150.35	127,215.66	393,870.00
Municipal - Special Assessment	9,372.32	142,040.10	375,000.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	86,146.03	505,563.25	1,240,517.00
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)		150,485.10	1,805,066.00
CT OPM - Parcel and CAMA Data Grant	3,725.00	55,630.00	181,500.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	138,282.54	815,029.51	2,300,925.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant	11,055.81	100,317.73	169,718.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	810.07	11,679.01	250,000.00
CTDOT - Active Trans. Microgrants Program		19,599.00	19,599.00
US EPA - CPRG	1,518.09	141,642.99	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	740.23	120,018.46	112,500.00
Interest - Revenue	5,302.63	38,174.50	20,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance	2,076.00	15,872.04	20,000.00
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>285,179.07</b>	<b>2,252,612.23</b>	<b>7,233,987.00</b>

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance	2,076.00	15,872.04	20,000.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	90,120.36	307,537.68	1,807,539.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	4,250.00	29,250.00	137,500.00
Other Consultants	48,783.24	733,627.95	1,539,200.00
Subrecipients	96.47	82,675.74	89,599.00
Travel	2,433.52	5,505.05	17,000.00
Data Processing		12,608.00	9,500.00
Office Supplies		1,502.32	5,846.00
Subscriptions and Books	336.00	1,101.11	5,800.00
Insurance and Professional Services		1,350.00	54,800.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	1,989.45	15,378.16	25,300.00
Miscellaneous		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
<b>Total Direct Expenses</b>	<b>150,085.04</b>	<b>1,206,571.05</b>	<b>5,497,664.00</b>

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
<b>Direct Labor - Employees</b>	<b>55,165.90</b>	<b>437,563.14</b>	<b>733,001.00</b>

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## Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 3/31/2026

Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	13,352.90	135,090.96	227,634.00
Employee Benefits	27,766.32	232,277.64	448,638.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	183.10	25,576.07	34,600.00
Rent	15,962.06	140,495.34	188,100.00
Telephone and Internet	341.76	3,368.49	10,600.00
Office Supplies	476.98	1,918.27	3,200.00
Equipment Maintenance	676.54	23,543.22	40,500.00
Subscriptions and Books		149.90	500.00
Insurance and Professional Services	3,214.35	31,420.30	47,800.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	414.00	89.87	1,150.00
Miscellaneous		42.00	500.00
<b>Total Overhead</b>	<b>62,388.01</b>	<b>593,972.06</b>	<b>1,003,322.00</b>
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>267,638.95</b>	<b>2,238,106.25</b>	<b>7,233,987.00</b>

## 2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Amendment Number 18

### **Project: 0061-0153 WALKABLE SIDEWALK BIKE/PED IMPROVEMENTS**

**Cost:** \$4,437,800

**Action:** Project action, adjusted for revised cost estimates

**Summary:** Construction of pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure improvements in Hamden, including enhanced sidewalk connectivity and multimodal accommodations along key corridors.

**Purpose:** Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, enhance connectivity, and support active transportation consistent with regional mobility and air quality goals.

### **Project: 0061-0156 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS**

**Cost:** \$21,308,000

**Action:** New project added

**Summary:** Interchange improvements at CT 15 and SR 707 in Hamden, including installation of northbound and southbound acceleration lanes, a northbound deceleration lane, signalization of ramp termini, roadway reconfiguration, and multimodal enhancements such as bike lanes and sidewalk gap closures.

**Purpose:** Reduce crash occurrences, improve traffic operations and mobility, and enhance safety and accessibility for all roadway users, including pedestrians and bicyclists.

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**Project: 0106-0108 OPERATIONAL LANE FROM MILFORD TO LAMBERT ROAD**

**Cost:** \$36,300,000

**Action:** Project action, adjusted for revised cost estimates

**Summary:** Construction of an additional operational lane along the Route 1 corridor in Orange between Milford and Lambert Road to improve traffic flow and capacity.

**Purpose:** Reduce congestion, improve traffic operations, and enhance reliability along a heavily traveled corridor.

**Project: 0167-0108 HEROES TUNNEL IMPROVEMENT UNDER WEST ROCK RIDGE**

**Cost:** \$10,400,000

**Action:** Project action, adjusted for revised cost estimates

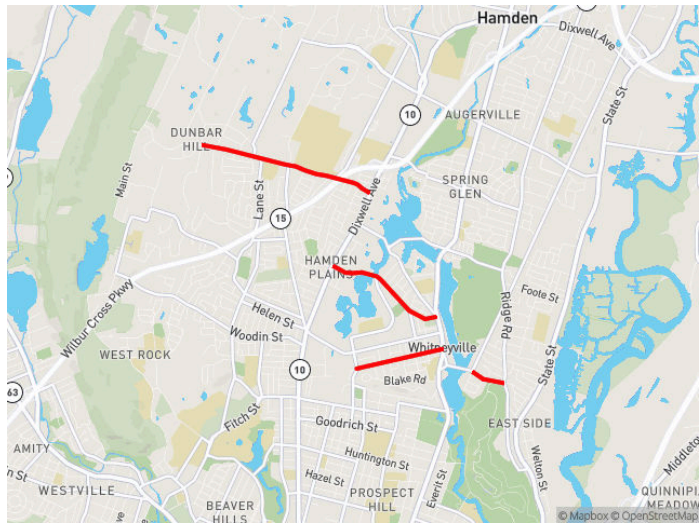
**Summary:** Final design phase for improvements to the Heroes Tunnel under West Rock Ridge, serving New Haven and Woodbridge.

**Purpose:** Advance design to address structural, operational, and safety needs of the tunnel facility and ensure long-term system reliability.

**0061-0153 - WALKABLE SIDEWALK PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENTS**

WALKABLE SIDEWALK PED/BIKE IMPROVEMENTS

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	CTDOT
<b>Project Type:</b>	FHWA
<b>Region:</b>	8
<b>Town:</b>	HAMDEN
<b>Air Quality Status:</b>	-
<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$4,437,800

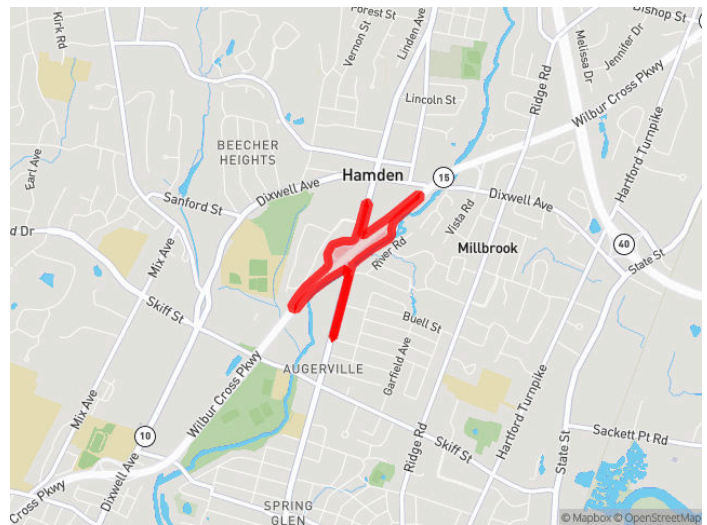


Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	CRPNH	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,000
Construction	Local Match	\$0	\$0	\$887,560	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$887,560
Construction	TAP-FLEX	\$0	\$0	\$1,350,240	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,350,240
Construction	TAPNH	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$4,437,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,437,800
-	CRPNH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
-	TAP-FLEX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
-	TAPNH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$4,437,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,437,800

### 0061-0156 - INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	CTDOT
<b>Project Type:</b>	FHWA
<b>Region:</b>	8
<b>Town:</b>	HAMDEN
<b>Air Quality Status:</b>	-
<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$21,308,000

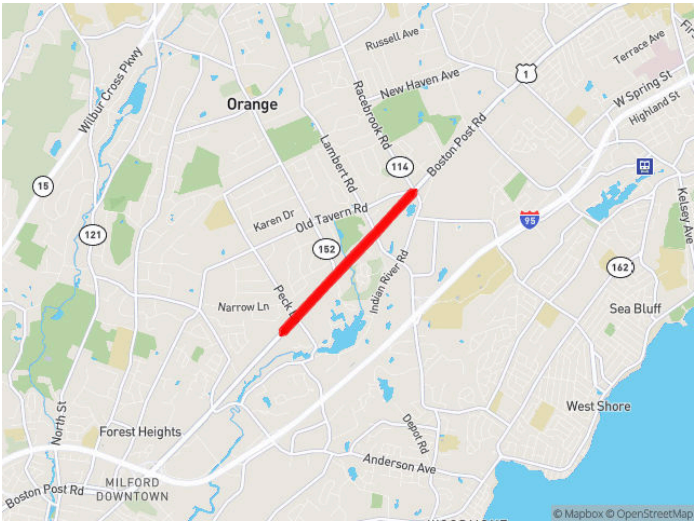


Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Final Design	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$1,286,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,286,400
Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$321,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$321,600
<b>Total Final Design</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,608,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,608,000</b>
Right of Way	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80,000
Right of Way	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
<b>Total Right of Way</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
Construction	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$7,680,000	\$15,680,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$1,920,000	\$3,920,000
<b>Total Construction</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$9,600,000</b>	<b>\$19,600,000</b>
-	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Future Costs</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$9,600,000</b>	<b>\$9,600,000</b>
<b>Total Programmed</b>		<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,708,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	<b>\$9,600,000</b>	<b>\$21,308,000</b>

**0106-0108 - OPERATIONAL LANE FROM MILFORD TO LAMBERT ROAD**

OPERATIONAL LANE FROM MILFORD TO LAMBERT ROAD

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	CTDOT
<b>Project Type:</b>	FHWA
<b>Region:</b>	8
<b>Town:</b>	ORANGE
<b>Air Quality Status:</b>	-
<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$36,300,000

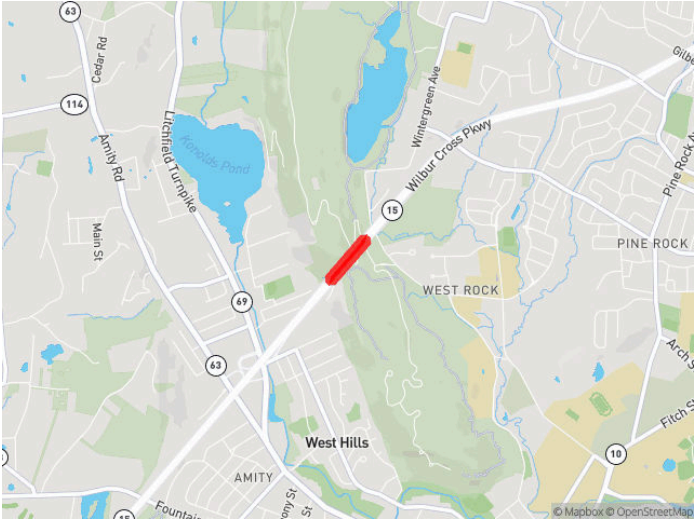


Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$1,750,000	\$2,660,000	\$2,850,000	\$0	\$7,260,000
Construction	STPNH	\$0	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$10,640,000	\$11,400,000	\$0	\$29,040,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$8,750,000	\$13,300,000	\$14,250,000	\$0	\$36,300,000
-	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
-	STPNH	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$8,750,000	\$13,300,000	\$14,250,000	\$0	\$36,300,000

**0167-0108 - HEROES TUNNEL IMPROVEMENT UNDER WEST ROCK RIDGE**

HEROES TUNNEL IMPROVEMENT UNDER WEST ROCK RIDGE

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	CTDOT
<b>Project Type:</b>	FHWA
<b>Region:</b>	8
<b>Town:</b>	NEW HAVEN, WOODBRIDGE
<b>Air Quality Status:</b>	-
<b>Total Cost:</b>	\$10,400,000



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Final Design	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$8,320,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,320,000
Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$2,080,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,080,000
Total Final Design		\$0	\$0	\$10,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,400,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$10,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,400,000

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## **Resolution**

### ***Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Eighteen***

**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 Eighteen (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 *Eighteen* shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, for inclusion in the *State Transportation Improvement Program*

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **April 22, 2026**

Date April 22, 2026

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary*  
South Central Regional Council of Governments

*Resolution*

*SFY 2025 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.*

- Whereas:** The State of Connecticut has received annual Federal Section 5310 funding for transportation of seniors and individuals with disabilities, since 1975; and
- Whereas:** The Infrastructure Investment and Job Act, reauthorizes surface transportation programs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 through FY 2026; and
- Whereas:** Funding is apportioned based on Urbanized Areas (UZAs). The New Haven UZA includes the South Central Region and portions of the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) to allow funds for capital and operating expenses; and
- Whereas;** \$794,569 has been appropriated to the New Haven UZA for FY25, of which a minimum of 55% must be used for capital purchases; and
- Whereas:** SCRCOG, with the assistance of the Greater New Haven Transit District, Milford Transit District, and RiverCOG, have reviewed all applications from interested non-profit organizations, and prioritized projects based on criteria provided by CTDOT; and
- Whereas:** Agreement has been reached among the above mentioned parties on the priorities for capital purchases and operating funds after review of applications from municipalities, interested non-profit organizations, and area paratransit operators, based on ranking criteria provided by CTDOT

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

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

Traditional Capital Funding

1. Mary Wade
2. Town of Orange
3. City of Meriden
4. Goodwill of Southern New England

Operating

1. RVT Taxi Voucher
2. RVT Operating
3. RVT South Central Mobility Management
4. ALS United Connecticut
5. North-East Transit Company, Incorporated
6. The Kennedy Collective, Inc.

*Certificate*

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Mayor Vincent Cervoni, *Secretary*  
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***FY 2025-26 Budget Revision #4***

*This revision updates the FY 2025-26 budget to incorporate additional CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program funding.*

**Revenue**

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Budget Revision #4 adds \$41,242 of revenue to the adopted FY 2025-26 budget, broken down as follows.

- \$41,242 of CTDOT – Active Transportation Microgrants Program

**Expenses**

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Budget Revision #4 includes the following changes.

- Passthrough Grants increases by \$41,242 (Active Transportation Microgrants Program)

Actual line-item revisions are on the following page, followed by a resolution authorizing Budget Revision #4.

## FY 2025-26 Budget Revision #4

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
<b>Municipal Contribution</b>			
Municipal Contribution - Dues	249,800		249,800
Municipal Contribution - RPIP Match	375,000		375,000
Committed Fund Balance	144,070		144,070
<b>Transportation Planning</b>			
U.S. DOT	1,350,692		1,350,692
U.S. DOT - Carryover	781,396		781,396
U.S. DOT - Highway Safety	169,718		169,718
CTDOT	168,837		168,837
CTDOT - Active Transportation Microgrants Program	19,599	41,242	60,841
CTDOT - LOTCIP	250,000		250,000
<b>Regional Planning</b>			
CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)	1,226,517		1,226,517
CT OPM - RSG - Previous Fiscal Year	14,000		14,000
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)	1,805,066		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	-		-
CT DEEP - SMM Grant	20,706		20,706
CT DEEP - RWA Grant	112,500		112,500
US EPA - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	320,895		320,895
<b>Other</b>			
Investment Income	20,000		20,000
Retiree Health Insurance	20,000		20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,233,987</b>	<b>41,242</b>	<b>7,275,229</b>

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
Salaries	960,634		960,634
Benefits	468,639		468,639
Travel	17,100		17,100
Computer Supplies & Software	44,100		44,100
Rent	188,100		188,100
General Office Expenses	196,587		196,587
Transportation Consultants	1,807,539		1,807,539
Other Consultants	1,676,700		1,676,700
Passthrough Grants	89,599	41,242	130,841
Capital	-		-
Contingency	0		0
Transportation - Reserved	49,554		49,554
LOTCIP - Reserved	163,846		163,846
Highway Safety - Reserved	14,012		14,012
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved	-		-
SMM Grant - Reserved	8,009		8,009
RWA Grant - Reserved	5,460		5,460
CPRG - Reserved	114,041		114,041
RPIP (Cybersecurity) - Reserved	1,430,066		1,430,066
Parcel and CAMA Data Grant - Reserved			
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,233,987</b>	<b>41,242</b>	<b>7,275,229</b>

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### **Resolution**

#### **South Central Regional Council of Governments Fiscal Year 2025-26 - Budget Revision #4**

- Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) adopted an operating budget for FY 2025-26 on May 28, 2025;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #1 on July 23, 2025;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #2 on October 23, 2025;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #3 on January 21, 2026; and
- Whereas: SCRCOG has received an additional \$41,242 of CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program funds.

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

That Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Revision #4, which incorporates CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants funds, is adopted.

Certificate:

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on April 22, 2026.

Date: April 22, 2026

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SCRCOG delivers services and products to its member municipalities through a coordinated model that combines in-house staff capacity with targeted consultant support. In this model, consultants are engaged to provide specialized technical expertise, data analysis, and facilitation for defined projects, while SCRCOG staff lead overall project management, municipal coordination, and implementation.

This approach ensures that regional initiatives extend beyond one-time efforts and are embedded in ongoing municipal support. SCRCOG staff remain actively engaged before, during, and after consultant-led work to ensure that project outcomes are responsive to municipal needs, align with regional priorities, and positioned for implementation.

**Source of Project Funding:**

CT OPM Regional Services Grant (RSG)	\$1,348,501.80
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Line Item
1. Staff Labor and Expenses
2. GIS Consultant
3. UConn MPA Interns - 2
4. Capitol Region Purchasing Council Dues
5. Regional Planning Consultants
6. Municipal Services Consultants
7. Regional Housing Program
8. Regional Solid Waste & Recycling Program

**Details of Planning Consultants**

<b>5. Regional Planning Consultants</b>	
5a. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (Phase 1)	Consultant To Be Selected
5b. Regional Plan of Conservation & Development Update (Phase 1)	Consultant To Be Selected
5c. Community Conversations ( <i>continuing</i> )	Benjamin Fink
5d. Open Space & Recreational Trail Map Inventory Update	Consultant To Be Selected
5e. SCRCOG Organizational Strategic Plan	Consultant To Be Selected
5f. Special Session Public Act 25-1 Implementation Assistance	Consultant To Be Selected
<b>6. Municipal Services Consultants</b>	
6a. Economic Development On-Call Services ( <i>continuing</i> )	REX Development
6b. Municipal Shared Services Study – Implementation	Raftelis

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**Staff and Consultant Roles by Initiative**

<p><b>5. Regional Planning</b></p>
<p><b>5a. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan</b></p> <p><i><b>Consultant Role:</b></i> Serve as the technical lead for the development and update of the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, including preparation of the plan document, ensuring compliance with current FEMA Hazard Mitigation Planning requirements and guidance.</p> <p><i><b>SCRCOG Staff Role:</b></i> Serve as the primary liaison to municipalities, support stakeholder engagement and meeting facilitation, and review consultant deliverables to ensure consistency with municipal input, regional priorities, and implementation goals.</p> <p><i><b>Municipal Benefit:</b></i> Provides a comprehensive update of local mitigation priorities, ensuring continued eligibility for federal and state hazard mitigation funding and positioning municipalities to compete for future grant opportunities.</p>
<p><b>5b Regional Plan of Conservation &amp; Development (POCD) Update</b></p> <p><i><b>Consultant Role:</b></i> Compile and analyze regional datasets; assess demographic, economic, housing, transportation, and land use trends; and develop and write the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. This includes identifying regional priorities, developing policy recommendations, and preparing plan materials to guide coordinated growth, investment, and decision making across member municipalities.</p> <p><i><b>SCRCOG Staff Role:</b></i> Serve as the primary liaison to municipalities, support stakeholder engagement and meeting facilitation, and review consultant deliverables to ensure consistency with municipal input, regional priorities, and implementation goals.</p> <p><i><b>Municipal Benefit:</b></i> Provides municipalities with a statutorily compliant regional plan that supports local planning and decision-making while also informing and aligning broader SCRCOG policy direction.</p>
<p><b>5c. Community Conversations – Housing Support</b></p> <p><i><b>Consultant Role:</b></i> Assist municipalities with the design and facilitation of community engagement efforts, including public education programs, training, and outreach initiatives that strengthen resident awareness and communication.</p> <p><i><b>SCRCOG Staff Role:</b></i> Provide regional leadership in housing policy analysis, translating insights into actionable guidance for municipalities to support local planning and policy decisions.</p> <p><i><b>Municipal Benefit:</b></i> Supports municipalities in engaging residents, enhancing public understanding of housing-related issues, and fostering informed, community-based dialogue.</p>
<p><b>5d. Open Space &amp; Recreational Trails Inventory Update</b></p> <p><i><b>Consultant Role:</b></i> Compile, verify, and enhance geospatial data related to open space and recreational trail networks, ensuring accuracy, consistency, and completeness to support a comprehensive and reliable inventory for regional planning and decision-making.</p>

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**SCRCOG Staff Role:** Coordinate municipal data input, ensure consistency and completeness, and integrate findings into regional initiatives such as the Trails Master Plan.

**Municipal Benefit:** Provides municipalities with updated mapping and a cohesive regional framework to support local planning and recreational investments.

**5e. SCRCOG Organizational Strategic Plan**

**Consultant Role:** Conduct a comprehensive assessment of SCRCOG’s existing programs, services, and organizational structure, and facilitate a structured engagement process with staff and leadership. Building on this assessment, support the development of a comprehensive Organizational Strategic Plan that establishes a clear vision, identifies strategic priorities, and outlines actionable strategies and operational improvements to guide implementation.

**SCRCOG Staff Role:** Serve as the primary liaison to the consultant, providing institutional knowledge of current operations, programs, and organizational needs. Participate actively in the planning process and ensure that resulting recommendations and deliverables are grounded in agency goals, regional priorities, and organizational capacity

**Municipal Benefit:** Enhances SCRCOG’s capacity to deliver high-quality, coordinated regional services by strengthening organizational effectiveness, aligning resources with identified priorities, and positioning the agency to better respond to the evolving needs of member municipalities.

**5f. Public Act 25-1 Implementation Assistance**

**Consultant Role:** Provide targeted, on-call technical assistance to support municipalities in implementing the requirements of Public Act 25-1. This may include analysis of local zoning and land use regulations, development of model regulatory language, identification of infrastructure and planning needs to support housing growth, and preparation of implementation strategies aligned with state guidance. The consultant will also assist in interpreting evolving state requirements, coordinating with state agencies, and developing tools, templates, and best practices that can be adapted across multiple municipalities.

**SCRCOG Staff Role:** SCRCOG staff will serve as the regional coordinator and primary point of contact between municipalities, the consultant, and state partners. Staff will work with member municipalities to identify needs and prioritize assistance, manage the consultant contract, and ensure consistency with regional planning efforts and available data resources (e.g., Data Dashboard, GIS, and state housing data tools). SCRCOG will also facilitate information sharing, convene municipal staff, and ensure that assistance supports—but does not replace—local decision-making authority.

**Municipal Benefit:** Municipalities will receive access to high-quality technical expertise and planning support at no direct cost, enabling them to effectively respond to new state housing requirements while maintaining local control over land use decisions. This assistance will help reduce administrative burden, improve readiness for potential funding opportunities tied to compliance, and support thoughtful, locally appropriate approaches to meeting housing needs.

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<p><b>6. Municipal Services</b></p>
<p><b>6a. Economic Development On-Call Services – REX Development Team</b></p> <p><i><b>Consultant Role:</b></i> Provide on-call economic development support to municipalities, including supplemental staff coverage, technical assistance, training, and peer review of local economic development initiatives and materials. Services will be available on an as-needed basis to enhance municipal capacity and support effective economic development planning and implementation.</p> <p><i><b>SCRCOG Staff Role:</b></i> Coordinate and evaluate municipal economic development requests and projects, ensuring consistency and alignment with SCRCOG’s broader initiatives, strategies, and policy direction.</p> <p><i><b>Municipal Benefit:</b></i> Provides municipalities with flexible, on-demand economic development support that addresses staffing gaps, builds local capacity, and advances priority economic development initiatives.</p>
<p><b>6b. Municipal Shared Services Study – Implementation Assistance</b></p> <p><i><b>Consultant Role:</b></i> Support and facilitate implementation of actions identified in the Municipal Shared Services Study. This includes coordinating with participating municipalities, assisting with planning and execution of shared service initiatives, and helping to advance identified opportunities into operational programs.</p> <p><i><b>SCRCOG Staff Role:</b></i> Lead municipal engagement and support the coordination and facilitation of identified actions to advance shared service initiatives across the Council of Governments and its member municipalities.</p> <p><i><b>Municipal Benefit:</b></i> Advances cost-saving and operational efficiency opportunities through direct regional support and coordination.</p>
<p><b>7. Regional Housing Program</b></p>
<p><b>Regional Housing Program Manager</b></p> <p><i><b>Consultant Role:</b></i> Not Applicable</p> <p><i><b>SCRCOG Staff Role:</b></i> Lead and implement regional and municipal housing initiatives, including the development and ongoing updates to the Regional Housing Growth Plan. Provide technical assistance to municipalities to support housing goals and educate stakeholders on opportunities to advance housing strategies and outcomes.</p> <p><i><b>Municipal Benefit:</b></i> Provides municipalities with direct technical assistance, policy guidance, and data-driven insights to support local housing planning and compliance with state requirements.</p>
<p><b>8. Regional Solid Waste &amp; Recycling Program</b></p>
<p><b>Regional Solid Waste &amp; Recycling Coordinator</b></p> <p><i><b>Consultant Role:</b></i> Not Applicable</p> <p><i><b>SCRCOG Staff Role:</b></i> Lead and implement regional solid waste, recycling, and diversion initiatives. Coordinate inter-municipal collaboration and program delivery and manage performance tracking and</p>

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data analysis related to waste and diversion. Support the development and implementation of regional initiatives, including follow-up actions from the Regional Waste Authority feasibility study.

***Municipal Benefit:*** Supports municipalities in improving waste management practices, increasing recycling and diversion rates, enhancing compliance with state requirements, and accessing coordinated regional resources, educational opportunities, and direct technical assistance.

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<p><b>Staff Led Programs</b></p>
<p><b>Regional Recreational Trails Master Plan</b></p> <p><i>Consultant Role:</i> Not Applicable</p> <p><i>SCRCOG Staff Role:</i> Develop a Regional Recreational Trails Master Plan, coordinate with municipalities and stakeholders to compile and integrate inventory data, identify gaps and priority connections, and guide coordinated regional trail planning efforts.</p> <p><i>Municipal Benefit:</i> Provides municipalities and stakeholders with a coordinated regional framework and data-driven guidance to support local trail planning, improve access to funding, and advance implementation efforts.</p>
<p><b>Community Third Spaces Inventory &amp; Assessment</b></p> <p><i>Consultant Role:</i> Not Applicable</p> <p><i>SCRCOG Staff Role:</i> Conduct a regional assessment of community “third spaces,” including data collection, mapping, and analysis, and coordinate with municipalities to identify gaps, needs, and opportunities and develop actionable recommendations.</p> <p><i>Municipal Benefit:</i> Provides municipalities with actionable insights and strategies to enhance community spaces, improve accessibility, and strengthen social connectivity and community well-being.</p>
<p><b>Municipal Grants Program</b></p> <p><i>Consultant Role:</i> Not Applicable</p> <p><i>SCRCOG Staff Role:</i> Lead regional coordination of grant opportunities by identifying funding sources, sharing resources, providing targeted technical assistance, facilitating the Grants Working Group, and maintaining centralized grant tools and materials.</p> <p><i>Municipal Benefit:</i> Provides municipalities with support in identifying and pursuing funding opportunities, while strengthening capacity to advance priority initiatives.</p>
<p><b>Regional Climate Resilience &amp; Environmental Coordination</b></p> <p><i>Consultant Role:</i> Not Applicable</p> <p><i>SCRCOG Staff Role:</i> Facilitate implementation of regional climate and environmental initiatives outlined in the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan, coordinate regional working groups, and support municipalities in aligning with relevant programs, funding opportunities, and resilience and sustainability efforts.</p> <p><i>Municipal Benefit:</i> Provides municipalities with support to advance resilience initiatives, access funding opportunities, and align local efforts with broader state and regional priorities.</p>

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<p><b>Regional Municipal Services Office Hours &amp; Technical Assistance Program</b></p> <p><i>Consultant Role:</i> Not Applicable</p> <p><i>SCRCOG Staff Role:</i> Implement and facilitate recurring office hour sessions, provide direct guidance to municipalities, and coordinate follow-up support, to address specific municipal needs.</p> <p><i>Municipal Benefit:</i> Provides municipalities with direct access to SCRCOG staff support, timely problem-solving, and targeted capacity assistance to address priority local needs.</p>
<p><b>Regional Purchasing Consortium</b></p> <p><i>Consultant Role:</i> Not Applicable</p> <p><i>SCRCOG Staff Role:</i> Coordinate and administer regional procurement opportunities, including soliciting bids, requests for proposals, and qualifications. Facilitate collaboration among municipalities and support the development and consolidation of regional on-call vendor lists for specific services.</p> <p><i>Municipal Benefit:</i> Provides municipalities with access to coordinated purchasing opportunities that leverage economies of scale, reduce administrative burden, and support cost savings.</p>
<p><b>Regional Energy &amp; Sustainability Support Program</b></p> <p><i>Consultant Role:</i> Not Applicable</p> <p><i>SCRCOG Staff Role:</i> Provide regional coordination and technical support to municipalities on energy and sustainability. This includes connecting municipalities to available programs, financing mechanisms, supporting the implementation of clean energy, electrification, and infrastructure improvements, and administering the programming of our annual Sustainable CT fellow.</p> <p><i>Municipal Benefit:</i> Provides municipalities with access to coordinated technical assistance to advance local sustainability and energy efficiency goals in alignment with state and regional priorities.</p>

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**April 2026 RPC Action Table**

<b>Ref. #</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Adjacent RPC Towns</b>	<b>RPC Action</b>
2.1	3/4/2026	<b>Town of Branford. Proposed zoning text amendment allowing additional uses of cannabis establishments aligning with state legislation.</b>	East Haven, Guilford, North Branford	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	3/12/2026	<b>City of Meriden. Proposed zoning text amendment allowing additional uses of cannabis establishments aligning with state legislation.</b>	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.
2.3	4/1/2026	<b>City of Meriden. Proposed zoning text amendment adding private event venues as an approved use in certain districts.</b>	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.
2.4	3/16/2026	<b>Town of Orange. Proposed zoning text amendment around gas station signage.</b>	Milford, New Haven, West Haven, Woodbridge	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.

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## Executive Director's Report April 2026

### 1. **Regional Waste Authority Feasibility Study Update**

SCRCOG recently hosted a hybrid informational meeting in coordination with the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) to explore an opportunity for municipalities to join the Central Connecticut Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA). Established in 2010, CCSWA is a regional waste authority currently serving 14 municipalities across two Councils of Governments. This opportunity is consistent with the recommendations of SCRCOG's Regional Waste Authority Feasibility Study, which identified joining an existing authority as a preferred approach. During the meeting, CRCOG staff provided an overview of CCSWA's governance structure, services, and membership benefits, and responded to questions from participants.

A recording of the meeting is available at [4.9 CCSWA Webinar](#). The link also includes supporting materials, including:

- CCSWA PowerPoint presentation
- SCRCOG Regional Waste Authority Final Report
- CCSWA Bylaws
- CCSWA Enabling Ordinance
- CCSWA Planning Report

If you were unable to attend, please take time to review these materials. An agenda item will be included at the May Board meeting, at which time the Council will be asked to consider and vote on a preferred direction. If you would like to discuss this matter in advance of the meeting, please feel free to contact me at [lfrancis@scrcog.org](mailto:lfrancis@scrcog.org) or SCRCOG Solid Waste and Recycling Specialist Kate Wimsatt at [kwimsatt@scrcog.org](mailto:kwimsatt@scrcog.org).

### 2. **Post Session Legislative Breakfast**

Last year's post legislative session breakfast was so productive that we would like to make it an annual event. We are looking for a venue that would be available sometime in July or August. Please let us know if you have any suggestions in your communities.

### 3. **New Website is Live!**

The newly redesigned SCRCOG website is now live. We hope you enjoy its enhanced functionality and improved access to information. We are treating this as a soft launch to allow time to identify and address any issues that may arise with use. We encourage you to explore the site and share any feedback or report any problems you encounter—your

#### 4. **Connecticut Resource Conservation & Development**

As I previously shared, I will be joining the Connecticut RC&D Board of Directors in July. They have asked me to pass along the following information. With renewed funding through a USDA Rural Business Development Grant and a U.S. Small Business Administration grant, two well-regarded programs will continue:

- **FarmUP** provides one-on-one consultations and additional services—such as professional photography—to support Connecticut farmers.
- **Veteran FarmUP** offers tailored services specifically for veteran farmers.
- Please feel free to share this information with your staff and residents.
- More information can be found at [FarmUp Program - Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development](#)

#### 5. **Request from Commissioner Mark Boughton (DRS & Senior Advisor to the Governor on Infrastructure)**

Commissioner Boughton has requested that we share links to two surveys aimed at informing state-level policy and infrastructure planning.

- **Property Tax Survey:** This survey evaluates the impact of current property tax structures and explores potential relief initiatives. Click [here](#) to access the survey.
- **Federal Funds Impact Survey:** This survey assesses how federal funding is being utilized and its measurable impact on local infrastructure and community resilience projects. Click [here](#) to access the survey.

#### 6. **Letters of Support**

Remember to request SCRCOG letters of support to strengthen grant applications aligned with regional goals. Please send your requests directly to me at [lfrancis@scrcog.org](mailto:lfrancis@scrcog.org).

Letters of Support issued in Jan-Apr 2026:

- Hartford Line Sealed Corridor Project – CT DOT
- Park New Haven Shared Electric Mobility Project
- Physics-Informed Explainable AI for Near-Real-Time Flash Flooding Forecasting and Targeted Risk Planning – UCONN
- New Haven Vision 2034 CCAPA Award Submission

The SCRCOG team is building a database in the Grants Hub of applications as a resource to municipalities. If you are willing to share, please send your completed applications to Colette Kroop at [ckroop@scrcog.org](mailto:ckroop@scrcog.org).

#### 7. **External Events Attended**

- Annual Meeting & Awards – Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Workforce Alliance Annual Meeting



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# Veteran Farmers' Market

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

3PM TO 6PM

DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS CAMPUS

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RAIN or SHINE MARKET

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- Limited space is available.
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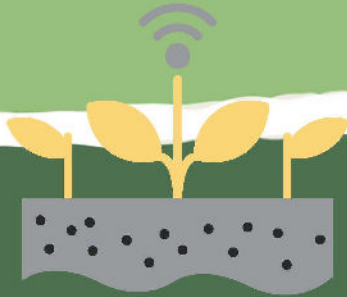
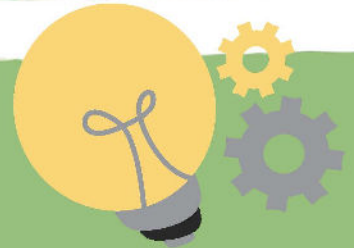
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# INNOVATION

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New or existing tools  
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Incorporating data analytics  
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Students in the College of Engineering and College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources want to help! We are offering financial and technical support for selected projects starting in Fall 2026. Help support the training of our students and we will help make your idea a reality.

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## Transportation Planning Staff Report April 2026

### 1. Active Transportation Microgrant Program Update

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Active Transportation Microgrant Program awarded over \$40,000 to the SCRCOG region this quarter. These funds will be used to support safe and accessible active transportation initiatives across member communities. Eligible uses include bicycle purchases, safety equipment such as helmets and lights, bike racks, and other programmatic efforts that promote pedestrian and bicycle safety. This funding will help expand local safety education and improve access to active transportation resources throughout the region. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available, including any remaining funding opportunities.

### 2. Section 5310 Applications

SCRCOG, in conjunction with RiverCOG, is responsible for reviewing Section 5310 applications in the New Haven Transportation Management Area (TMA) and identifying a prioritized list of projects for CTDOT. Section 5310 provides funding to purchase mobility vehicles and support to programs that address the transportation challenges of individuals with disabilities and seniors. SCRCOG staff met with Greater New Haven Transit District and Milford Transit District Representatives to determine prioritization.

### 3. 2027–2030 TIP Draft Public Comment Period

The Draft 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been completed. The draft was posted on website for public comment on April 1st and will be available through May 1st. A virtual public meeting was held on April 14th. Additional materials will be shared for public distribution. For more information, contact James Rode at [jrode@scrcog.org](mailto:jrode@scrcog.org).

### 4. Transportation Study Updates

SCRCOG continues to make progress on nine consultant-supported transportation studies across the region. Updates are provided below.  
Studies awaiting final Scope Review from DOT.

- **Congestion Management Process (CMP):** This effort will include additional data collection and implementation of recommendations from previous CMP studies. SCRCOG will also continue to coordinate with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments to align CMP efforts across the two primary areas of the New Haven Transportation Management Area (TMA).
- **Scenario Planning for Regional Multimodal Transportation:** This study will help SCRCOG communities plan future development by modeling and comparing transit-oriented development (TOD) scenarios around rail stations.
- **North Haven Ridge Road Safety Study:** This study will develop and evaluate alternative roadway improvement concepts for Ridge Road between Route 22 and

the Hamden town line. A probable construction cost estimate will also be prepared for the recommended alternative.

## 5. Upcoming Studies

Scopes have been drafted for the following three studies currently under DOT review.

- **SCRCOG Update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP):** The purpose of this MTP update is to establish a long-range framework for implementing transportation improvements throughout the SCRCOG region. To support this effort, SCRCOG seeks the services of a qualified consulting firm to assist with project administration, public outreach, and the development of the plan. The final MTP must be submitted to the federal government by April 2027.
- **Hamden Ridge Road Safety Study:** This study will develop and evaluate alternative roadway improvement concepts for Ridge Road between Route 22 and the Hamden town line. A probable construction cost estimate will also be prepared for the recommended alternative.
- **On-Call Consultant Supported Technical Support – Pilot:** The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the New Haven urbanized area and places a strong emphasis on improving transportation safety and reducing crashes across the region for all travel modes — including driving, walking, biking, and transit. To support this mission, SCRCOG is seeking the services of a consultant firm to assist staff and provide transportation engineering services on a task order basis.
- **Guilford and Wallingford Local Bridge Inspection Study:** This study will provide a systematic inspection and condition assessment of municipally owned bridges and culverts under 200 feet in span located in the Towns of Wallingford and Guilford. The study will develop an updated inventory, condition assessment, and recommended maintenance or rehabilitation actions to assist the municipalities in prioritizing capital improvements and maintaining safe roadway infrastructure.

## 6. Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) Update

With the start of the fourth quarter, the Transportation Committee reviewed and approved the updated schedule of LOTICIP-funded projects. The current list includes funding for 37 projects across 14 municipalities. Of these, 13 projects were anticipated to complete final design and go out to bid in FY26. To date, five projects have been awarded, totaling over \$30 million in construction funding. An additional \$40 million in funding is expected to be awarded this quarter.

## 7. MS4/Bridge/Culvert GIS Updates and Coordination with OPM

Staff are coordinating with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) to fulfill the geospatial data collection efforts outlined under PA 25-33. Most recently, the CT GIS Office has requested existing municipal data on local culverts to develop a preliminary dataset. Staff continue to attend the monthly CT GIS Office Water Working Group for updates on municipal data collection. For more information, contact Justin Salva at [jsalva@scrcog.org](mailto:jsalva@scrcog.org).

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**8. Parking Lot Counts**

Data collection on commuter parking lot utilization across the region has been completed, and the compiled results have been distributed.

**9. CAMA/Parcel Data Collection**

As part of this fiscal year's CAMA/Parcel data collection and submission, staff is requesting assessors/GIS managers in the municipalities who are not performing their own submissions to send requisite CAMA data to our GIS Analyst, Justin Salva at [jsalva@scrcog.org](mailto:jsalva@scrcog.org); for more information, please view the updated submissions guidelines here: [Parcel and CAMA](#).

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## Regional Planning & Municipal Services Staff Report April 2026

### 1. Shared Services Study – Status Update & Workshop

SCRCOG, in partnership with Raftelis, will host a two-day Municipal Shared Services Prioritization Workshop on May 20-21, 2026, at Avangrid Headquarters in Orange as part of our study. Building on municipal engagement and findings from the March Board Meeting, the workshop will focus on identifying opportunities to improve service delivery, efficiency, and regional collaboration. Municipalities are encouraged to send representatives to help ensure initiatives reflect local needs. For any questions, please reach out to Brendon Dukett at [bdukett@scrcog.org](mailto:bdukett@scrcog.org).

### 2. Sustainable & Resilient Communities Funding Workshop

Director of Regional Planning and Municipal Services Brendon Dukett and Municipal Services Coordinator Sabrina Davis attended the 3rd Annual Sustainable & Resilient Communities Connecticut Funding Workshop on March 31st at Gateway Community College in New Haven. The slides and resources are available on the Long Island Sound Resilience Resource Hub here: <https://www.lisresilience.org/resource/3rd-annual-src-funding-workshop-connecticut/>.

### 3. 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, New Haven, North Branford, and North 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](mailto:imcelwee@scrcog.org).

### 4. CT Green Bank Monthly Webinar Series

*Recap: Solar MAP+ Workshop – Tuesday, April 7, 2026*

Thank you to those who attended the first SCRCOG & [Connecticut Green Bank](#) workshop on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> on Solar MAP+. For more information:

- Review the [presentation slide deck](#)
- Reference the [Solar MAP+ website](#)

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Katie Shelton, Senior Manager, Market Engagement  
[Katie.shelton@ctgreenbank.com](mailto:Katie.shelton@ctgreenbank.com)  
(860) 785-9625  
Book a meeting [here](#)

*Recap: School Bus Fleet Electrification – April 14, 2026*

Thank you to those who attended the SCRCOG & [Connecticut Green Bank](#) workshop on April 14<sup>th</sup> on School Bus Fleet Electrification. For more information:

- Reference the [Electric School Bus Financing website](#)
- Contact Connecticut Green Bank  
Kevin Moss  
[kevin.moss@ctgreenbank.com](mailto:kevin.moss@ctgreenbank.com)



*Upcoming Workshops:*

 Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE)  - The C-PACE program enables all types of commercial properties to make green upgrades to new and existing buildings through an experienced contractor network and access to financing with repayment options.

Date: Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 10-11 am

Location: Virtual

[REGISTER](#)

 Sustainable CT  - Many Green Bank programs are directly aligned with Sustainable CT's menu of actions. As strategic partners, Green Bank and Sustainable CT can provide support for municipalities to earn certification. Representatives from Sustainable CT will also be invited.

Date: Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10-11 am

Location: SCRCOG Office\*

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## 5. **SCRCOG Grants Working Group – Follow up**

The SCRCOG Grants Working Group met virtually on April 21<sup>st</sup>. SCRCOG staff presented a renewed vision for the Working Group, emphasizing collaboration and strategic alignment, while our UConn IPP interns introduced a new grant application library feature both successful and near misses on grant applications to support municipal learning. The session included an overview of upcoming funding opportunities, including the Sustainable and Resilient Communities Regional Funding Workshop, and a guest

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presentation from CT DEEP on the Resilient Forestry Practices grant. For any questions on the meeting, please reach out to Sabrina Davis at [sdavis@scrcog.org](mailto:sdavis@scrcog.org).

**6. Planner Zoning Webinar – Follow up**

On Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, SCRCOG held a webinar introducing the Zoning Code Library to planners and land use staff in the region hosted by our UConn interns Elizabeth Moy and Matthew Rothchild. With representation from seven municipalities, this event was a successful kick-off to a resource that we hope is used by all planning and land use administrators to help compare and guide zoning code changes in the future.

**7. UConn IPP Intern Projects Update**

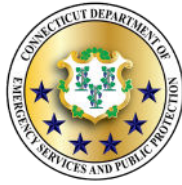
Independent “on-loan” projects for both interns are still underway. Matthew is continuing the SHPO Historic Resource Inventory grant application process with the Town of Madison, as well with assisting town planner Erin Mannix with other various tasks from the Planning and Zoning office. Elizabeth has supported the Town of Woodbridge with their Spring Sustainable CT certification and various tasks for Woodbridge Earth Day planning. She presented at the April Board of Selectmen meeting to introduce a renaming initiative for the Former Country Club of Woodbridge.

**8. Events Attended by SCRCOG Staff**

Brendon Dukett and Ian McElwee attended several CT COG Housing Working Group meetings to discuss communication and OPM guidelines around last year’s housing legislation.

Ian McElwee and Sabrina Davis attended a CT Watershed meeting to learn more about efforts and challenges around the Connecticut River’s watershed.

Brendon Dukett and Ian McElwee also attended and helped lead the Urban & Community Tree Canopy Peer Learning Exchange event in Hamden to help regional tree wardens and other stakeholders learn about various resources and project opportunities to grow and strengthen their tree canopies.



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## DEMHS Region 2 Update

As of April 14, 2026

- DEMHS held a FY 24 – 25 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) kick-off meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026. Visit the [DEMHS BRIC webpage](#) for more information. Applications are due in FEMAGO by July 1, 2026.
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program application is available. The application is due June 30, 2026.
- The 2026 Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Emergency Management and Public Health Symposium will be Thursday, April 23, 2026, at Camp Nett in Niantic. Registration is available on the CCM website.
- Next REPT-SC meeting will be Friday, May 15, 2026.