

SCRCOG Board Meeting Notice & Agenda

DATE	July 22, 2026	LOCATION	SCRCOG Office	DIAL-IN	+1 929-346-7262 103423992#
TIME	10:00 am	MEETING URL	Teams Link	MEETING ID PASSCODE	234 598 065 221 9 Ki9fy6bS

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- 2 **Adopt Minutes of June 24, 2026 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)** Pages 3-9
- 3 **Treasurer's Report for month ending June 30, 2026 (motion)** Pages 10-12
- 4 **MPO Business**
 - a) FY 2025 – FY 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Pages 13-23
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- 5 **COG Business**
 - a) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Documents Page 24
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Protection Climate Resilience Fund Program Grant (motion)
 - b) Regional Planning Commission June Action Table Pages 25-26
- 6 **Reports**
 - a) Executive Director's Report Pages 27-29
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- 7 **Regional Roundtable Discussion**
- 8 **Other Business**
- 9 **Adjournment**

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TO: SCRCOG Board Members
FROM: Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary
DATE: June 24, 2026
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2026

Present:

Bethany	First Selectwoman Carol Goldberg
Branford	First Selectman Joshua Brooks
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Carfora, <i>Treasurer</i>
Guilford	First Selectman Matthew Hoey
Hamden	Eugene Livshitz, Proxy for Mayor Adam Sendroff
Meriden	City Manager Brian Daniels
North Branford	Acting Town Manager Rory Burke
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda
Wallingford	Mayor Vincent Cervoni, <i>Secretary</i>
Woodbridge	First Selectman Mica Cardozo, <i>Vice Chair</i>

SCRCOG Staff: Laura Francis, Christopher Rappa, Angelina DeBenedet, Jim Rode, Robert Dahill, Ian McElwee, Kellie Kingston, Justin Salva, Colette Kroop, Kate Wimsatt, Sabrina Davis, Maya Aviles

Guests: Michael Anderson (Avangrid), Nan Birdwhistell (Murtha Cullina LLP), Laurie McElwee (River Valley Transit), Elizabeth Gara (CT Council of Small Towns), Michael Harris (REX Development), Shirley Kuang (City of New Haven), Carlo Leone (CT Department of Transportation), Michael Looney (CT Department of Transportation), Louis Mangini and Olivia Signore (Office of Representative Rosa DeLauro), Lori Martin (Haven's Harvest), Jennifer Pacacha (CT Department of Transportation), Farian Rabbani (Office of Senator Chris Murphy), Michael Salter (CT Department of Transportation), Nicole Velardi (CT Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security), Lorena Venegas (Resident, Town of East Haven)

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1. Call to order

Chair Borer was not present, and Vice Chair Cardozo led the meeting. Vice Chair Cardozo called the meeting to order at 10:01am. Introductions were made, and it was noted that Eugene Livshitz would serve as proxy for Mayor Adam Sendroff.

2. Adopt Minutes of May 27, 2026 SCRCOG Board Meeting (motion)

Vice Chair Cardozo referred to pages 3-8 of the agenda packet. Motion to adopt made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by Mayor Carfora. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report for month ending May 31, 2026 (motion)

Mayor Carfora referred to pages 9-11 of the agenda packet, noting that all expenses appear to be appropriate for a one-month period. Motion to accept made by Mayor Carfora and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Speaker - CT Department of Transportation Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto

Executive Director Francis introduced CT Department of Transportation (CT DOT) Commissioner Garrett Eucalitto and expressed appreciation for his support for transportation projects in the region.

Commissioner Eucalitto shared updates on recent and upcoming CT DOT projects, noting a focus on replacing aging infrastructure. Highlighted regional projects included the Devon Bridge between Milford and Stratford, Union Station in New Haven, Heroes Tunnel in New Haven, and the Routes 91-691-15 Interchanges in Meriden. Commissioner Eucalitto also provided a public thanks to all municipalities for their partnership throughout the winter season. First Selectman Freda, First Selectman Hoey, and Vice Chair Cardozo noted appreciation for specific projects within their respective municipalities. Discussion followed on federal infrastructure funding, alternative tax mechanisms, and stormwater management.

5. MPO Business

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

James Rode referred to pages 12-26 of the agenda packet, noting the Transportation Committee recommended approval to the Board. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by Vice Chair Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into Agreements for FY 2026-27 UPWP Consultant Services (motion)

James Rode referred to page 27 of the agenda packet, noting consultants had been selected for four studies. Motion made by First Selectwoman Goldberg and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Resolution Adopting Updated Priorities for SFY 2025 Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (motion)

James Rode referred to pages 28-29 of the agenda packet, noting two additional applications had been added. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectwoman Goldberg. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Resolution Re: Appointment of SCRCOG Representative to the Tweed New Haven Authority Board (motion)

Executive Director Francis referred to the resolution included as a handout, noting the Tweed New Haven Authority Board provided notice that one SCRCOG representative appointment on the Board had expired, and an appointment was needed. Mayor Carfora nominated First Selectman Matthew Hoey. Motion to appoint made by Mayor Carfora and seconded by First Selectman Freda. The motion passed unanimously.

6. COG Business

a. Revision of 2026 SCRCOG Board Meeting Schedule (motion)

Executive Director Francis referred to pages 30-31 of the agenda packet, noting the October 2026 Executive Committee and Board meeting dates would need to be changed due to a scheduling conflict. Discussion followed on potential dates, and Monday, October 26th was proposed. Motion to accept the revision with the proposed date change made by Mayor Carfora and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

b. FY 2026-27 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan Amendment #1 (motion)

Executive Director Francis referred to the amendment included as a handout, noting the proposal to shift funding to additional technical assistance and zoning

services. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by Mayor Carfora. The motion passed unanimously.

c. SCRCOG FY 2026-27 Budget Revision #1 (motion)

Executive Director Francis referred to the revision included as a handout. It was noted that budget adjustments were made to reflect changes in SCRCOG's Housing Planner position. Motion made by First Selectman Freda and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Enter into Agreement with Tyche Planning & Policy Group for On-Call Municipal Zoning & Implementation Support (motion)

Vice Chair Cardozo referred to pages 32-33 of the agenda packet. Motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by Vice Chair Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

e. Appointment of Member and Alternate to Regional Workforce Alliance CEO Executive Committee (motion)

Vice Chair Cardozo referred to the handout included in the agenda packet. First Selectman Freda nominated Mayor Vincent Cervoni to fill the open position and Mayor Adam Sendroff to fill the alternate position. Motion to appoint both Chief Elected Officials made by First Selectman Freda and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed with one abstention from Mayor Cervoni.

f. Regional Planning Commission May Action Table

Vice Chair Cardozo referred to pages 34-36 of the agenda packet. Ian McElwee noted that vacancies remain for Bethany, East Haven, New Haven, and North Branford. Discussion followed on vacancies and inclusion of updated zoning regulations in the action table.

7. Reports

a. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Francis referred to pages 37-38 of the agenda packet, highlighting resources available through participation in the CRCOG Purchasing Consortium. Executive Director Francis referred to a memo on regional fair rent commissions included as a handout, noting that webinar-style trainings would be

provided before a decision is needed. Discussion followed on legal and cost-sharing mechanisms. Executive Director Francis referred to a white paper on regional Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device (ATESD) hearing officers included as a handout, highlighting the legal mechanisms that would be needed. Executive Director Francis also noted that she was appointed to the Connecticut Regional Conservation Development Council (RCDC) Board and recently attended their annual meeting. It was noted that participation will support capacity-building for regional environmental planning.

b. Transportation Staff Report

James Rode referred to pages 39-41 of the agenda packet, noting that additional project information would be shared in the new fiscal year.

c. Regional Planning and Regional Services Report

Executive Director Francis referred to pages 42-46 of the agenda packet and handouts provided for on-loan projects and SCRCOG's Regional Planning Resource Portal. Ian McElwee noted that municipal land use staff are encouraged to schedule one-on-one meetings to inform the regional workplan. Katharine Wimsatt noted transfer site assessments are being finalized, and municipalities can express interest in future assessments. Angelina DeBenedet referred to additional handouts provided on the Regional Services Grant FY 26-27 Workplan and the completion of the Regional Tree Canopy Study. Discussion followed on the tree canopy study and potential next steps.

d. Greater New Haven Transit District Report

There was no one present from Greater New Haven Transit District, and no report was provided.

e. CT Rides Report

There was no one present from CT Rides, and no report was provided.

f. REX Development Report

Michael Harris provided a verbal report, noting updates on regional economic development initiatives, tourism, market conditions, and municipal support services. The June Regional Economic Development Forum (REDFO), held in partnership with the United States Small Business Administration and Community

Investment Corporation, focused on small business financing programs. It was noted that there will not be a REDFO meeting in July, and the annual REDFO Summit will take place in August to help shape next year's programming.

Harris noted that tourism activity remains strong, with hotel occupancy approximately 1% higher than last year. Partnership with the Central Regional Tourism District continues with the development of an updated regional visitor guide for publication in late winter. Planning also continues for the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), with committee work beginning this fall. Regional market data shows retail vacancies have declined from approximately 7.5% to below 7%, although investment activity remains soft. Community-specific market reports will be distributed to municipalities.

It was also noted that the municipal on-call assistance program is being updated, including a new fee-for-service model, quarterly municipal check-ins, and additional staff capacity to support business district development and commercial lease assistance.

Discussion followed on the economic impacts of the FIFA World Cup on the region and statewide coordination efforts for security and entertainment.

g. Congressional Reports

Louis Mangini provided a verbal report, noting ongoing discussions on federal transportation reauthorization. Mangini also noted recent case trends from constituents, including issues with federal employee retirement, delayed IRS tax returns, and employment authorization delays.

Farian Rabbani noted that federal casework issues could be referred to the congressional offices for assistance. Rabbani shared that federal activity is expected to slow following the August recess and into the election season. Priority legislation under consideration includes the surface transportation reauthorization bill, appropriations, housing, the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and other measures related to college athletics, cryptocurrency, online safety, and budget reconciliation. It was also noted that Senate appropriations are delayed.

h. State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST

Betsy Gara of the CT Council of Small Towns (COST) shared a verbal report, noting the 2026 legislative session was completed with the Governor signing 184 bills. State working groups and committees are currently focused on implementation. It was also noted that the COST Fall Conference will be held on October 21st, focusing on housing and land use implementation, municipal grants and shared services, and economic development strategies for smaller communities. Gara congratulated municipalities for meeting the July 1, 2026, deadline to adopt required zoning regulation changes under the 2025 housing legislation. It was noted that summaries of new laws impacting municipalities will be distributed as they become available. Discussion followed on legislative items addressing blight, tracking legislation within the omnibus bill, and the newly authorized local-option homestead property tax exemption.

i. DEMHS Report

Nicole Velardi referred to page 47 of the agenda packet. Municipalities were reminded of upcoming federal grant deadlines, including Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) on June 30th, Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) on July 1st, and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) on July 17th. It was also noted that municipalities should not begin federally funded Emergency Operations Center projects until FEMA approvals are complete. Velardi encouraged municipalities to continue coordinating with DEMHS on hurricane preparedness activities, grant requirements, and upcoming state public safety requirements as additional guidance becomes available. Discussion followed on large scale events for America 250 and the FIFA World Cup.

8. Regional Roundtable Discussion

No additional items were discussed.

9. Other Business

No additional items were discussed.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by Mayor Carfora. The meeting adjourned at 11:43am.

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 6/30/2026

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	182,666.79
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	1,549,540.32

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	112,701.28
CT Office of Policy and Management	39,975.00
US EPA - CPRG	1,662.80
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	(131.64)
CT DEEP – RWA Grant	2,272.91

Other Assets

Prepaid Expense	31,990.03
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	4,226,027.63
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Liabilities

Employee Reimbursement Payable	786.94
Accounts Payable	204,446.11
Payroll Taxes Payable & Accrued Interest	9,049.64
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	4,764.40
Deferred Revenue - OPM	158,471.35
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	253,526.55
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment	24,345.00

Total Liabilities	659,080.76
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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	97,079.37

Total Fund Balance	3,566,946.87
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	4,226,027.63

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 6/30/2026

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	37,046.35	228,249.08	393,870.00
Municipal - Special Assessment		165,797.42	375,000.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	266,780.08	1,097,358.18	1,240,517.00
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)		150,485.10	1,805,066.00
CT OPM - Parcel and CAMA Data Grant	34,035.00	126,530.00	181,500.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	134,927.77	1,355,150.96	2,300,925.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant	14,059.11	154,425.28	169,718.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	1,755.16	14,919.30	250,000.00
CTDOT - Active Trans. Microgrants Program		60,841.00	60,841.00
US EPA - CPRG	1,662.80	153,149.59	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	266.55	122,872.84	112,500.00
Interest - Revenue	4,870.63	58,824.87	20,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance		22,100.04	20,000.00
Total Resources	495,403.45	3,720,048.54	7,275,229.00

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance		22,100.04	20,000.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	118,396.65	654,707.71	1,807,539.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants	61,393.25	129,550.00	137,500.00
Other Consultants	185,736.70	1,084,987.48	1,539,200.00
Subrecipients	241.18	124,544.81	130,841.00
Travel	1,391.41	13,750.22	17,000.00
Data Processing		12,608.00	9,500.00
Office Supplies	1,513.40	4,152.47	5,846.00
Subscriptions and Books	132.00	7,113.49	5,800.00
Insurance and Professional Services		3,382.50	54,800.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	3,364.60	25,552.85	25,300.00
Miscellaneous		163.00	590.00
Transportation - Reserved			49,554.00
LOTICIP - 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	372,169.19	2,082,612.57	5,538,906.00

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Direct Labor - Employees	67,461.72	694,259.71	733,001.00

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South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 6/30/2026

Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	15,495.00	197,830.01	227,634.00
Employee Benefits	12,228.65	331,038.65	448,638.00
Travel	69.60	69.60	100.00
Data Processing		29,685.19	34,600.00
Rent		188,095.02	188,100.00
Telephone and Internet	920.76	5,443.53	10,600.00
Office Supplies	741.80	3,537.81	3,200.00
Equipment Maintenance	5,962.75	38,028.47	40,500.00
Subscriptions and Books	45.45	279.59	500.00
Insurance and Professional Services	14,300.55	51,532.15	47,800.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising		503.87	1,150.00
Miscellaneous	11.00	53.00	500.00
Total Overhead	49,775.56	846,096.89	1,003,322.00
Total Operating Expenses	489,406.47	3,622,969.17	7,275,229.00

2025-2028 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - Amendment Number Twenty-One

0170-3806 - REPLACE VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Funding Programed: \$19,926,500

Action: Add project

Summary: Replace existing Variable Message Signs (VMS) that are in poor condition and no longer supported due to lack of available parts.

0170-3818 - INSTALL NEW VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Funding Programed: \$21,202,500

Action: Add project

Summary: Install new Variable Message Signs (VMS) to improve communication of traffic conditions, congestion, and construction updates. This is a statewide project; one sign will be installed in North Haven on I-91 northbound prior to Exit 9.

0300-0196CN - SCOUR REHABILITATION 4 NHL BRIDGES

Funding Programed: \$12,000,000

Action: Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP

Summary: Rehabilitate four bridges along the New Haven Line to address scour-related concerns.

0300-2026CN - NHL - TIME PHASE 1 (TRACK, CATENARY UPGRADES - 6 BRIDGES, CP 259 INTERLOCKING)

Funding Programed: \$25,000,000

Action: Remove from FY2026 (work programmed in FY2027)

Summary: Funding is already allocated in FY2027; no FY2026 funds are needed.

0300-2026TK - NEW HAVEN LINE TRACK PROGRAM

Funding Programed: \$30,224,246

Action: Shift funding year within TIP

Summary: Continue annual track maintenance program using \$8,000,000 in federal (Section 5307) carryover funds. Work includes installation of ties, turnouts, continuous welded rail, and track surfacing to maintain operational speeds and ride quality.

Note: FY2026 carryover totals \$10,000,000 (\$8,000,000 federal).

0301-2026CD - NHY - MASTER COMPLEX - CAR AND DIESEL SHOP

Funding Programed: \$50,000,000

Action: Delete project from FY2026

Summary: Remove FY2026 Section 5337 funding; project is adequately funded through the Section 5307 program. Funds will be reprogrammed to support the Wheel Mill project in FY2027.

0301-2026WM - NHY-MASTER COMPLEX - WHEEL MILL UPGRADE

Funding Programed: \$90,000,000

Action: Adjust cost and shift funding year within STIP

Summary: Increase budget by \$50,000,000 to fully fund upgrades to the Wheel Mill facility. The existing facility (built in the 1950s) requires replacement to meet current safety and code standards.

Scope includes: new wheel milling equipment, full building reconstruction (foundation, floor, pits), HVAC, utilities, crew facilities, overhead crane, security and IT systems, electrical/lighting, and associated track and catenary work.

0170-3806 - REPLACE VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

REPLACE VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Lead Agency:		CTDOT						
Project Type:		FHWA						
Region:		2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13						
Town:		STATEWIDE						
Air Quality Status:		-						
Total Cost:		\$19,926,500						

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Preliminary Design	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$869,520	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$869,520
Preliminary Design	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$217,380	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$217,380
Total Preliminary Design		\$0	\$0	\$1,086,900	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,086,900
Final Design	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$579,680	\$0	\$0	\$579,680
Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$144,920	\$0	\$0	\$144,920
Total Final Design		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$724,600	\$0	\$0	\$724,600
Construction	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$6,492,000	\$14,492,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$1,623,000	\$3,623,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$8,115,000	\$18,115,000
-	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Future Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,115,000	\$8,115,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$1,086,900	\$724,600	\$10,000,000	\$8,115,000	\$19,926,500

Current Change Reason:		New Project
Air Quality Changes:		Air Quality has changed from None to X6

0170-3818 - INSTALL NEW VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

INSTALL NEW VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15
Town:	STATEWIDE
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$21,202,500

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Preliminary Design	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$925,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$925,200
Preliminary Design	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$231,300	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$231,300
Total Preliminary Design		\$0	\$0	\$1,156,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,156,500
Final Design	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$616,800	\$0	\$0	\$616,800
Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$154,200	\$0	\$0	\$154,200
Total Final Design		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$771,000	\$0	\$0	\$771,000
Construction	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$6,420,000	\$15,420,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,250,000	\$1,605,000	\$3,855,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,250,000	\$8,025,000	\$19,275,000
-	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Future Costs		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,025,000	\$8,025,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$1,156,500	\$771,000	\$11,250,000	\$8,025,000	\$21,202,500

0300-0196CN - SCOUR REHABILITATION 4 NHL BRIDGES

SCOUR REHABILITATION 4 NHL BRIDGES

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	78
Town:	VARIOUS
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$12,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	5337P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$9,600,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,400,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "Adoption" to "July 2026 Action"

0300-2026CN - NHL - TIME PHASE 1 (TRACK, CATENARY UPGRADES - 6 BRIDGES, CP 259 INTERLOCKING)

NHL - TIME PHASE 1 (TRACK, CATENARY UPGRADES - 6 BRIDGES, CP 259 INTERLOCKING)

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	78
Town:	VARIOUS
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$25,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	5337	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,000,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000,000

Current Change Reason:	Project Removed
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "Adoption" to "July 2026 Amendment"

0300-2026TK - NEW HAVEN LINE TRACK PROGRAM

NEW HAVEN LINE TRACK PROGRAM

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	78
Town:	VARIOUS
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$30,224,246

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
All Phases	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000
All Phases	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000
All Phases	5337P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,179,397	\$0	\$0	\$7,179,397
All Phases	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$4,250,000	\$1,794,849	\$0	\$0	\$6,044,849
Total All Phases		\$0	\$0	\$21,250,000	\$8,974,246	\$0	\$0	\$30,224,246
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$21,250,000	\$8,974,246	\$0	\$0	\$30,224,246

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "November 2025 Amendment" to "July 2026 Action"

0301-2026CD - NHY - MASTER COMPLEX - CAR AND DIESEL SHOP

NHY - MASTER COMPLEX - CAR AND DIESEL SHOP

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	8
Town:	NEW HAVEN
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$50,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$40,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$40,000,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$50,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000,000
-	5337	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
-	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$50,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50,000,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 09 - Delete project
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "November 2025 Amendment" to "July 2026 Amendment"

0301-2026WM - NHY-MASTER COMPLEX - WHEEL MILL UPGRADE

NHY-MASTER COMPLEX - WHEEL MILL UPGRADE

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	8
Town:	NEW HAVEN
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$90,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	5337P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$72,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$72,000,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,000,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$90,000,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$90,000,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP - 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "October 2024 Amendment" to "July 2026 Amendment"

Resolution

Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty-One

- Whereas:** U.S. Department of Transportation “Metropolitan Planning Regulations” (23 CFR 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP) conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration- established air quality guidelines and SIP-established mobile source emissions budgets; and
- Whereas:** The Council, per 23 CFR 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by CTDOT, adopted a Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program on April 24, 2024, after finding the Program conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 CFR 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program and the Region’s Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2023 to 2050, (April, 2023); and
- Whereas:** The Council, on April 24, 2024, indicated that periodic Program adjustment or amendment was possible; and metropolitan transportation plan Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2023 to 2050, (April 2023); 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



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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2025-Fiscal Year 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Twenty-One (Continued)

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

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 South Central Regional Council of Governments:

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

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 July 22, 2026.

Date: July 22, 2026

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

Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Documents Related to the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Climate Resilience Fund Program Grant

Be it resolved that it is in the best interests of the South Central Regional Council of Governments to enter into contracts with the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and sign any and all documents pertaining to the \$250,000.00 Climate Resilient Fund Program grant.

In furtherance of this resolution, Laura Francis, the Executive Director, is duly authorized to enter into and sign said contracts on behalf of the South Central Regional Council of Governments. Laura Francis currently holds the Title of Executive Director and has held that office since March of 2025. The Executive Director is further authorized to provide such additional information and execute such other documents as may be required by the state and federal government in connection with said contracts and to execute any amendments, rescissions, and revisions thereto.

The Secretary is authorized to impress the seal of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on any such document, amendment, rescission, or revision.

I, Mayor Vincent Cervoni, the Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments, do hereby certify this to be a true copy of the resolution duly adopted at the South Central Regional Council of Government Board Meeting on July 22nd, 2026, and that it has not been rescinded, amended, or altered in any way, and that it remains in full force and in effect.

Date: July 22, 2026

By: _____

Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments

**SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
Regional Planning Commission**

June 2026 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	4/24/2026	Town of Guilford. Proposed Plan of Conservation & Development	Branford, Madison, North Branford	See the following resolution.
2.2	5/11/2026	Town of Southington. Proposed Zoning Regulations related to PA 25-1 compliance.	Meriden	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	5/8/2026	City of Meriden. Proposed Zoning Regulations related to PA 25-1 compliance.	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	5/13/2026	Town of Madison. Proposed Zoning Regulations related to PA 25-1 compliance.	Guilford	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.
2.5	5/12/2026	Town of Wallingford. Proposed Zoning Regulations related to PA 25-1 compliance.	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.
2.6	5/20/2026	Town of Killingworth. Proposed Zoning Regulations related to PA 25-1 compliance.	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.

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2.7	6/1/2026	Town of Hamden. Proposed Zoning Regulations related to PA 25-1 compliance.	Bethany, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, 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.
2.8	6/2/2026	Town of Orange. Proposed Zoning Regulations related to PA 25-1 compliance.	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.
2.9	6/4/2026	Town of Branford. Proposed Zoning Regulations related to PA 25-1 compliance.	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.

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Executive Director's Report

July 2026

1) Personnel Updates

Welcome SCRCOG's new Regional Housing Planner Leila Bagenstos. She is a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Master of City Planning program, where she concentrated in housing and urban analytics. Leila brings experience in housing policy, planning, and program coordination. Most recently, she conducted analysis of housing market conditions and displacement risk in municipalities across the country and coordinated a legal assistance program for homeowners at risk of tax delinquency and foreclosure. Leila is a New Haven resident, and she is excited to support housing planning efforts across the region.

Congratulations to Kate Wimsatt, Regional Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator, on the successful completion of her probationary period at SCRCOG. In a short time, Kate has established herself as a highly regarded regional technical assistance resource, providing valuable support and expertise to our member municipalities. Kate has demonstrated a strong commitment to regional collaboration by strengthening relationships with key regional and statewide stakeholders.

2) Funding Updates

SCRCOG has been awarded \$250,000 from the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) Climate Resilience Fund to "Advance Resilience Improvement District Planning in South Central Connecticut." More information will be shared once we receive a contract from DEEP.

SCRCOG has been awarded a \$250,000 grant from the General Assembly to study the feasibility of creating regional Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). More information will be shared once we received a contract from the State.

3) Connecticut Citizens' Assembly on Property Taxes

On July 11-12th, I had the privilege of serving on a panel entitled "Municipal Services and Service Delivery" during an historic Connecticut Citizens' Assembly. The Citizens Assembly provides a unique opportunity to bridge the gap between residents and

government, fostering informed dialogue about how we can improve service delivery while reducing the financial burden on taxpayers.

It was truly inspiring to be part of a conversation with 100 engaged citizens who dedicated their time to learning about the complexities of municipal government and the challenges communities face in delivering essential services. What struck me most was the participants' genuine commitment to understanding how local government operates and their willingness to explore innovative solutions to one of Connecticut's most pressing issues—the heavy reliance on property taxes to fund local services. The thoughtful questions, lively discussions, and collaborative spirit demonstrated that citizens are eager to play a meaningful role in shaping public policy and strengthening their communities. I left the experience encouraged by the level of civic engagement and optimistic about the potential for citizen-driven ideas to contribute to Connecticut's future.

This is only the beginning of an important process. I look forward to seeing the Assembly's recommendations take shape and to learning from the ideas and perspectives that emerge from this unique citizen-led effort. If the enthusiasm, thoughtfulness, and commitment I witnessed are any indication, the outcomes will make a meaningful contribution to Connecticut's ongoing conversations about government, public services, and affordability.

4) UConn Partnership – Solid Waste Management Discovery Symposium

The Executive Director of the UConn T2 Center connected me with professors from the UConn Engineering Department that then led to a convening of CT COG Directors and relevant staff. They are welcoming our help in developing a technical assistance program and partnership that can leverage UConn resources. UConn is interested in gathering information for a UConn-hosted CT Waste Management Discovery Symposium in the fall. They are seeking information that will help with the planning. Please see the message from UConn below and fill out a brief survey. We look forward to this partnership.

*****Calling all CT Waste Management Stakeholders** We are gathering information for a UConn-hosted [CT Waste Management Discovery Symposium in Fall 2026 – Take a moment to click here and fill out our survey to help inform the event!](#)***

Inspired by successful state-wide technical assistance models such as the UConn CT Transportation Institute (CTI) and their [T2 Center](#), the UConn Waste Management Technical Assistance (WMTA) team is exploring how UConn can serve as a neutral convener and trusted source of information for municipalities, state agencies, industry partners, and other stakeholders, as CT is facing growing challenges in waste

management (e.g., rising disposal costs, infrastructure constraints, operational complexity, changing regulations, workforce limitations, and increasing pressure to identify sustainable long-term solutions).

We seek to better understand the needs of CT organizations to identify opportunities for collaboration, research, education, and technical assistance. As a first step, the symposium will bring together stakeholders from across Connecticut's waste management ecosystem to:

- *Identify shared challenges and opportunities.*
- *Understand public and private needs.*
- *Explore practical solutions and technical assistance opportunities.*
- *Foster collaboration among municipalities, agencies, industry, and researchers.*
- *Develop a roadmap for future waste management support and innovation in Connecticut.*

The Discovery Symposium goal is not to prescribe solutions, but rather to understand waste management challenges facing organizations and communities in the state and determine how UConn and its partners can help support informed decision-making and effective action.

Feel free to forward the event survey to anyone you think may be interested; we intend to collect responses by the end of July for timely planning purposes.

5) New Haven Union Station Tunnel Design Advisory Group

CT Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has received a significant amount of public feedback on the proposed redesign of the Union Station pedestrian tunnel, both in favor of a new design and supportive of the existing conditions. In order to develop a design for the tunnel that addresses both the code and long-term state of good repair improvements that need to be made, and the desire for an agreeable aesthetic that serves as an effective transition from the Union Station historic structure to the new canopy design, CTDOT is putting together a design advisory group to review and help shape design concepts for the tunnel. The work will occur over the next six weeks, and I have been asked to serve as representation in the group from SCRCOG.

Transportation Planning Staff Report

July 2026

1) LOTCIP Update

SCRCOG's Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) concluded FY2026 with seven projects awarded approximately \$48 million in construction funding. The updated list of LOTICIP projects was presented and discussed at this month's Transportation Committee meeting.

Looking ahead to FY2027, the program currently includes 18 projects. The Committee also discussed potential updates to the LOTICIP program guidelines, including implementing an annual project solicitation process and establishing a funding cap for individual projects.

2) Scenario Planning for Regional Multimodal Transportation

The first Steering Committee meeting was held on July 9th and included representatives from Branford, Guilford, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, Wallingford, CTDOT, REX Development, SCRCOG, and the consultant team from STV and Goman+York. Discussion highlighted the importance of planning for differing development scenarios as Transit-Oriented Development is advanced in the state.

3) SCRCOG Update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

The kickoff meeting was held on June 16th with consultant VN Engineers. The MTP establishes broad goals to address the region's transportation needs and outlines planned investments in the transportation system through 2050. The final updated MTP must be submitted to the federal government by April 5, 2027. The agreement has received CTDOT approval, and the consultant has begun work.

4) Hamden Ridge Road Safety Study

This study will evaluate alternative roadway improvement concepts for the Hamden section of Ridge Road between Route 22 and the Hamden town line and prepare a cost estimate for the recommended alternative. The kickoff meeting was held on July 13th where the town, SCRCOG, and AKRF discussed scope and focus areas.

5) On-Call Consultant Support Services Pilot

In support of SCRCOG's mission as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the New Haven urbanized area, VHB will provide on-call transportation planning support across all travel modes. The agreement has received CTDOT approval, and a kickoff meeting was held on July 7th.

6) Guilford and Wallingford Local Bridge Inspection Study

This study will inspect municipally owned bridges and culverts under 20 feet in span in the Towns of Wallingford and Guilford. An updated inventory and condition assessment will be prepared, along with recommendations for maintenance or rehabilitation activities to support municipal capital planning. The kickoff meeting was held on July 9th with representatives from SCRCOG, GPI, Guilford, and Wallingford to determine scope and confirm bridge locations.

7) ESRI User Conference

GIS Analyst Justin Salva attended the Esri User conference from July 13th to 17th in San Diego. Topics included how ArcGIS is being enhanced with AI to accelerate insight, automate workflows, and broaden access.

8) Active Transportation Microgrant Program Update

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Active Transportation Microgrant Program has awarded applicants within the SCRCOG region over \$60,000 in calendar year 2026. Due to increased demand statewide, CTDOT anticipates that the previous round of funding will be the final round for this calendar year. Information regarding future funding opportunities will be provided as it becomes available. To date, more than \$140,000 to communities within the SCRCOG region since the program's inception.

9) COG/MPO Monthly Meeting

SCRCOG staff attended the CTDOT COG/MPO Coordination Meeting on July 6th, where an update was provided on Project 0170-3733, ADA Title II Municipal Support Services. Staff also received a presentation on the proposed FFY 2027 Connecticut Safety Performance Targets, including an overview of the process, proposed FFY 2027 targets, the 2026 FHWA Safety Assessment, the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) Implementation Plan, the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP), and Connecticut's ongoing commitment to improving roadway safety. A more detailed presentation on the proposed safety targets and related initiatives will be provided at a future Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) meeting, once more information becomes available.

10) CTDOT Urban Funds Update

SCRCOG staff met with CTDOT and received an update on intended uses for CTDOT Urban Funds. CTDOT informed SCRCOG that funding increased in recent years and the STIP remains fiscally constrained.

11) CTDOT Rail Plan

SCRCOG attended an inter-COG update from CTDOT regarding the CTDOT Rail Plan. CTDOT requested updates on regional projects that impacted rail including economic development, multi-modal, and freight. Public input meetings will be held in September.

12) CTDOT TOD Parcel Prioritization Project Information

SCRCOG attended a CTDOT Transit-Oriented Development Parcel Prioritization Meeting regarding the Department's ongoing plans for development along the rail corridor. Over the past year, CTDOT has been studying opportunities for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) on state-owned sites, including several in our region in Branford, Milford, New Haven (Union Station East Lot), Wallingford, and West Haven. At this meeting, CTDOT presented the final takeaways from the Market Assessment, Property Prioritization, and discussed the next steps for this project.

13) CTfastrak/CTrail Corridor Advisory Committee

SCRCOG staff hosted the Corridor Advisory Committee of Chief Elected Officials (CAC) for CTfastrak and the CTrail Hartford Line meeting on June 25th. The CAC received updates from CTDOT on statewide public transportation initiatives, including efforts to better integrate transit services through a coordinated transportation network centered on rail and transit hubs. CTDOT also provided an update on the planned Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system serving Hamden, West Haven, and New Haven, which is currently in concept development following initial public outreach. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2028 with service expected to commence in 2030.

Municipal representatives shared updates on transit-oriented development (TOD) and transportation projects throughout the corridor. Communities reported continued progress on housing, mixed-use, and infrastructure projects near transit facilities, with discussions focused on station-area development, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, and affordable housing opportunities. CTDOT provided status updates on several rail station projects, noting that the Windsor Locks Station is expected to open following completion of Amtrak

track work later this year, and the Enfield and North Haven station projects continue to advance through design and funding discussions.

SCRCOG provided an update on its Transit-Oriented Community Study, which examines the impacts of TOD on surrounding communities. CRCOG highlighted recently funded transit planning efforts, including the CTfastrak East Expansion Study and ongoing passenger rail planning initiatives. The next Corridor Advisory Committee meeting is anticipated to be held by CRCOG in December 2026.

Regional Planning & Regional Services Report

July 2026

**Please note: this report has been renamed and now includes reports from Regional Planning, Municipal Services, and Solid Waste & Recycling.*

Regional Planning & Municipal Services

1) Municipal Shared Services Study

SCRCOG has received a draft of the Final Report for the Municipal Shared Services Study organized by Raftelis. The draft is under review, and the Final Report will be made available to the SCRCOG Board upon completion.

2) FY 2026-27 RSG Consultant RFPs

With the adoption of the FY 2026-27 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan, SCRCOG has issued Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant-led initiatives. The following updates are currently open for bids:

- RFP #027-01: Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- RFP #027-02: Regional Plan of Conservation & Development Update
- RFP #027-03: Open Space & Recreational Trail Map Inventory Update

If you have any questions, please reach out to Brendon Dukett at bdukett@scrcog.org. These RFPs are located on SCRCOG's website at <https://scrcog.org/rfp-rfq/>.

3) SCRCOG Greyfields Webinar

SCRCOG will host a Greyfields webinar on July 23rd from 11:00am to 12:00pm. Dale Kroop, REX Development, will present on the CT Department of Economic and Community Development Greyfields Assessment Grant and emerging opportunities for greyfield redevelopment in the region. Please contact Colette Kroop at ckroop@scrcog.org to register or for more information.

4) SCRCOG Planning 1-on-1 Meetings

SCRCOG has organized planning meetings with many of our member municipalities over the month of July. During these 30-minute meetings, SCRCOG has reviewed the FY2026-27 Work Plan for Regional Planning and discussed local issues that may warrant regional

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coordination. If you have not registered for a meeting time with SCRCOG, please contact Brendon Dukett at bdukett@scrcog.org to schedule.

5) RPC Vacancies

The SCRCOG Regional Planning Commission (RPC) is still looking for appointments from the following municipalities: **Bethany, East Haven, New Haven, and North Branford**. In addition to reviewing zoning, subdivision, and municipal POCD referrals, the RPC will be an important advisory group for the Regional Plan of Conservation & Development update this fall. Appointed commissioners must be a member of a planning & zoning commission per the RPC by-laws. For questions about the RPC, or to report an appointment or a change to your appointment, please contact Ian McElwee at imcelwee@scrcog.org.

6) FY26-27 On-Call Zoning Implementation Support: Tyche

For the new fiscal year, SCRCOG will continue its partnership with Tyche Planning & Policy Group, LLC to provide On-Call Zoning Implementation Support for member municipalities. This initiative is intended to assist municipalities with implementing the mandatory zoning changes required under PA 25-1, recognizing that communities may need additional amendments or refinements to their zoning regulations beyond the initial July 1st deadline. SCRCOG has funding to support municipalities interested in updating their regulations or undertaking other zoning implementation efforts. For questions or to discuss available assistance, please contact Brendon Dukett at bdukett@scrcog.org.

7) Request for Projects: 2026-27 Municipal Services Intern On-Loan

SCRCOG is soliciting On-Loan Project proposals for consideration. On-Loan Projects are three-to-four-week, specialized municipal projects to add capacity, provide support, and advance municipal service programming. Up to five (5) projects will be completed by Eric Meade, incoming Municipal Services Intern, from September to December 2026. Complete the interest survey [here](#) and email Sabrina Davis at sdavis@scrcog.org with any questions.

8) Sustainable CT Fellow Update

Since beginning her internship on June 1st, Maya has supported the development of a regional Tree Resource Hub, compiling foundational resources, best practices, and policies for member municipalities. She developed an Existing Conditions Memorandum that assesses the current landscape of tree-related initiatives, policies, and resources across the SCRCOG region. Maya is also working directly with the municipalities of

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Bethany, Branford, and New Haven to support their Sustainable CT certification efforts for the upcoming fall submission cycle, while assisting Milford in preparing for its certification submission next year. She attended the SCRCOG, Sustainable CT, and Connecticut Green Bank workshop, where she contributed to the presentation and discussions surrounding the connection between Connecticut Green Bank services and Sustainable CT actions.

9) July External Events Attended

Event	Who Attended	Date
CT DEEP Office Hours – Municipal Wastewater	Sabrina Davis	Thursday, June 25 th
Sustainable CT Fair Haven Tour	Maya Aviles	Wednesday, July 1 st
CCM's Women in Government Summit	Sabrina Davis	Wednesday, July 15 th
UConn School of Public Policy Intern Supervisor Orientation	Brendon Dukett	Tuesday, July 21 st

10) SCRCOG Workshops & Forums - August Preview

Meeting	Topic	Date	Registration Link
SCRCOG & CT Green Bank Drop in Office Hours	CT Green Bank	Tuesday, August 4 th , 10am	Register Here
Municipal Services Office Hours	Capital Region Purchasing Council	Tuesday, August 11 th , 10am	Register Here
Regional Climate Forum	Climate & Resilience	Tuesday, August 11 th , 12pm	Register Here
Inaugural Housing Growth Plan Technical Advisory Committee	Housing	Thursday, August 27 th , 10am	Not Applicable

Solid Waste & Recycling Report

1) National Laboratory of the Rockies Proposal Update

The FY26 Waste to Energy and Materials Technical Assistance for State, Local, and Tribal Governments with the National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR) request has been accepted. The Alternative Feedstocks and Fuels Office within the U.S. Department of Energy completed its evaluation of received applications and the SCRCOG/Town of Hamden proposal was selected for assistance that will evaluate regional food waste processing opportunities at the Hamden Transfer Station, including assessing feedstock availability, infrastructure needs, financial feasibility, and potential end markets for finished compost products. A kickoff meeting will be scheduled for late summer/early fall.

2) EPR Participation

Below is the status of member municipality registrations for the new Gas Cylinder and Tire extended producer responsibility programs. Both programs provide disposal of items free of charge. If you would like more information or assistance registering to participate, please contact Kate Wimsatt at kwimsatt@scrcog.org.

Municipality	The Cylinder Collective	CT Tire Stewardship
Bethany	Participating	Registered; signed shared agreement
Branford	Have signed agreement, working on location of barrel	Registered; need to sign shared agreement
East Haven	Participating	Not Registered
Guilford/Madison	Not Participating; looking for space	Registered; signed shared agreement
Hamden	Not Participating	Not Registered
Meridan	Not Participating; legal is reviewing the agreement	Not Registered
Milford	Not Participating	Not Registered
New Haven	Not Participating	Registered; signed shared agreement
North Branford	N/A	N/A
North Haven	Not Participating; waiting on new transfer station to open	Not Registered
Orange	Not Participating	Registered; have not signed shared agreement

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Wallingford	Not Participating	Not Registered (tires are included under contract w/ transfer station operator)
West Haven	N/A	N/A
Woodbridge	Not Participating	Not Registered

3) Solid Waste & Recycling Forum

The next Solid Waste & Recycling Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29th at 10am. To register, please email kwimsatt@scrcog.org. All those who have previously registered do not need to register again. Regular meetings have been scheduled for the rest of the fiscal year and take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 10-11am, with a few exceptions.

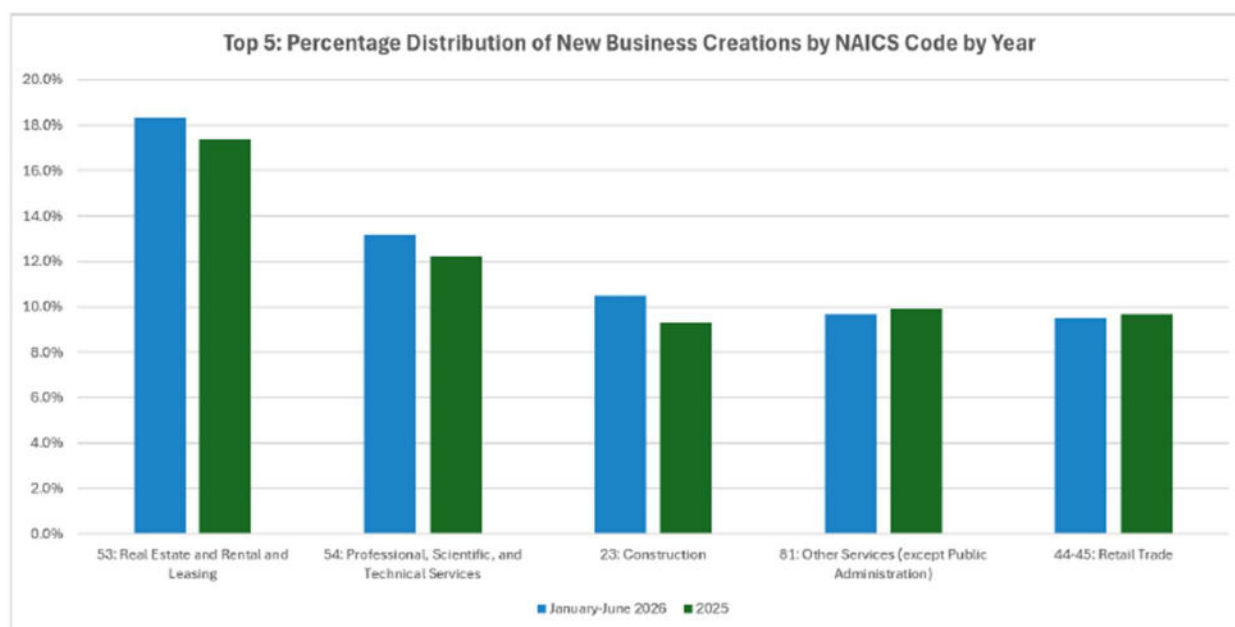
- Wednesday July 29, 2026
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- Wednesday, September 16, 2026
- Wednesday, October 21, 2026
- Tuesday, November 10, 2026
- Wednesday, December 9, 2026
- Wednesday, January 20, 2027
- Wednesday, February 17, 2027
- Wednesday, March 17, 2027
- Wednesday, April 21, 2027
- Wednesday, May, 19, 2027
- Wednesday, June 16, 2027

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

Regional Economic Development Forums (REDFO) – On summer hiatus, returning in August

Mid-Year Update: New Business Registration

NAICS CODE	JAN-JUNE 2026	2025
53: REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	18.3%	17.4%
54: PROFESSIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	13.2%	12.2%
23: CONSTRUCTION	10.5%	9.3%
44-45 RETAILTRADE:	9.7%	9.9%
81: OTHER SERVICES (EXCEPT PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION)	9.5%	9.7%



NAICS Code 81: Repair/Maintenance, Personal & Laundry Service, Nonprofit, and Household



**VISITOR GUIDE
REQUEST ANNUAL
SUMMARY
JANUARY-JUNE 2026**

TOP STATES

1. Connecticut: 15.5%
2. New York: 6.9%
3. Texas: 5.9%
4. Ohio: 5.5%
5. Pennsylvania: 4.7%

International: 5.7%

TOP REASONS

1. Relocation: 21.8%
2. Other: 17.9%
3. Recreation: 14.9%
4. History: 13.8%
5. Entertainment: 8.8%

LENGTH OF STAY

1. 2–3 days: 32.6%
2. 1 day: 28.7%
3. 4–7 days: 22.3%
4. Reside here: 7.9%
5. 2 weeks: 4.6%

Other/No response: 3.8%
Includes some residents

ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Hotel: 40.5%
2. Bed & Breakfast: 32.8%
3. Reside here: 9.2%
4. Other: 6.7%
5. Family & Friends: 3.9%
6. Short-term Rental: 3.9%
7. Campground: 3.1%

MODE OF TRAVEL

1. Car: 86.6%
2. Bradley International Airport: 4.7%
3. Rail: 4.5%
4. Tweed New Haven Airport: 3.1%
5. Bus: 1.2%



WEBSITE TRAFFIC TRENDS
JANUARY-JUNE 2026

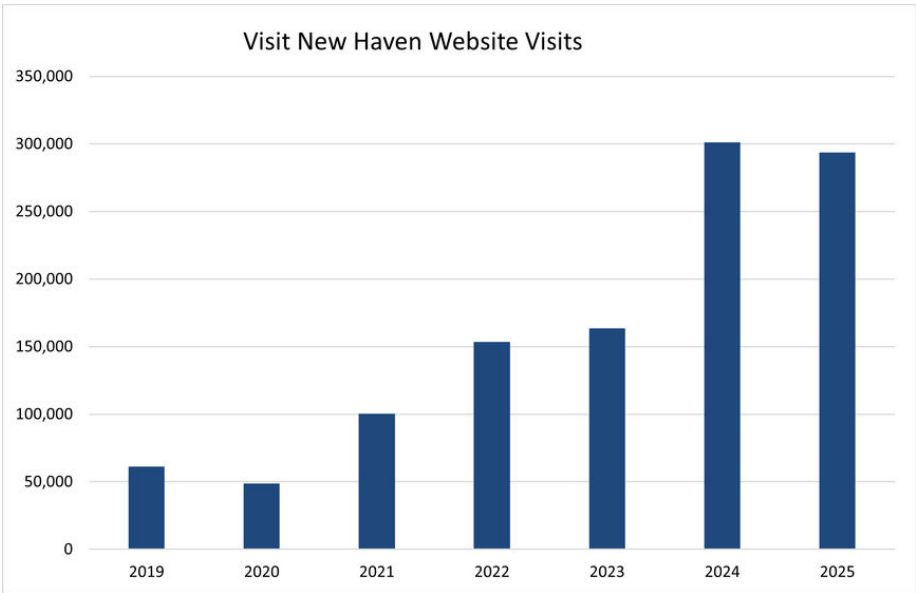
TOP PAGES

Page	Number of Views
Things to Do	7,967
Dining	4,563
Recreation	4,269
Annual Events	3,279
Bradley Point Park	3,274
Summer Concerts	2,777

TOP EVENTS

Event	Number of Views
St. Patrick’s Day Parade (Milford)	3,767
Hubbard Park Festival of Lights	1,953
St. Andrew Apostle Society’s 126th Italian Festa	1,241
New Haven Night Market	1,203
New Haven Fireworks	902

TOTAL TRAFFIC 2019-2025





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DEMHS Region 2 Update

As of July 15, 2026

- The 2026 Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) exercise will be September 1, 2026.
- [CT DESPP Safe School Summit](#) – Thursday, July 30, 2026, and Thursday, August 6, 2026
- Reminder to have your debris sites approved by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.
 - There are two state contracts municipalities can use for debris management and monitoring:
 - Debris Monitoring – [22PSX0118AA](#)
 - Debris Management – [22PSX0119AA](#)
 - Review the [Storm Event Preparedness and Response Fact Sheet for Municipalities](#)
- Review the [Municipal Hurricane and Severe Weather Event Prepared Reminder](#)
- The DEMHS Advisory Council met on Thursday, July 9, 2026.
- FY 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) deliverables are due **September 30, 2026**.
- Next REPT meeting will be Friday, August 21, 2026.