

SCRCOG Board **Meeting Notice & Agenda**

DATE	August 26, 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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- 1 **Call to Order and Introductions**
- 2 **Adopt Minutes of July 22, 2026 SCRCOG Board Meeting (motion)** Pages 3-7
- 3 **Treasurer's Report for month ending July 31, 2026 (motion)** Pages 8-10
- 4 **Speaker – State Legislative & Fiscal Update**
- 5 **MPO Business**
 - a) Presentation – Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update, VN Engineers
Kevin Ortiz, Antonio Gomez, Robert Gomez
- 6 **COG Business**
 - a) SCRCOG FY 2026-27 Budget Revision #2 (motion) Page 11-13
 - b) Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with the Selected Consultant for the Regional Open Space & Recreational Trails Inventory Update (motion) Page 14
 - c) Regional Planning Commission August Action Table Page 15-16
- 7 **Reports**
 - a) Executive Director's Report
 - b) Transportation Staff Report Pages 17-18
 - c) Regional Planning and Regional Services Report Pages 19-24
 - d) Greater New Haven Transit District Report

- e) CT Rides Report
- f) REX Development Report
- g) Congressional Reports
- h) State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST
- i) DEMHS Report

8 Regional Roundtable Discussion

9 Other Business

10 Adjournment

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TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
 FROM: **Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary**
 DATE: **July 22, 2026**
 SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2026**

Present:

Bethany	First Selectwoman Carol Goldberg
Branford	First Selectman Joshua Brooks
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Carfora, <i>Treasurer</i>
Hamden	Mayor Adam Sendroff
Madison	First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, <i>Immediate Past Chair</i>
Meriden	City Manager Brian Daniels
New Haven	Mayor Justin Elicker
North Branford	Town Manager Scott Nichol
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange	First Selectman James Zeoli
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, Brendon Dukett, Robert Dahill, Ian McElwee, Kellie Kingston, Justin Salva, Colette Kroop, Kate Wimsatt, Sabrina Davis, Leila Bagenstos, Maya Aviles

Guests: Michael Anderson and Anna Savastano (Avangrid), Nan Birdwhistell (Murtha Cullina LLP), Rory Burke (Town of North Branford), Ellen Graham (Office of Senator Richard Blumenthal), Michael Harris (REX Development), Louis Mangini (Office of Representative Rosa DeLauro), Laurie McElwee (River Valley Transit), Farian Rabbani (Office of Senator Chris Murphy), Michael Salter (CT Department of Transportation)

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.

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2. **Adopt Minutes of June 24, 2026 SCRCOG Board Meeting (motion)**

Vice Chair Cardozo referred to pages 3-9 of the agenda packet. Motion to accept made by Mayor Cervoni and seconded by City Manager Daniels. The motion passed with one abstention from Mayor Sendroff.

3. **Treasurer's Report for month ending June 30, 2026 (motion)**

Mayor Carfora referred to pages 10-12 of the agenda packet, noting that all expenses appear to be appropriate for a one-month period. Motion made by First Selectwoman Goldberg and seconded by Mayor Sendroff. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **MPO Business**

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

James Rode referred to pages 13-23 of the agenda packet, noting the Transportation Committee recommended approval. Motion made by Mayor Cervoni and seconded by Vice Chair Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **COG Business**

a. **Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Documents Related to the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Climate Resilience Fund Program Grant (motion)**

Vice Chair Cardozo referred to page 24 of the agenda packet. Executive Director Francis noted that SCRCOG had been awarded \$250,000 for feasibility and implementation planning for Resilience Improvement Districts (RIDs), a municipal funding mechanism for resilience and climate adaptation infrastructure and capital improvements. It was noted that this includes shoreline and riverine resilience projects. Motion made by Mayor Sendroff and seconded by First Selectwoman Goldberg. The motion passed unanimously.

b. **Regional Planning Commission June Action Table**

Vice Chair Cardozo referred to pages 25-26 of the agenda packet. Brendon Dukett noted that items were a result of statutory requirements. There was no discussion.

6. **Reports**

a. **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Francis referred to pages 27-29 of the agenda packet and introduced Leila Bagenstos as SCRCOG's new Housing Planner. Executive Director Francis referred to a memo Leila authored on opportunities from the federal ROAD

to Housing Act included as a handout. Louis Mangini noted that the rulemaking and funding are still in progress for this legislation. It was noted that SCRCOG is undergoing several regional and transportation plan updates and is requesting photographs of the region and impacts of natural disasters for inclusion. Executive Director Francis noted that municipal senior tax relief ordinances were being compiled. An update was provided on the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) consolidation study, and it was noted that municipalities will receive opt-in invitations and information on the required Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) grant application. Executive Director Francis announced that an optional lunch-and-learn would be held after the August Board meeting on disaster recovery, emergency preparedness, and debris management.

Discussion followed on the Connecticut Citizens Assembly. Executive Director Francis, First Selectman Freda, and Mayor Cervoni participated as panelists focusing on shared services, municipal cost drivers, and public understanding of local government. It was noted that the Assembly's recommendations could help inform future legislative discussions and support greater public awareness of factors contributing to property tax increases. In response to a question about implementation of the housing legislation, Executive Director Francis reported that research on legal frameworks and draft bylaws for fair rent commissions is completed, and work continues on cost-sharing mechanisms. Sabrina Davis announced an upcoming virtual office hours session on statewide Fair Rent Commissions for municipal officials to be held on September 8th. It was noted that a timeline for meeting requirements through the housing legislation would be shared.

b. Transportation Staff Report

James Rode referred to pages 30-33 of the agenda packet, highlighting an informational session on asphalt materials testing to be held on July 31st and progress on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update. Discussion followed on materials testing and the state housing legislation requirements.

c. Regional Planning and Regional Services Report

Brendon Dukett referred to pages 34-38 of the agenda packet, thanking municipal staff for scheduling one-on-ones regarding plan updates. It was noted that follow-ups would be shared on the Regional Housing Plan Technical Advisory Commission and announced the solicitation of municipal services on-loan intern

projects. Kate Wimsatt referred to page 37 of the agenda packet, highlighting the table of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) participation by municipalities and the next Solid Waste & Recycling Forum scheduled for July 29th.

d. Greater New Haven Transit District Report

Mario Marrero provided updates on Greater New Haven Transit District (GNHTD) operations heading into Fiscal Year 2027, noting they are awaiting the first-quarter CT Department of Transportation payment. Contract negotiations with Teamsters Local 443 for drivers and mechanics are ongoing. Progress continues on the new North Haven facility, with design work expected to be completed by year-end before the project goes out to bid. GNHTD is also evaluating proposals for new paratransit software and IT services, with the goal of improving customer experience through an updated scheduling platform and mobile app. It was noted that the GNHTD Board has vacancies for West Haven and Bethany, as well as an upcoming North Branford Board member reappointment. Additional updates included the distribution of membership dues invoices, a new three-year agreement with Hamden for elderly transportation services, a driver training class, and steady ridership led by New Haven and Hamden with 14,900 trips and 8,500 trips, respectively.

e. CT Rides Report

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

f. REX Development Report

Michael Harris referred to pages 39-41 of the agenda packet and shared supplemental slides included as a handout. Harris reported that regional economic indicators remain positive, with new business registrations continuing to increase across most sectors, particularly real estate, professional services, and construction, reflecting ongoing investment in the region. While unemployment has risen slightly from last year, overall economic conditions remain stable. Tourism trends show continued interest in regional events and attractions, with efforts underway to improve online visibility through AI-focused marketing strategies. Harris also announced several operational enhancements for the new fiscal year, including the addition of new staff, on-call consultants, a project management dashboard to improve transparency with municipalities, expanded use of data analytics tools to support economic development, and new quarterly municipal meetings and a planning summit to strengthen collaboration and service delivery.

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Laura Francis referred to a SCRCOG webinar on greyfields to be held on July 23rd. Colette Kroop provided additional information, noting there is a new funding opportunity through the CT Department of Economic and Community Development for greyfields assessment and planning.

g. Congressional Reports

Louis Mangini referred to the memo on the federal ROAD to Housing legislation, noting that implementation guidance is still pending and will be monitored closely as agencies develop policies. An update was also provided on the federal budget process, with Congress continuing work on the new fiscal year appropriations ahead of the September 30th deadline. Farian Rabbani noted that while legislative activity remains slow in the Senate, several major issues, including appropriations, judicial nominations, and other federal priorities, are still under consideration. Ellen Graham encouraged municipalities to invite their Congressional representatives to local events during the upcoming Congressional recess.

h. State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST

There was no one present from CCM or COST, and no report was provided.

i. DEMHS Report

There was no one present from DEMHS. Executive Director Francis noted that a written report was included on page 42 of the agenda packet.

7. Regional Roundtable Discussion

City Manager Daniels noted that Meriden is currently looking to hire a zoning enforcement officer. Mayor Cervoni and First Selectman Cardozo noted the same for Wallingford and Woodbridge, respectively. Discussion followed on position details and hiring challenges.

8. Other Business

No additional items were discussed.

9. Adjournment

Motion made by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by Mayor Sendroff. The meeting adjourned at 10:51am.

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 7/31/2026

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	152,014.31
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	1,354,104.89

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	282,059.25
CT Office of Policy and Management	86,974.72
US EPA - CPRG	1,830.74
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	(131.64)
CT DEEP – RWA Grant	2,272.91
Retiree Health Insurance	3,129.99

Other Assets

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	4,187,605.31
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	13,327.60
Payroll Taxes Payable & Accrued Interest	9,049.64
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	142,510.00
Deferred Revenue - OPM	138,808.85
Deferred Revenue – Active Transportation Microgrants Program	19,930.41
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	252,408.44
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77
Deferred Revenue - Special Assessment	35,643.00

Total Liabilities	615,368.71
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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	102,369.10

Total Fund Balance	3,572,236.60
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	4,187,605.31

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 7/31/2026

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	16,007.20	16,007.20	310,402.00
Municipal - Special Assessment			375,000.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	75,334.72	75,334.72	1,348,502.00
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)			1,805,066.00
CT OPM - Parcel and CAMA Data Grant			80,000.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	130,636.86	130,636.86	2,379,770.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant	11,544.60	11,544.60	169,718.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	1,118.11	1,118.11	250,000.00
US EPA - CPRG	1,830.74	1,830.74	168,368.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,691.00
CT DEEP - RWA Grant			51,000.00
Interest - Revenue	4,572.48	4,572.48	30,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance	4,162.92	4,162.92	25,500.00
Total Resources	245,207.63	245,207.63	6,997,017.00

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance	4,162.92	4,162.92	25,500.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	60,570.00	60,570.00	1,741,863.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants			381,000.00
Other Consultants			1,164,180.00
Subrecipients			20,000.00
Travel	2,700.16	2,700.16	22,100.00
Data Processing	5,965.00	5,965.00	18,000.00
Office Supplies			1,238.00
Subscriptions and Books	104.00	104.00	9,400.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	835.25	835.25	36,800.00
Miscellaneous			788.00
Transportation - Reserved			51,589
LOTICIP – Reserved			164,079
Highway Safety Grant – Reserved			11,146
CT OPM (RPIP Grant) - Reserved			1,430,066.00
US EPA (CPRG) - Reserved			61,485
Total Direct Expenses	74,337.33	74,337.33	5,139,234.00

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Direct Labor - Employees	73,256.98	73,256.98	845,559.00

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Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	23,441.23	23,441.23	251,778.00
Employee Benefits	56,989.32	56,989.32	432,496.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	5,540.00	5,540.00	35,200.00
Rent	31,780.87	31,780.87	193,800.00
Telephone and Internet	221.76	221.76	9,000.00
Office Supplies	55.98	55.98	3,600.00
Equipment Maintenance	207.88	207.88	30,500.00
Subscriptions and Books	45.45	45.45	500.00
Insurance and Professional Services	12,073.00	12,073.00	53,600.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising			1,150.00
Miscellaneous	102.00	102.00	500.00
Total Overhead	130,457.49	130,457.49	1,012,224.00
Total Operating Expenses	278,051.80	278,051.80	6,997,017.00

FY 2026-27 Budget Revision #2

This revision updates the FY 2026-27 budget to incorporate CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program funding.

Revenue

Budget Revision #2 adds \$19,930 of revenue, broken down as follows.

- \$19,930 of CTDOT – Active Transportation Microgrants Program

Expenses

Budget Revision #2 includes the following changes.

- Passthrough Grants increases by \$19,930 (Active Transportation Microgrants Program)

Actual line-item revisions are on the following page, followed by a resolution authorizing Budget Revision #2.

FY 2026-27 Budget Revision #2

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
Municipal Contribution			
Municipal Contribution - Dues	259,600		259,600
Municipal Contribution - RPIP Match	375,000		375,000
Committed Fund Balance	50,802		50,802
Transportation Planning			
U.S. DOT	1,707,046		1,707,046
U.S. DOT - Carryover	345,881		345,881
U.S. DOT - Complete Streets Set-Aside	113,462		113,462
U.S. DOT - Highway Safety	169,718		169,718
CTDOT	213,381		213,381
CTDOT - Active Transportation Microgrants Program	-	19,930	19,930
CTDOT - LOTCIP	250,000		250,000
Regional Planning			
CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)	1,348,502		1,348,502
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)	1,805,066		1,805,066
CT OPM - Parcel and CAMA Data Grant	80,000		80,000
CT Secretary of the State - Regional Election Monitor	3,691		3,691
CT DEEP - RWA Grant	51,000		51,000
US EPA - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	168,368		168,368
Other			
Investment Income	30,000		30,000
Retiree Health Insurance	25,500		25,500
TOTAL	6,997,017	19,930	7,016,947

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
Salaries	1,097,337		1,097,337
Benefits	457,996		457,996
Travel	22,200		22,200
Computer Supplies & Software	53,200		53,200
Rent	193,800		193,800
General Office Expenses	147,076		147,076
Transportation Consultants	1,741,863		1,741,863
Other Consultants	1,545,180		1,545,180
Passthrough Grants	20,000	19,930	39,930
Contingency	0		0
Transportation - Reserved	51,589		51,589
LOTICP - Reserved	164,079		164,079
Highway Safety - Reserved	11,146		11,146
CPRG - Reserved	61,485		61,485
RPIP (Cybersecurity) - Reserved	1,430,066		1,430,066
Total	6,997,017	19,930	7,016,947

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Resolution

South Central Regional Council of Governments Fiscal Year 2026-27 - Budget Revision #2

Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) adopted an operating budget for FY 2026-27 on May 27, 2026;

Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #1 on June 24, 2026; and

Whereas: SCRCOG has received an additional \$19,930 of CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program funds.

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

That Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget Revision #2, which incorporates CTDOT Active Transportation Microgrants Program 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 August 26, 2026.

Date: August 26, 2026

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



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***Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with _____
for the Regional Open Space & Recreational Trails Inventory Update***

Whereas: The FY2026-27 Regional Services Grant (RSG) Spending Plan, which included the Regional Open Space & Recreational Trails Inventory Update, was adopted by the SCRCOG Board on May 27, 2026;

Whereas: SCRCOG conducted and facilitated a Request for Proposals process to procure consulting services to conduct the Regional Open Space & Recreational Trails Inventory Update; and

Whereas: Following a review and interview process, the Selection Committee recommends the selection of _____ to conduct the Regional Open Space & Recreational Trails Inventory Update.

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

That Laura Francis, as Executive Director of SCRCOG, is authorized to negotiate and sign a consulting services agreement with _____ for the Regional Open Space & Recreational Trails Inventory Update.

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 the resolution adopted at a legally convening meeting of the Council of Governments on Wednesday, August 26th, 2026.

Date: August 26, 2026

By:

Mayor Vincent Cervoni, Secretary
South Central Regional Council of
Governments

**SOUTH CENTRAL CONNECTICUT
Regional Planning Commission**

August 2026 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	7/2/2026	Town of Wallingford. Proposed Plan of Conservation & Development.	Hamden, North Branford, North Haven, Meriden	See attached.
2.2	7/7/2026	Town of Woodbridge. Proposed zoning map change for two properties from commercial to residential.	Bethany, Hamden, New Haven, Orange	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning map 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	7/17/2026	City of Milford. Proposed zoning text change for a district in the Devon neighborhood to promote economic and residential developments	Orange, West Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning text amendment does not appear to have any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound nor will it cause negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region.
2.4	8/7/2026	Town of East Haven. Proposed zoning text amendments to restrict tobacco and liquor shops and to allow auto repair shops in two commercial districts.	Branford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning text amendments do 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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August 18, 2026

Attention:

Kevin Pagini, Town Planner

45 South Main Street

Wallingford, CT 06492

**RE: Town of Wallingford. Proposed Plan of Conservation & Development.
Received: July 2, 2026.**

Dear Mr. Pagini,

Thank you for sharing the proposed Plan of Conservation & Development. The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) reviewed the referral at its meeting on Thursday, August 13th, 2026.

Wallingford's POCD offers a ten-year look at the opportunities for the Town to preserve, enhance, and promote its housing, development, environment, municipal services, and transportation. It addresses topics such as housing production, agricultural economy, open space and sustainability, and accessibility and looks at how they can work together. Through ambitious goal setting and realistic actions, Wallingford's POCD lays out a promising future for a thriving and sustainable community.

Wallingford's POCD aligns with the Regional POCD as well as other regional planning efforts. It looks at the intersection of different topics and considers how they can work together effectively and efficiently to help the town achieve smart growth. The plan addresses opportunities and actions that can be achieved through various SCRCOG funding sources and regional plans and identifies major goals that are consistent with the Regional POCD and other major regional planning efforts. SCRCOG looks forward to working with the Town as they implement this plan when projects align with regional priorities.

Sincerely,



Robert Satti,
Chair, Regional Planning Commission

Transportation Planning Staff Report

August 2026

1) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

SCRCOG is currently updating the MTP, our long-range transportation plan. The first Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting was held on August 19th 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 2055. The final updated MTP must be submitted to CT Department of Transportation (CTDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) by April 5, 2027. The agreement has received CTDOT approval, and the consultant has begun work. A schedule of proposed public events will be provided as a handout. The 2055 MTP webpage and public input survey are now live! They can be accessed through the SCRCOG website: [Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2055 - SCRCOG](#).

2) UPWP Studies Updates

- **Scenario Planning for Transit Oriented Communities**

A project meeting finalizing the Focus Groups for the study was held on August 18th. Focus Groups will meet over the upcoming month to evaluate existing conditions and identify preferred scenarios for further concept development.

- **Wallingford Route 5 Intersection Study**

A Public Information Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday August 27th from 6:00-7:00pm at the Wallingford Public Library to review existing conditions and next steps.

- **Guilford Route 1 Corridor Study**

Focus Group Meetings were held with key stakeholders during the first week of August. The consultant is preparing those meeting insights for incorporation into the next project phase.

- **North Haven Ridge Road Safety Study**

A Public Information Meeting is scheduled for September 21st at Ridge Road School from 6:00pm to 7:00pm to review existing conditions and discuss next steps.

- **Hamden Ridge Road Safety Study**

A scoping meeting was held with the town, AKRF, and SCRCOG in July, and a kickoff meeting is anticipated in the coming month.

- **Guilford and Wallingford Local Bridge Inspection Study**

The abridged scope and cost estimate have been received by the consultant and have been submitted to CTDOT for their approval.

3) Senior Mobility Forum

The first Senior Mobility Forum, an evolution of the Spring Senior Mobility Summit, was held on Monday, August 24th with member municipalities, senior centers, and a guest speaker from the Agency on Aging. The forum focused on municipal collaboration through senior services. Additional forums will be held in the fall and spring.

4) Active Transportation Microgrant Program Update

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Active Transportation Microgrant Program has reached its available funding limit, and all funds for the current cycle have been fully allocated. As a result, the program is no longer accepting applications. The program is expected to reopen in 2027, subject to future funding availability, and SCRCOG will share information on application requirements, timelines, and funding opportunities as soon as it becomes available.

Regional Planning & Regional Services Report

August 2026

Regional Planning & Municipal Services

1) **Municipal Shared Services Study – Final Report**

SCRCOG will be providing as a handout the Final Report for the Municipal Shared Services Study. Please note that SCRCOG is continuing work with Raftelis to initiate implementation with select identified opportunities.

2) **Review of SCRCOG Planning 1-on-1 Meetings**

Throughout July, SCRCOG conducted planning meetings with 14 of its 15 member municipalities. Staff appreciate the municipal officials and employees who participated and shared valuable insight into their communities' upcoming priorities, challenges, and opportunities. Based on these discussions, SCRCOG has updated its internal workplan and prepared a separate memorandum, which will be included as a handout, summarizing the common themes identified across the meetings.

3) **Municipal Services Office Hours**

During FY 2026-27, SCRCOG will be facilitating monthly Municipal Services Office Hours. This series will be a forum for timely, topic-based discussions on municipal service issues, featuring guest speakers, subject matter experts, and opportunities for municipal staff to connect, share information, and learn about emerging topics and resources. Upcoming topics include fair rent commissions, shared services implementation, automated traffic (speed) cameras, and cybercrime and fraud.

4) **FY 2026-27 On-Call Zoning Implementation Support**

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.

5) EPA Ombudsperson Contact

SCRCOG staff was notified of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Municipal Ombudsperson as a potential resource for member municipalities navigating the Clean Water Act requirements. The ombudsperson provides free, voluntary, impartial assistance to communities that have been unable to resolve concerns through existing local, state, or EPA program contacts. Available support may include helping municipalities identify federal funding and technical assistance opportunities, understanding available Clean Water Act flexibilities, and facilitating conversations amongst necessary parties. SCRCOG will share this resource with municipalities. The current Municipal Ombudsperson is Jamie Piziali, who can be reached at Piziali.jamie@epa.gov or (202) 564-1709.

6) Sustainable CT Fellow Update

Our Sustainable CT Fellow, Maya Avilés, will be wrapping up her fellowship in mid-August after a productive summer supporting municipalities and regional sustainability initiatives. Throughout her fellowship, Maya has worked closely with Bethany, New Haven, and Branford on their Sustainable CT certification efforts, assisting with action submissions, documentation, and certification materials to help each community advance its local sustainability goals. In addition to certification work, Maya has contributed to two regional SCRCOG initiatives. She developed MS4 public education materials to help municipalities meet stormwater education and outreach requirements, including a toolkit that enables communities to replicate Branford's Storm Drain Art Initiative. She created a region-wide Tree Resource Hub that provides municipalities, residents, and business owners with educational materials, funding opportunities, technical guidance, and other resources to support healthy and resilient urban forests.

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 incoming Municipal Services Intern Eric Meade from September to December 2026. Complete the interest survey [here](#) and email Sabrina Davis with any questions.

8) July & August External Events Attended

Event	Who Attended	Date
Resilience Cities Catalyst – Resilience District Incubator Network Session	Brendon Dukett Ian McElwee	Monday, July 27 th
CT Conference of Municipalities - Energy Manager Service Offering Webinar	Sabrina Davis	Tuesday, July 28 th
Regional Plan Association - Homes on Track CT Presentation	Leila Bagenstos, Ian McElwee	Wednesday, July 27 th
National Association of Regional Councils - Housing Working Group	Leila Bagenstos	Wednesday, July 29 th
Sustainable CT - Capitol Tour	Maya Aviles	Thursday, July 30 th
National Trust for Historic Preservation - Forum Webinar: Section 106 Regulations Under Threat	Sabrina Davis	Thursday, July 30 th
Sustainable CT - Invasive Species Pull	Maya Aviles	Wednesday, August 12 th
Resilience Cities Catalyst – Resilience District Incubator Network Session	Brendon Dukett Ian McElwee	Wednesday, August 19 th
Sustainable CT Coffee Hour - Environmentally Preferable Purchasing	Sabrina Davis	Thursday, August 20 th

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9) SCRCOG Workshops & Forums – September Preview

Meeting	Topic	Date	Registration Link
Inaugural Housing Growth Plan Technical Advisory Committee	Housing	Thurs., August 27 th 10am	Not Applicable
Fire Apparatus Class Action Lawsuit Webinar – Option 1	Public Safety	Wed., September 2 nd 2:30 pm	Forthcoming
Fire Apparatus Class Action Lawsuit Webinar – Option 2	Public Safety	Thurs., September 3 rd 10 am	Forthcoming
SoISmart & SCRCOG – Best Practices in Permitting & Inspection	Energy	Thurs., September 3 rd 1 pm	Register
Municipal Services Office Hours - Fair Rent Commissions	Fair Rent Commissions	Tues., September 8 th 10 am	Register
SCRCOG CT Green Bank - Green Schools Workshop	Energy	Thurs., September 10 th 10am	Register

**Note: Both Fire Apparatus Class Action Lawsuit Webinars will cover the same content. The two date and time options are being provided to best accommodate schedules.*

Solid Waste & Recycling Report

1) Solid Waste & Recycling Forum

The monthly Solid Waste & Recycling forum continued with meetings held on July 29th and August 18th. Topics addressed included fire extinguisher disposal, waste data reporting, existing Regional Waste Authority (RWA) structures and member benefits, and education campaigns. The next meeting date is September 16th from 10-11am. Email Kate Wimsatt if interested in attending.

2) Transfer Station Site Visits and Community Outreach

Throughout August, Kate visited several waste facilities and transfer stations including the New Haven Solid Waste and Recycling Authority and Guilford/Madison, Wallingford, and Orange transfer stations. Municipalities continue to work towards implementing tire and gas cylinder Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs at their sites.

In addition to site visits, Kate engaged with several community groups to strengthen partnerships including planning a Food Waste Prevention Week campaign with Haven's Harvest and supporting the HazWaste Central collection on August 22nd. Kate also met with Hamden's Solid Waste & Recycling Commission to discuss the upcoming technical assistance provided by the federal Department of Energy (DOE) Laboratory of the Rockies for assessing feasibility of a regional compost site.

3) Waste Reporting

Two newly released reports provide insight into the Connecticut waste landscape.

- [Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association \(April 2026\) – Solid Waste Disposal Capacity in the Northeast](#)
- [CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection – 2024 Solid Waste Disposal & Diversion Report](#)

Key takeaways include:

- Total waste tonnages stayed steady. Mixed recycling decreased 24%, while organics collection increased 44% over 2023.
- Connecticut continues to rely heavily on aging waste-to-energy facilities and exporting waste.
- Disposal capacity throughout the Northeast is becoming increasingly constrained.

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- Diversion, recycling, composting, and regional collaboration will become increasingly important as disposal costs rise.
- CT DEEP is expected to conduct a statewide Waste Characterization Study in 2026 to better understand Connecticut's waste stream.

Kate met with Brenna Giannetti, CT DEEP, to discuss waste data collection and usage. In the 2024 Solid Waste & Diversion Report, two-thirds of SCRCOG municipalities were recorded as being non-compliant submitting the municipal annual recycling report. Brenna emphasized the importance of filing this report annually even if the responses are "0" or "not applicable," as it is used to determine data gaps and a lack of reporting may lead to underreported waste and diversion tonnages from the region. CT DEEP will be developing an online portal for reporting, although it is not yet available. The following reporting is required:

- Quarterly operational data from permitted facilities, including municipal transfer stations, are due 10-30 days after the end of the quarter. Most SCRCOG municipalities are up to date on quarterly reports. Kate will reach out to the three municipalities that are missing reports. [The report form can be found here.](#)
- Annual Municipal Recycling Reports are usually due by September. This year, they will be due in November. Two-thirds of SCRCOG municipalities did not report by the deadline last year. [The report form can be found here](#) and [additional instructions can be found here.](#)