



SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Bethany Branford East Haven Guilford Hamden Madison Meriden Milford
New Haven North Branford North Haven Orange Wallingford West Haven Woodbridge

**Meeting Notice & Agenda
South Central Regional MPO and COG
Wednesday, January 24, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.**

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

Office Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West, North Haven, CT 06473

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"Necesidades especiales: a las personas con discapacidad auditiva se les proveerá con medios auditivos y/o intérpretes de signos. Igualmente intérpretes para personas que hablan poco inglés, pero será preciso avisar con dos semanas de antelación. Se puede solicitar la agenda en otro idioma que no sea inglés comunicándose con SCRCOG".

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Planning for Our Region's Future

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
FROM: **First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary***
DATE: **December 28, 2023**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023**

Present:

Bethany First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, *Vice Chair*
Branford First Selectman James Cosgrove
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey
Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett, *Treasurer*
Madison First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*
New Haven Joseline Tlacomulco, *proxy for Mayor Justin Elicker*
North Branford Michael Downes, *proxy for Mayor Jeffrey Macmillen*
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli, *Chair*
Woodbridge Karen Crosby, *proxy for First Selectman Beth Heller*

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Laura Francis, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Benjamin Lovejoy, Rebecca Andreucci,
Stephanie Camp, Gabriel Filer, Amealia Maynard, Baishampayan Sarkar

Guests: Carl Fazzina *Novus Insight, Inc.*, Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Kevin Tedesco, *CT Department of Transportation*; Mario Marrero, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Al Carbone and Mike Anderson, *United Illuminating*; Lou Mangini, *Office of U.S. Senator Rosa DeLauro*; Betsy Gara, *COST*; Michelle Benivegna, *City of East Haven*; Laurie McElwee, *Kennedy Collective*; Nan Birdwhistell, *Murtha Cullina*; Sam Carmody, *Eversource*

NOTE: The November SCRCOG Board meeting was a hybrid meeting

1. **Call to order and Introductions**

Chairman Zeoli called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. All present introduced themselves.

2. **Presentation: RPIP Cybersecurity Grant, Carl Fazzina from Novus Insight, Inc.**

Carl Fazzina gave an overview of Novus Insight's services, and how it was vetted and selected as the preferred IT/Cybersecurity vendor by CRCOG, the Capitol Region Purchasing Council and COST. Carl discussed the RPIP Grant and the need to address cybersecurity deficiencies in our communities by means of a programmatic approach. He noted the cost of an average cyber breach and why a breach must be avoided. He advised there are challenges across the state and across the nation with attacks coming from foreign countries and private actors. Often, municipalities do not have sufficient funding and IT staffing and equipment resources to prevent or remediate gaps in their cybersecurity management and maintenance. Through a programmatic approach, SCRCOG and Novus have developed a comprehensive method of managing and enhancing a municipality's cybersecurity posture, and SCRCOG has obtained a \$2.2 million state grant to implement this program for its 15 towns on a regional, cost-effective scale. Carl advised the RPIP funding is in 5 phases over 4 years with a 50%

reimbursement. SCRCOG is the first region to implement such a program. To participate in the program, each municipality must undergo a thorough and confidential vulnerability assessment. Credit against the cost of the assessment will be given for previous assessments. He shared the assessment prices for small, medium, and large towns. The assessment will provide recommendations and an implementation plan for the next 4 years. At this point, the municipality can determine the extent of its participation in the implementation phase and its cost. The cost of implementation measures will be paid first by SCRCOG who will then seek 50% reimbursement from the state through the grant and 50% reimbursement from the town. There will be a meeting on November 21st at 10 am to review the cybersecurity assessment and protection program in greater detail, and it is important for each SCRCOG municipality to attend and have their questions answered, Carl Fazzina advised that Novus will meet with each municipality individually to provide free estimates of the cost of the vulnerability assessment giving credits for prior assessments so that each municipality will be able to plan for its budgeting process.

3. **Adopt Minutes of October 25, 2023 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)**

First Selectwoman Lyons presented the minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of October 25, 2023 which were included in the agenda packet on pages 2 - 6 and made a motion to adopt. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Report for month ending October 27, 2023 (motion)**

Chairman Zeoli referred to pages 7-9. Mayor Garrett reported there is \$3.1M in total assets of which \$1.3M is in cash and investments. There is \$530K due from the CTDOT and \$131K is due DEMHS. All expenses appear to be appropriate for a one-month period. The Executive Committee reviewed the audit for 2023 and is a clean audit. It will be made available to all the CEOs by email. Chairman Zeoli made a motion and First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Zeoli asked if there was any interest in having a presentation done from the State Treasurer of the STIF account. All were in favor.

5. **MPO Business**

a. **Adopt Resolution Authorizing Sole Source for Geographic Information System Consultant Services (motion)**

Deputy Director Francis advised that this is a resolution to continue the relationship with the current GIS vendor. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion and Mayor Garrett seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

b. **Adopt Resolution Authorizing Sole Source for Travel and Tourism Consultant Services (motion)**

Funds are appropriated from SCRCOG transportation funds each year to REX for travel and tourism services. Ginny Kozlowski thanked SCRCOG for their support. A motion was made by First Selectman Cofrancesco and seconded by Mayor Garrett. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. **Deputy Director/Director of Transportation Report**

Deputy Director Francis announced that Rebecca Andreucci will be leaving SCRCOG after 8 years of service and has accepted a position with the CTDOT in the Sustainability and Resiliency Department. Deputy Director Francis introduced Gabriel Filer, who was recently hired as the

SRCOG Transportation Project Manager. Francis then advised SCRCOG has been approved to start the Highway Safety Specialist Pilot Program. A temporary, full-time position will be posted with a grant-funded salary of \$60K for a Highway Safety Specialist.

d. Transportation Staff Report

Rebecca Andreucci reported there is an RFP posted for a Transportation Study.

Jim Rode reported on LOTCIP projects. Orange should be receiving a commitment to fund for their project. Branford has submitted the final design plans for the Main Street project. Guilford has received authorization to begin construction. Jim met with the DOT to discuss finances and was advised that the unallocated fund balance is \$67M. Beginning next year, the focus will be to identify projects to utilize these funds. Jim advised that all information regarding transportation funding opportunities are on the SCRCOG website. Deputy Director Francis advised there is an urgency to retire that surplus. SCRCOG and DOT would like to see this program expanded, but DOT is reluctant until further progress is made on retiring the surplus. Francis stated SCRCOG will be aggressive in using the program and will offer technical assistance to SCRCOG towns on their project funding applications. Kevin Tedesco advised that the DOT is looking to see if there is a gap between the TIP and LOTCIP. Jim shared examples of what is eligible: any road project, bridges with a span of over 20 feet, stand-alone sidewalks, bike paths, and recreational trails.

e. Greater New Haven Transit District Report

Mario Marrero reported they have completed a training class of 5 new drivers. There will be 3 more classes. Trips remain steady with 12,000 trips in New Haven; 6,500 in Hamden; 3,200 in West Haven and 2,800 trips in North Haven. Mario advised DOT has decided that the Transit District should move to the North Haven location. The re-location of the agency will be completed by 2027.

6. COG Business

a. SCRCOG Budget Revision #4 FY23 (motion)

Finance Director Rappa explained the revisions to the budget. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve and Mayor Garrett seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

b. Calendar Year 2024 Meeting Calendar Approval (motion)

First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve and Mayor Garrett seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

c. Preliminary FY 2024-2025 Municipal SCRCOG Dues (motion)

Chairman Zeoli advised this was discussed in the Executive Committee meeting and the Executive Committee felt the one cent increase from 42 cents per person to 43 cents was more desirable than a large one-time increase later. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve option 2 and Mayor Garrett seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

d. Appointment of Nominating Committee (motion)

Executive Director Amento advised that Chairman Zeoli needed to pick 3 people for the n Nominating Committee. Chairman Zeoli asked if there were any volunteers. First Selectman Hoey, First Selectman Freda and Mayor Garrett volunteered. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve and Mayor Garrett seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

e. **FY2023-2024 RSG Spending Plan Amendment #3 (motion)**

Executive Director Amento explained the amendment proposed to the RSG Spending Plan referring to page 20 of the attached. First Selectman Cofrancesco made a motion to approve and Mayor Garrett seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

f. **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Amento shared that SCRCOG is still in negotiations with DEEP regarding a grant to assist SCRCOG with the formation of a Regional Waste Authority.

g. **SCRCOG Newsletter**

Attached on pages 22-36

h. **Regional Planning Staff Report**

Ben Lovejoy described SCRCOG's hosting of a 4-hour Land Use Training which was required of all Municipal Land Use Commissioners. Ben also noted that SCRCOG is working on updating the Public Participation Guidelines. There is a meeting today with the Housing Working Group to discuss inclusionary zoning and the tour they hosted last month. Ben is also working on an RFP to update the Regional Housing Plan. Ben stated the CPRG \$1M planning grant which SCRCOG was awarded has a deliverable, the Primary Climate Action Plan (PCAP) due on March 1st. The PCAP document needs to be referenced for any regional applications for CPRG implementation grants aimed at reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Ben sent an email to all CEOs and Assistants with 3 questions to solicit ideas on emission reduction projects. Ben does need to report to the EPA that opportunities for input were given to all municipalities in the region. Chairman Zeoli asked if a dehumidification system for the community pool that costs approximately \$1M would fall under this. Ben explained the application would have to quantify the potential reduction of gas emissions, and improve energy efficiency to be eligible.

i. **REX Development Report**

Ginny advised Commissioner Alexandra Daum is stepping down and will become the Associate Vice President for New Haven Affairs and University Properties. Daniel Keefe will become the new Commissioner of Economic and Community Development.

j. **Congressional Report**

Lou Mangini advised the CTDOT has made great progress in moving projects funded by the Infrastructure Bill. The House did pass a continuing resolution and it is expected the Senate will take that up which would leave the current funding amounts in place until mid-January.

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

Betsy Gara noted that in the Legislative process there are several task forces and working groups that were created and COST is paying close attention to those. The task force looking at teacher pensions being transferred to towns has not been convened. The Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations met regarding a mandated study on possible consolidation of Metropolitan Planning Organizations. This is a study that was created pursuant to Special Act 23-13 looking at developing recommendations for the possible consolidation of MPOs. The Majority Leader's Affordable Housing Roundtable has convened to look at issues relative to affordable housing. There was a meeting on Monday looking at repealing the car tax. Betsy also mentioned there is a group looking at the State Historic Preservations Officer's role in administering historic preservation review

processes. If you have any feedback on any of these issues, please email Betsy (bgara@ctcost.org). COST is looking for input from the towns to see if the processes involved needs to be streamlined or made more transparent. COST is paying close attention to the PFAS litigation regarding wells and soil. Deputy Director Francis asked what Betsy knew about PFAS settlement funds. Betsy stated the PFAS settlement funds are regarding litigation against Dupont and 3M and is specific to water utilities. Towns that have a water utility need to decide by Dec 4th or Dec. 11th depending on the particular settlement whether to opt out of the settlement. If you are part of the settlement, it forecloses any further litigation against Dupont and 3M. If you are seeing high detection rates of PFAS contamination, you may not want to be in the settlement. Deputy Director Francis asked what are the ramifications if you do nothing. Betsy explained that if you do nothing then you are part of the settlement, and she recommends you discuss this whole issue further with legal counsel. For additional information you can go to www.pfaswatersettlement.com.

1. **DEMHS Report**

No Report

7. **Regional Cooperation/Other Business**

First Selectman Hoey stated he is looking forward to the presentation from Novus but stated he has some concerns with overlaps with things that have been done and how Novus's best practices are different from those of CISA (Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency) being that CISA is the national model. Ben Lovejoy explained that the Novus assessments are consistent but more comprehensive than the National Guard and CISA assessments. Credit in cost of the Novus assessment will be given the municipality if it has gone through a recent CISA or National Guard assessment. Selectman Hoey stated this can be a check and balance on his IT team to make sure they answered the CISA questions appropriately. Hoey also asked why funding for Risk Management was reduced in the RSG Spending Plan, and an additional \$8,400 was added to Novus. Executive Director Amento explained that additional cost was for increased free cyberawareness training of municipal employees. Hoey then asked if grant funds could only be spent through Novus. Ben responded yes as to the vulnerability assessments. However, Ben said that he believes implementation projects can be sourced through any other vendor so long as it is consistent with the overall regional program. Ben indicated that he would clarify the matter further and that contract language was still being formulated. Hoey wanted to confirm if everyone agrees to move forward with NOVUS which is a \$4M contract over 4 years with a 50% match. The Board members responded affirmatively.

8. **Adjournment**

Chairman Zeoli made a motion to adjourn. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
FROM: **First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary***
DATE: **December 19, 2023**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Special Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2023 (DRAFT – to be approved at the January SCRCOG Board Meeting)**

Present:

Bethany	First Selectman Paula Cofrancesco, <i>Vice Chair</i>
Branford	First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven	Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford	First Selectman Matthew Hoey
Hamden	Mayor Lauren Garrett, <i>Treasurer</i>
Madison	First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, <i>Secretary</i>
New Haven	Mayor Justin Elicker
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange	First Selectman James Zeoli, <i>Chair</i>
West Haven	Mayor Dorinda Borer

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Laura Francis, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Benjamin Lovejoy, Stephanie Camp, Gabriel Filer, Joan Paglinco, Amealina Maynard

1. **Call to order and Welcome**

Chairman Zeoli called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance.

2. **COG Business**

a. **Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute CT DEEP \$353,000 Regional Waste Authority Grant and Related Documents**

Chairman Zeoli referred to pages 2-13 of the attached and asked for a motion to approve. First Selectman Cofrancesco made motion and Mayor Garrett seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

3. **Regional Cooperation/Other Business**

None

4. **Adjournment**

Chairman Zeoli made a motion to adjourn. First Selectman Cofrancesco seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, *Secretary*

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 12/31/2023

Assets

Cash and Investments

Key Bank - Checking Account	267,418.51
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	1,103,093.87

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	460,296.03
CT DESPP – FEMA Grant	131,321.03
US EPA – CPRG	8,141.07
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	27,560.03
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	1,334.66

Other Assets

Prepaid Expense - UConn MPA Intern	(8,193.75)
Accrued Leave & Security Deposit	24,817.39
Furniture & Equipment	21,062.00
Right to Use Asset - Real Property	1,193,827.26
Right to Use Asset - Equipment	34,813.69
Amortization	(365,064.48)

Total Assets	2,900,427.31
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Liabilities

Accounts Payable	9,500.00
Payroll Taxes Payable & Accrued Interest	691.47
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	175,007.98
Deferred Revenue - OPM	656,011.18
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	159,640.47
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77

Total Liabilities	1,004,541.87
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance	733,473.07
Committed Fund Balance	270,406.00
Amount for Accrued Leave	13,154.47
Investment in Equipment	21,062.00
Lease Obligation	862,885.00
Change in Fund Balance	(5,095.10)

Total Fund Balance	1,895,885.44
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	2,900,427.31

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 12/31/2023

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	11,859.88	64,592.02	299,889.00
Municipal - Special Assessment			175,000.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	60,455.41	292,490.62	948,502.00
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)			2,220,066.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	60,021.48	395,081.97	2,139,298.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant			169,718.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	3,227.75	15,423.19	171,611.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant)		63,666.66	203,490.00
US EPA - CPRG	8,141.07	100,695.31	999,479.00
CT SotS - Regional Election Monitor			3,691.00
CT DEEP - SMM Grant		25,177.51	112,800.00
Miscellaneous		9,501.37	0.00
Interest - Revenue	5,078.54	13,844.72	20,000.00
Total Resources	149,229.55	983,586.51	7,470,044.00

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance	445.42	3,113.14	6,500.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	7,980.00	79,030.00	1,309,658.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants			13,000.00
Other Consultants	21,196.25	181,181.27	1,101,157.00
Passthrough Grants	1,067.27	55,993.27	155,105.00
Travel	447.70	1,212.51	12,400.00
Data Processing	688.75	25,651.35	36,000.00
Commercial Printing		51.68	500.00
Subscriptions and Books	100.00	629.67	8,250.00
Insurance and Professional Services		5,811.00	5,000.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	2,700.05	10,541.22	21,450.00
Office Equipment and Furniture			25,000.00
Miscellaneous		512.92	2,202.00
Transportation - Reserved			171,449
LOTCIP - Reserved			128,379.00
Highway Safety Grant - Reserved			69,754
CT OPM (RPIP Grant) - Reserved			2,045,066.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved			36,714.00
CT DEEP (SMM Grant) - Reserved			16,805.00
US EPA (CPRG) - Reserved			747,375.00
Total Direct Expenses	34,625.44	363,728.03	5,911,764.00

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Direct Labor - Employees	45,109.77	251,490.51	645,970.00

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

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As of period 12/31/2023

Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	20,412.58	87,226.04	218,044.00
Employee Benefits	23,750.07	170,631.97	434,416.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	5,090.80	8,461.06	19,300.00
Rent	15,197.25	78,117.70	152,900.00
Telephone and Internet	860.65	2,679.25	8,100.00
Office Supplies	13.96	1,116.06	9,600.00
Equipment Maintenance	2,722.50	14,546.23	38,900.00
Insurance and Professional Services		9,832.00	29,600.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	142.00	142.00	650.00
Miscellaneous	73.00	710.76	700.00
Total Overhead	68,262.81	373,463.07	912,310.00
Total Operating Expenses	147,998.02	988,681.61	7,470,044.00

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 32

- Project** **0014-0188 2024-A32-3 REPLACE HIGHWAY SHEET ALUMINUM SIGNS**
- Changes** Amendment 32 adds a new project.
- Reason** The existing highway signs have exceeded their useful service life and are in need of replacement. This project will Replace of highway sheet aluminum signs along the mainline and on/off-ramps of I-95 between the East Haven/Branford Town Line and the Madison/Clinton Town Line.
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- Project** **0061-0153 2018-A4-1 Walkable Sidewalk Ped/Bike Improvements**
- Changes** Amendment 32 moves CON to FYI
- Reason** Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.
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- Project** **0061-0155 2022-A22-5 TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION AT VARIOUS**
- Changes** Amendment 32 moves FD to FYI
- Reason** Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.
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- Project** **0083-0275 2022-A22-6 DRAINAGE & OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS**
- Changes** Amendment 32 adjusts CON funds
- Reason** Action is necessary based on a revised cost estimate.
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- Project** **0092-0689 2021-A3-1 Interchange 59 / Route 69 improvements Phase 2**
- Changes** Amendment 32 moves FD and ROW to FYI
- Reason** Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.
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- Project** **0092-0694 2022-A15-4 I-91 Camera Upgrade/Expansion**
- Changes** Amendment 32 adjusts CON funds.
- Reason** Action is necessary as project is phase funded with funds moving from FY24 to FYI
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- Project** **0156-0186 2023-A32-2 Aux Lane CON & Replace BR #00158 & #00159**
- Changes** Amendment 32 adds a new project.
- Reason** Project for the construction of auxiliary lanes in both directions on I-95 between Exits 42 and 43 in West Haven. This Project also includes the replacement of 2 bridges. Bridge #00158 which carries I-95 over Greta St and Bridge #00159 which carries Stevens Avenue over I-95.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 32

Project **0156-0187 2023-A32-1 DRAINAGE STUDY TO ADDRESS FLOOD PRONE**

Changes Amendment 32 adds a new project

Reason Project will fund a Drainage study to provide alternatives to address a flood prone area on Route 122 in West Haven by the exit 43 off-ramp of I-95.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) authorized the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) program in order to provide funds for resilience improvements to address current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing conditions. A consultant will work with DOT staff to assess possible drainage improvements in West Haven on Route 122 by the exit 43 off-ramp of I-95. The flooding is a result of insufficient channel capacity and high tide. The funding will be utilized to seek a solution to reduce the frequency of flooding within the project area. Planning activities will include but are not limited to the following: interdepartmental coordination, development and gathering of climate projection data, engineering analysis, economic analysis, and generating a final report of alternative solutions.

Project **0173-0519 2021-A9-2 Traffic Signal Upgrades at Various Locations**

Changes Amendment 32 add CON phase funding

Reason Action is necessary to update project and add Con phase funding.

Project **0173-0531 2022-A21-1 REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT VARIOUS**

Changes Amendment 32 increases ROW funds

Reason Action is necessary as the number of easements necessary for the project has been determined and the cost estimate for ROW is updated.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 32

State Project #0014-0188

SCRCOG # 2024-A32-3

Municipality Regional

AQ Code

Proposed

Project Name REPLACE HIGHWAY SHEET ALUMINUM SIGNS

Description Project for the replacement of highway sheet aluminum signs along the mainline and on/off-ramps of I-95 between the East Haven/Branford Town Line and the Madison/Clinton Town Line.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
NHPP	CON Federal					1,375	
TIP Funds	\$1,375	0	0	0	0	1,375	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 Amend 32 adds a new project

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 32

State Project #0061-0153

SCRCOG # 2018-A4-1

Municipality Hamden

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name Walkable Sidewalk Ped/Bike Improvements

Description Hamden's Walkable Sidewalk project includes pedestrian and bicycle improvements at various locations along Augur, Benham, Davis, & Treadwall Streets. Improvements include sidewalks, crosswalks, accessible curb ramps, signage, and roadway restriping.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)								
Funding	Phase		Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI
TAPNH	FD	Federal		248				
		Local		62				
	ROW	Federal			92			
		Local			23			
	CON	Federal					1,996	
		Local					499	
Total Cost	\$2,920		0	310	115	0	2,495	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)								
Funding	Phase		Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI
TAPNH	FD	Federal		248				
		Local		62				
	ROW	Federal			92			
		Local			23			
	CON	Federal					1,996	
		Local					499	
TIP Funds	\$2,920		0	310	115	0	0	2,495

Amendment Notes

Fy18 TIP Amend 4 adds project. FY21 TIP adjusts schedule FY 21 TIP Amend 3 move schedule and updates funding. FY21 TIP Amend 16 Adjusts Funding and Moves CON to FY23. FY21 TIP Amend 24 moves CON to FY24 FY21 TIP Amend 32 moves CON to FYI

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 Amendment 32

State Project #0061-0155

SCRCOG # 2022-A22-5

Municipality Hamden

AQ Code X8

Proposed

Project Name TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODERNIZATION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Description This Hamden Town Center Traffic Signal Replacement project was selected by CTDOT in 2022, for the CMAQ program. The project will replace traffic signals and improve traffic signal operations through a coordinated system,

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CMAQ	PD	Federal			350		
	FD	Federal				332	
	CON	Federal					3,407
Total Cost	\$4,089	0	0	0	350	332	3,407

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
CMAQ	PD	Federal			350		
	FD	Federal					332
	CON	Federal					3,407
TIP Funds	\$4,089	0	0	0	350	0	3,739

Amendment Notes

FY21 Amend 22 adds a new project FY21 TIP Amend 32 moves FD to FYI

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 Amendment 32

State Project #0083-0275

SCRCOG # 2022-A22-6

Municipality Milford

AQ Code X7

Proposed

Project Name DRAINAGE & OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS

Description Resolve recurring flooding on US Route 1 in Milford by upgrading and extending drainage network. Construct left-turn lanes at intersection of Schoolhouse Road and replace traffic signals

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase	Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI	
NHPP	PD	Federal			680			
		State			170			
	FD	Federal				600		
		State				150		
	ROW	Federal				40		
		State				10		
	CON	Federal					4,776	
		State					1,194	
Total Cost	\$7,620		0	0	0	850	800	5,970

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase	Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI	
NHPP	PD	Federal			680			
		State			170			
	FD	Federal				600		
		State				150		
	ROW	Federal				40		
		State				10		
	CON	Federal					5,200	
		State					1,300	
TIP Funds	\$8,150		0	0	0	850	800	6,500

Amendment Notes

FY21 Amend 22 add a new project. FY21 Amend 32 adjusts CON funds

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 32

State Project #0092-0689

SCRCOG # 2021-A3-1

Municipality New Haven

AQ Code

Proposed

Project Name Interchange 59 / Route 69 improvements Phase 2

Description Phase 2 of Interchange 59/Route 69 improvements in New Haven and Woodbridge to add appropriate acceleration and deceleration lanes for Route 15 at Exit 59, which connects to the subnetwork of Routes 63 and 69. Phase 1 was under Project 92-672.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase		Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI
NHPP	PD	Federal		1,729				
		State		432				
	FD	Federal					1,600	
		State					400	
	ROW	Federal					1,408	
		State					352	
	CON	Federal						26,417
		State						6,604
Total Cost	\$38,942		0	2,161	0	0	3,760	33,021

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase		Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI
NHPP	PD	Federal		1,729				
		State		432				
	FD	Federal					1,600	
		State					400	
	ROW	Federal					1,408	
		State					352	
	CON	Federal					26,417	
		State					6,604	
TIP Funds	\$38,942		0	2,161	0	0	0	36,781

Amendment Notes

FY 21 TIP Amend 3 Adds a new project FY21 TIP Amend 32 moves FD and ROW to FYI

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 32

State Project #0092-0694

SCRCOG # 2022-A15-4

Municipality New Haven

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name I-91 Camera Upgrade/Expansion

Description Install new fiber optic cable and cameras along the I-91 corridor from Exit 8 in New Haven to Exit 16 in Meriden. Replace cameras on I-91 from Exit 8 to I-95 in New Haven and run fiber trunkline to the East Haven Communications shelter.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase	Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI	
CMAQ	PD	Federal		1,136				
		State		126				
	FD	Federal				844		
		State				94		
	CON	Federal					19,800	
		State					2,200	
	Total Cost	\$24,200	0	0	1,262	938	22,000	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase	Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI	
CMAQ	PD	Federal		1,136				
		State		126				
	FD	Federal				844		
		State				94		
	CON	AC-Entry					0	
		Federal					10,000	14,300
		State					1,111	1,589
	TIP Funds	\$29,200	0	0	1,262	938	11,111	15,889

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 15 adds new project FY21 TIP Amend adjusts CON funds

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 32

State Project #0156-0186

SCRCOG # 2023-A32-2

Municipality West Haven

AQ Code X7

Proposed

Project Name Aux Lane construction & Replace BR #00158 & #00159

Description project to construct auxiliary lanes in both directions on I-95 btwn Exits 42 and 43 in West Haven. includes replacement of bridges #00158 and #00159

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>	
NHPP	PD	Federal				4,950		
		State				550		
	FD	Federal					3,600	
		State					400	
	ROW	Federal					68	
		State					8	
	CON	AC-Entry					0	
		Federal					56,835	
		State					6,315	
TIP Funds	\$72,726		0	0	0	0	5,500	67,226

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 32 adds new project

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 Amendment 32

State Project #0156-0187

SCRCOG # 2023-A32-1

Municipality West Haven

AQ Code X6

Proposed

Project Name DRAINAGE STUDY TO ADDRESS FLOOD PRONE AREA

Description Drainage study to provide alternatives to address a flood prone area on Route 122 in West Haven by the exit 43 off-ramp of I-95

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
PRPL	PL	Federal				280	
		State				70	
TIP Funds	\$350		0	0	0	350	0

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 32 adds new project

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 32

State Project #0173-0519

SCRCOG # 2021-A9-2

Municipality District 3

AQ Code X7

Proposed

Project Name Traffic Signal Upgrades at Various Locations

Description Installation of a new traffic control signal in Madison and replacement of existing traffic control signals to meet current standards at various locations in District 3.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	PD	Federal		640			
	FD	Federal			563		
	ROW	Federal			130		
Total Cost	\$1,333		0	0	640	693	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	PD	Federal			640		
	FD	Federal			563		
	ROW	Federal			130		
	CON	Federal				4,439	
		State				1,110	
TIP Funds	\$6,882		0	0	0	1,333	5,549

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 9 adds new project

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 FFY2021-FFY2024 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment 32

State Project #0173-0531

SCRCOG # 2022-A21-1

Municipality District 3

AQ Code X7

Proposed

Project Name REPLACE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Description Replacement of traffic control signals to meet current standards at various locations in District 3.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase	Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI
STPA	PD	Federal			631		
	FD	Federal				542	
	ROW	Federal				140	
Total Cost	\$1,313		0	0	0	631	682

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

Funding	Phase	Prior	2021	2022	2023	2024	FYI
STPA	PD	Federal			631		
	FD	Federal				542	
	ROW	Federal				530	
TIP Funds	\$1,703		0	0	0	631	1,072

Amendment Notes

FY21 TIP Amend 21 adds new project. FY21 TIP Amend 32 increases ROW funds

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Thirty Two

- Whereas:* U.S. Department of Transportation “Metropolitan Planning Regulations” (23 *CFR* 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a *State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP)* conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and *SIP*-established mobile source emissions budgets; and
- Whereas:* The Council, per 23 *CFR* 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a *Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program* on September 23, 2020, 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 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program* and the Region’s *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2023 to 2050, (April, 2023)*; and
- Whereas:* The Council, on *September 23, 2020*, indicated that periodic *Program* adjustment or amendment was possible; and
- Whereas:* Projects referenced in the *Program* amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s metropolitan transportation plan *Metropolitan Transportation Plans—2023 to 2050, (April, 2023)*; and
- Whereas:* Council *Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning* have been observed during the development of the proposed *Program* amendment (below); and
- Whereas:* By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a *Statewide Transportation Improvement Program* and/or its amendment; and
- Whereas:* Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the *Program*.

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Resolution

Fiscal Year 2021-Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Thirty Two (Continued)

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

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

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on **January 24, 2024**

Date January 24, 2024

By: _____

Secretary

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Resolution

Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements for FY 24 & FY25 UPWP Consultant Services

Whereas: SCRCOG's Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), adopted by the Council on May 24, 2023, and amended on October 26, 2023, identified planning studies which are to be conducted with consultant services to complement staff efforts; and

Whereas: Utilizing the Connecticut Department of Transportation-defined consultant outreach process and a Consultant Selection Committee review, interview and recommendation process for the remaining projects, it is recommended that the following consultants be retained for the noted assignments:

- The Guilford Town Center Traffic Study - VHB
- The Northford Center Connectivity Study - BL
- The Congestion Management Process Study Update- VN
- The Regional Freight Study - VN
- The Regional Mobility Study for Aging and Disabled Community - VN

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

That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and sign consulting services agreements with the above consultants consistent with the adopted UPWP.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on January 24, 2024.

Date: January 24, 2024.

By: _____
Secretary
South Central Regional Council of Governments

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

South Central Regional Council of Governments Authorizing Execution of Agreements with the Connecticut Department of Transportation

Resolved, that the Executive Director, Carl J. Amento, is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the South Central Regional Council of Governments in negotiating and executing all appropriate and necessary contractual instruments with the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Such contracts are for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance to carry on a mutually agreed upon program of transportation planning in the South Central Connecticut Region in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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 SCRCOG on: January 24, 2024

Date: January 24, 2024,

By:

Mayor Lauren Garrett *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments

CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary

July—September 2023

Transit is a Trip Campaign

During the first few weeks of this quarter, we approved three new "Man on the Street" videos to be used on TikTok. We also reviewed and adjusted our media plan based on performance analytics and went over the monthly performance metrics and stats with both Cashman & Katz, the media agency on this project, and the CTDOT.

By August, we had reviewed the final campaign data with our media agency and collected the native files from the creative agency. Additionally, our organic social media posts continued as planned.

Drive Less Connecticut Climate Challenge

After creating a DLC poll in the previous quarter, a reminder email was sent to CTrides members who were active in 2023 to garner more responses. A total of 196 responses were received, which will be used to help improve our 2024 Challenge.

CTrides.com

The CTrides website underwent multiple updates during the quarter. The "About" section's copy has been updated, and the Gold Star Memorial Bridge Shuttle page was removed from the website. The list of schools participating in the U-Pass CT program were updated to reflect the consolidation of all Connecticut community colleges under the name "CT State Community College." The Middletown Area Transit and Estuary Transit District/9 Town were replaced with their new consolidated name River Valley Transit on the Commuting Options page. Additionally, the Emergency Ride Home list was updated to include the Connecticut Office of the Treasurer, the Connecticut Department of Administrative Services, and St. Mary's Hospital.

CTrides News Roundup

Three monthly editions of CTrides News Roundup were created and distributed. The July edition included content about the CTDOT Customer Experience Action Plan, the federal grants to bolster public transit systems in CT, Transit is a Trip campaign promotion and for having our campaign selected as a Silver Telly Award Winner, take the train to Sailfest in New London, and the e-bike incentive program.

The August edition included the return of battery electric buses, explore Hartford by bike, "Kids on Track" job fair, and the Greater



Participating Schools

- Central Connecticut State University, New Britain
- CT State Community Colleges
 - Asnuntuck, Enfield
 - Capital, Hartford
 - Gateway, New Haven
 - Housatonic, Bridgeport
 - Manchester, Manchester
 - Northwestern Connecticut, Winsted
 - Norwalk, Norwalk
 - Three Rivers, Norwich
 - Tunxis, Bristol

Transit is a Trip - Silver Telly Award Winner



Exciting news - The CT Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is proud to announce that the Transit is A Trip campaign has won a Silver Telly Award, for Local TV - Campaign Branding!

CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary (Continued)

July– September 2023

Bridgeport Transit Authority grant of \$450,000 for service improvements.

Lastly, the September edition included new ways to purchase a 31-day CTtransit and CTfastrak bus passes, the new rail cars coming to CT’s commuter rail lines, U-Pass CT promotion, Greater Bridgeport Transit expands bus service, e-bike conversion kits for Bridgeport residents, and CTDOT embraces complete street design criteria. Finally, the development and sourced content for the next quarter began.

Along the Lines Podcast

During this quarter, three episodes were recorded (37-39) and two episodes (36-37) were released, the Along the Lines message for the big board at New Haven Union Station was updated and is awaiting CTDOT approval, and the descriptions on Libsyn, Soundcloud, Google Podcasts, and other platforms were updated to reflect the new host. By the end of the quarter, the podcast had 8,969 downloads.

Electric Bus Graphics

Design specs and layouts for the logo placement on new electric buses for CTtransit, River Valley Transit, Milford, and UConn were prepared. Additionally, the logos for Milford Transit District were recreated in lieu of having the original artwork.

Hartford Union Station Selfie Station

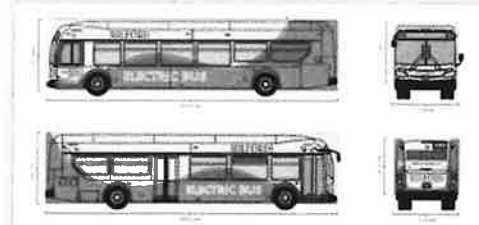
An initial project strategy document was sent to the Greater Hartford Transit District. Feedback was received and changes, including photo examples, were made. No response was received by the end of the quarter.

CTrides College Videos - Update

In August, the CTrides college videos were updated with new graphics and content for both the evergreen and U-Pass CT versions.

Mini CTrides June Campaign

The final report for the re-launch of the Mode Heroes campaign was received and reviewed. The results showed 836,821 impressions, 4,338 clicks, and 119,827 post engagements.



CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary (Continued)

July– September 2023

CTrail Hartford Line Mailer Redesign

Updates to the Hartford Line brochure were finalized, and the mailers were sent during the week of July 17th.

Hartford Line Map

The CTrail Hartford Line map was updated to include Enfield stations, and multiple posters were printed and delivered to CTDOT.

Mohegan Sun Cross-Marketing

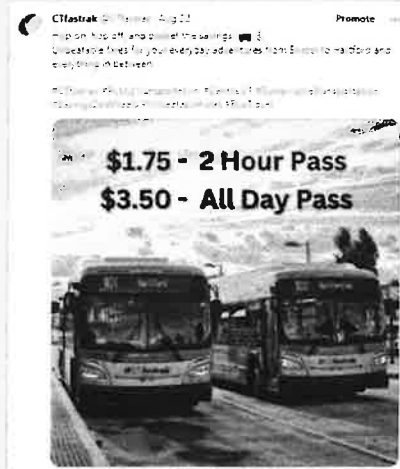
In July, a custom poster was created to promote the CTrail Shore Line East and the free shuttle connection to the casino. The poster was sent to CTDOT and the casino for review, and feedback was provided. After making requested changes, the final poster was sent to CTDOT and was approved. It was then shared with the Mohegan Sun marketing contact for distribution.

Social Media

The team posted social media content across the CTrides, CTrail Hartford Line, CTrail Shore Line East, and CTfastrak accounts, which includes Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, and TikTok (CTrides only).

A total of 181 posts were published through CTrides various platforms during this quarter. Posts included the Transit is a Trip campaign, CT bike trails, ParkConneCT campaign, Pay-per-mile car insurance article, Customer Experience Action Plan, CTrides Outreach highlights, U-Pass CT promotion, battery electric buses are back in CT, Along the Lines podcast promotion, Transit Takes, GBT bus service expansion, sustainable travel options in CT, Transit app, DominGO! Hartford, World Car Free Day, Rail Safety Week, and sustainable transportation and climate change. The total impressions were 10,870,221, with 6,765 engagements and an engagement rate of 6.04%. This represents the following changes from the last quarter, -37.8%, -8.5%, and +8.4%, respectively. Lastly, the CTrides TikTok account received a total of 24,968 video views and 41 new followers.

For CTfastrak, 103 posts were published on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Some of the posts included events near the stations, station highlights, Transit is a Trip promotion, short-term parking lot closure notices, fare prices, World Car Free Day, fast lane and Transit App promotion. The total impressions were 181,255, with 3,412 engagements and an engagement rate of 4.84%. This represents the



CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary (Continued)

July– September 2023

following changes from the last quarter, -5.1%, -11.4%, and -14.6%, respectively.

For the *CTrail* accounts, Hartford Line and Shore Line East, a total of 246 posts were published on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Examples of postings included Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz, benefits of taking the train, Barbie train promo, Sailfest, rail fans photos, Kids on Track job fair, Transit is a Trip campaign promotion, Transit app, Rail Safety Week, and World Car Free Day. The total impressions were 678,544, with 19,210 engagements and an engagement rate of 8.88%. This represents the following changes from the last quarter, -32.9%, -22%, and +10.1%, respectively.

Outreach requests—in support of the Outreach and Engagement Specialists

Several marketing materials were created to promote different events across Connecticut.

- A social media asset to promote the Free Transit Day in the City of Bristol.
- The *CTrides* marketing materials were customized in English and Spanish for the town of East Hartford.
- The Road Scholar brochures were reprinted for Naugatuck Valley and Norwalk Community Colleges.
- A handout for parents and kids was initiated for the Fit-Together and *CTrides* Bike & Walk event.
- Informational handouts were created and printed for adults and kids to be used at the Fit Together Bike Rally.
- A flyer was designed to promote registration for a Transit Try-It Day at Sikorsky.
- A sandwich board was designed for a tabling event at the Southbury Green Expo.

Miscellaneous Projects

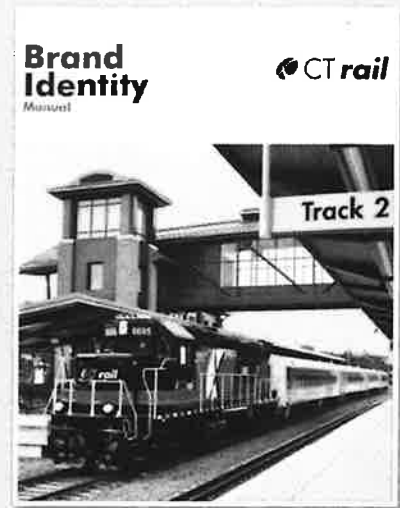
- A presentation was given to students from the National Summer Transportation Institute (NSTI) regarding *CTrides* programs and services.
- Integrated Hootsuite as our new social media management tool.
- Sent a bi-weekly media plan report to CTDOT for ParkConnect.



CTrides: Quarter Activity Summary (Continued)

July– September 2023

- The first draft of the *CTrail* brand guide was sent to CTDOT for review
- An initial strategy brief was drafted for the *CTrail* Mini Holiday campaign to be shared with marketing and media agencies.



Participating Organization Activity

As of September 30th, the total number of CTrides employer participants, stakeholders and community participants was **528**.

Highlights:

All About Trains

A new partnership with All Our Children Academy in New Haven led to multiple presentations to the summer camp age groups 5-8 and 8-12. The academy also made plans for All About Trains group field trips in the Fall. Multiple presentations for schools and libraries in New Haven County were scheduled for October. 18 in-class presentations for grades K-2 at North Street School in Windsor Locks were conducted, leading to administrative approval to move forward with CTrail Hartford Line field trip this school year.

Road Scholar

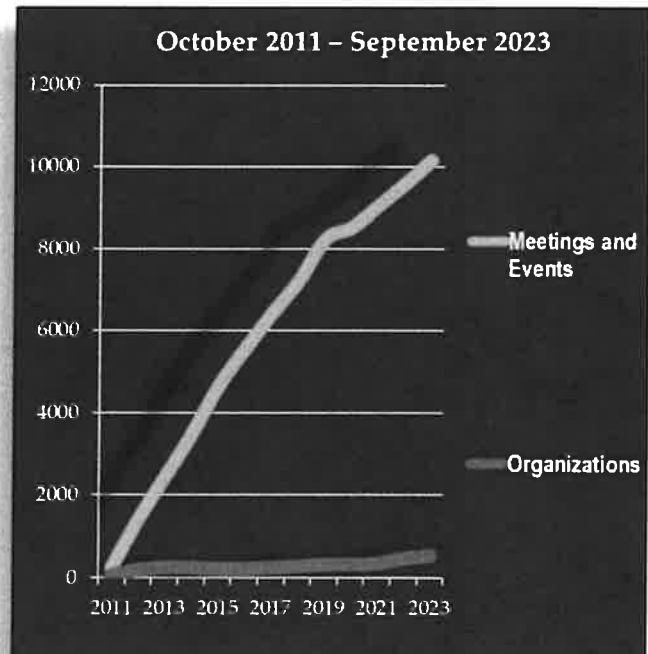
CTrides continued outreach campaign to colleges and universities. Twenty five onsite orientation events were held to promote the U-Pass CT program and transit networks surrounding each campus. A meeting with the University of New Haven was held to plan multiple rail Try-it Days using the campus shuttle for last-mile service. And, a meeting with Fairfield University Business Operations and Residential Life led to bringing U-Pass CT to campus.

Connecticut at Your Service (CTAYS) Radio Interview

CTrides outreach representatives joined CTAYS host Carmen Nieves to highlight individuals, businesses, and programs with purpose. We presented our statewide resources, 2023 Drive Less CT Climate Challenge results, and the Transit is a Trip campaign.

The CTrides Outreach Team held **174 Events and Meetings** with our worksite partners during Q3. The total number of currently participating organizations is at **528**.

This quarter's worksite activity, segmented by region, can be found on the following pages. A complete list of program organizations/stakeholders is in Appendix A.





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Quarterly Report

July—September 2023

World Car Free Day

Partnered with the City of Norwalk, Norwalk Transit, Norwalk Bike Walk Commission, Bridgevolt, and Bikeport to organize community events promoting World Car Free Day on September 22nd.

New Outreach and Engagement Specialist

Hired and trained a new outreach and engagement specialist for the New Haven Region.

New Partners:

- All Our Children Academy
- Amplify CT
- Bridgevolt
- ComForCare
- Commission on Persons with Disabilities
- Connecticut Boy Scouts-33rd Troop
- Connecticut Homeschoolers Inclusive
- Day Pitney
- Engage Staffing
- Greenwich Public Schools
- Mauro-Sheriden Interdistrict Magnet School
- McLean Care
- National Federation of the Deaf
- Night Fall Inc.
- Partnership to End Human Trafficking
- Red Barn Dog Holdings LLC
- South Windsor Chamber of Commerce
- The ARC of Litchfield
- Town of East Granby
- Waterbury Regional Chamber
- Western New England Greenway
- Western Regional Tourism District



Regional Worksite Highlights

Western CT includes Litchfield, Housatonic, Bridgeport & Stamford regions

Highlights

City of Bridgeport

CTrides Hosted multiple events in downtown Bridgeport in partnership with the Downtown Special Services District. Outreach efforts to promote and gain registrants for upcoming Try-Transit Days to the weekly markets and community events. Multiple downtown events were held with Greater Bridgeport Transit to promote CTrides resources and the use of the CTrides app. Engaged over 70 residents to provide app training for trip planning, recording, and rewards.

Connecticut Department of Labor

(NW/SW Business Services)

In partnership with Career Resources, Inc., hosted a resource table during annual job fair for the region's workforce investment board. Provided information on trip planning, local routes, and the ridematching platform.

Bigelow Tea

Hosted a meeting with the Vice President of Sustainability and Corporate Responsibility Manager to reengage partner. Presented CTrides to the organization's Green Team, leading to planning for a Try-Transit

Day in the fall.

Sikorsky

Hosted kick-off event for multi-campus Try-Transit Days to be held throughout the Fall. Registered new riders, confirmed GBT routes, and promoted trip tracking for Sikorsky to measure event success in reducing emissions.

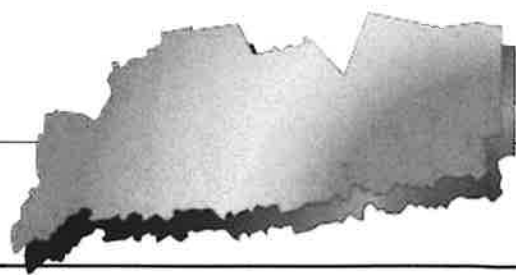
The Town of Southbury

CTrides participated in the Annual Southbury Sustainability Fair and Green Exp in partnership with the Safe Streets Coalition. We provided information on sustainable and active transportation options and demonstrated how to use the CTrides app.

Meetings

- ┆ Bigelow Tea
- ┆ Bridegvolt
- ┆ Bridgeport Regional Business Council
- ┆ Career Resources, Inc.
- ┆ City of Bridgeport
- ┆ City of Stamford
- ┆ City of Torrington
- ┆ Connecticut at Your Service (CTAYS)
- ┆ Connecticut Department of Labor (NW/SW Business Services)
- ┆ Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
- ┆ Fairfield Chamber of Commerce
- ┆ Fit Together
- ┆ Greater Bridgeport Transit

- ┆ Greenwich Public Schools
- ┆ Housatonic Community College (CT State: Bridgeport)
- ┆ Naugatuck Valley Community College (CT State: Waterbury/Danbury)
- ┆ Norwalk Bike Walk Commission
- ┆ Norwalk Transit District
- ┆ Red Barn Dog Holdings
- ┆ Sikorsky
- ┆ Sound Cyclists
- ┆ St. Mary's Hospital
- ┆ Stamford Downtown Special Services District
- ┆ Stepping Stones Museum for Children
- ┆ Stratford Rotary Club
- ┆ Sustainable Southbury
- ┆ The ARC of Litchfield
- ┆ Town of Fairfield
- ┆ Town of Southbury
- ┆ Town of Stratford
- ┆ Town of Winchester
- ┆ University of Connecticut - Stamford
- ┆ Western Connecticut Council of Governments
- ┆ Western Regional Tourism District



Regional Worksite Highlights

Southern CT includes Middlesex, New Haven & coastal regions

bike programs and active transporta-

tion options for local businesses and large-scale employers in the area.

Highlights

Wesleyan University

Greater New Haven Transit District

Hosted a transportation event with River Valley Transit and Wesleyan's Sustainability Director to promote the WesPass and XtraMile Service. This event will be one of a series to continue to encourage students to utilize the on-demand service.

CTrides gave the main presentation at the July Riders' Forum that included updates on buying fares online with Token Transit, a run-through of CTrides ridematching service, and provided rail safety tips from its All About Trains program.

The Town of Old Saybrook

Hosted an informational meeting with the Economic Development Department to present CTrides resources and Try-It Day event logistics. The Director of Economic Development proposed a town-wide Try-It Day to her municipal peers and Try-Transit Days to local transit-adjacent employers.

National Federation of the Deaf

Formed a new partnership with a New London-based organization interested in transit promotion and ADA service statewide. We will be a presenter during the Federation's upcoming Annual Convention in the Fall.

Meetings

Amplify CT

Added a new partner who provides mental health resources to 37 municipalities in North Central Connecticut. Connected with their Mobility Manager to review CTrides resources and transit options in their areas.

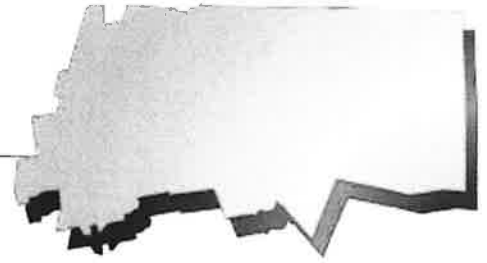
- All our Children Academy
- Amplify CT
- Audubon Apartments
- City of New Haven
- Connecticut Boy Scouts-33rd Troop
- Connecticut Homeschoolers Inclusive
- Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium
- Greater New Haven Transit District
- Middlesex Community College (CT State: Middlesex)

New Haven Coalition for Active

Transportation (NHCAT)

Launched a task force with NHCAT and the City of New Haven staff to plan a cross-promotion campaign for

- National Federation of the Deaf
- New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation
- New Haven Public Schools
- Southeast Area Transit
- The Kennedy Collective
- Three Rivers Community College (CT State: Norwich)
- Town of Cheshire
- Town of Old Saybrook
- University of Connecticut- Avery Point
- University of New Haven
- Wesleyan University
- Yale University



Regional Worksite Highlights

Eastern CT includes the Hartford, North and Central regions of Connecticut

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Highlights

Talcoott Resolution

Hosted a Lunch and Learn presentation in partnership with CTtransit to deliver resource information on express bus service, carpooling, and the Emergency Ride Home program.

Town of East Hartford

Launched an initiative with the Social Services department to share CTrides information and give app training during town-wide community events (Farmer’s Markets, etc.). Held several events in July and August promoting Strides services.

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)

Over 35 staff members attended a presentation to review the results of the Drive Less CT Climate Challenge agency. Commuting strategies were discussed to maintain momentum, and several Try-Transit Days were planned with other Hartford-based state agencies.

Connecticut Department of Administrative Services (CT DA

Recently reengaged with CTDAS and conducted training for the new primary contacts for our Emergency Ride Home program. Hosted onsite event to promote the agency’s reinstated participation in the Emergency Ride Home Program. The event led to planning a Try-Transit Day with other state agencies based in Hartford.

Aetna

In partnership with CTtransit, hosted an onsite event to share transit schedules and route information. Additionally, demonstrated the CTrides app’s ride-matching functionality and active transportation options.

Meetings

- ☐ Bloomfield Public Library
- ☐ Bridgeport Regional Business Council
- ☐ Bristol Bazaar
- ☐ Bristol Public Library
- ☐ Career Resources, Inc.
- ☐ Center for Latino Progress
- ☐ Central Connecticut State University
- ☐ City of Bridgeport
- ☐ Commute with Enterprise
- ☐ Connecticut Department of Administrative Services
- ☐ Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
- ☐ Connecticut Department of Labor

(NW/SW Business Services)

- Connecticut Department of Transportation
- Connecticut Office of the State Treasurer
- Connecticut Transit
- CT State Community College - Asnuntuck
- CT State Community College - Capital
- CT State Community College - Manchester
- CT State Community College - Tunxis
- Day Pitney
- Fairfield Chamber of Commerce
- Fairfield University
- Greater Bridgeport Transit
- Greater Hartford YMCA
- OKAY Industries
- Partnership to End Human Trafficking
- Red Barn Dog Holdings
- Stamford Downtown Special Services District
- SustainableCT
- Town of Berlin
- Town of East Hartford
- UConn Health
- United Health Group
- University of Bridgeport
- University of Connecticut - Stamford
- Waterbury Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Western New England Greenway
- Western Regional Tourism District
- Worker's Compensation

Customer feedback:

- ☐ *"Super helpful and proactive in anticipating my follow-up questions! Thanks!"*
- ☐ *"Lisa was great. Responded quickly to two separate emails and gave the answers I was looking for."*
- ☐ *"I was surprised it was not automated and I got a rep to help me."*
- ☐ *"Cindy was so helpful! She was prompt, informative and kind. She even called me to let me know the status of the situation and answered a question I had earlier. I truly appreciate her help."*
- ☐ *"Great live chat feature! I was able to get my question answered quickly and directly!"*
- ☐ *"Your employee was very helpful in refunding the money for tickets we had mistakenly activated too early. Thanks so much!"*

Customer Service Highlights

CTrides/CTrail calls: **7,315**

Custom Commute Plans: **41**

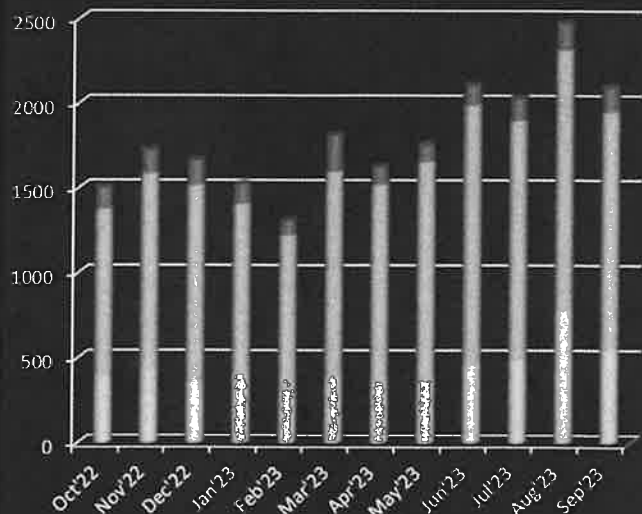
Total Number of Website Form Submissions: **409**

Total Number of Emails Sent and Received: **1,821**

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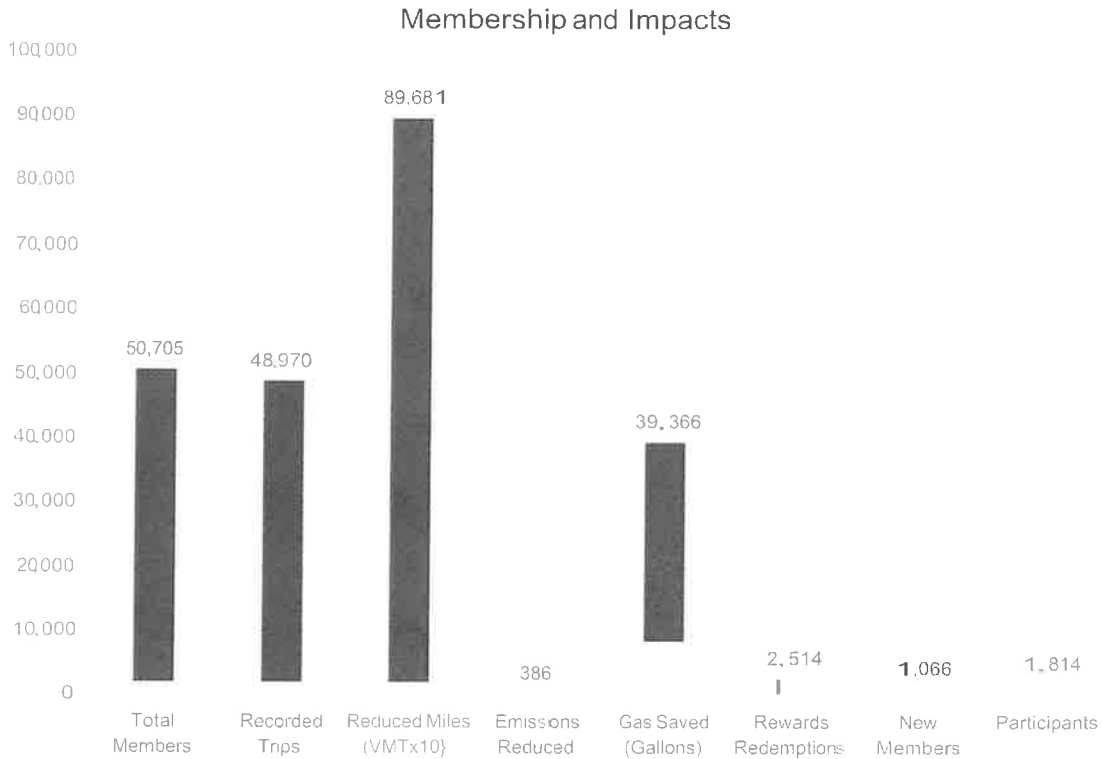
- ▮ **6,600 Total** cases into CTrides
 - **4,341 calls**
13 inquiries about available disabled services
15 bilingual inquiries
 - **Sent and received 1,821 emails**
Great or OK rating on 77.5% of emails surveyed
 - **Facilitated 438 live online chats of which 107 were SMS (text) chats**
4.7 out of 5 (best) avg. rating on all chats
- ▮ **Provided 1 Emergency Ride Home**— 1 Bus
- ▮ **Processed 181 CTrail Hartford Line and 156 CTrail Shore Line East** complaints, suggestions, questions

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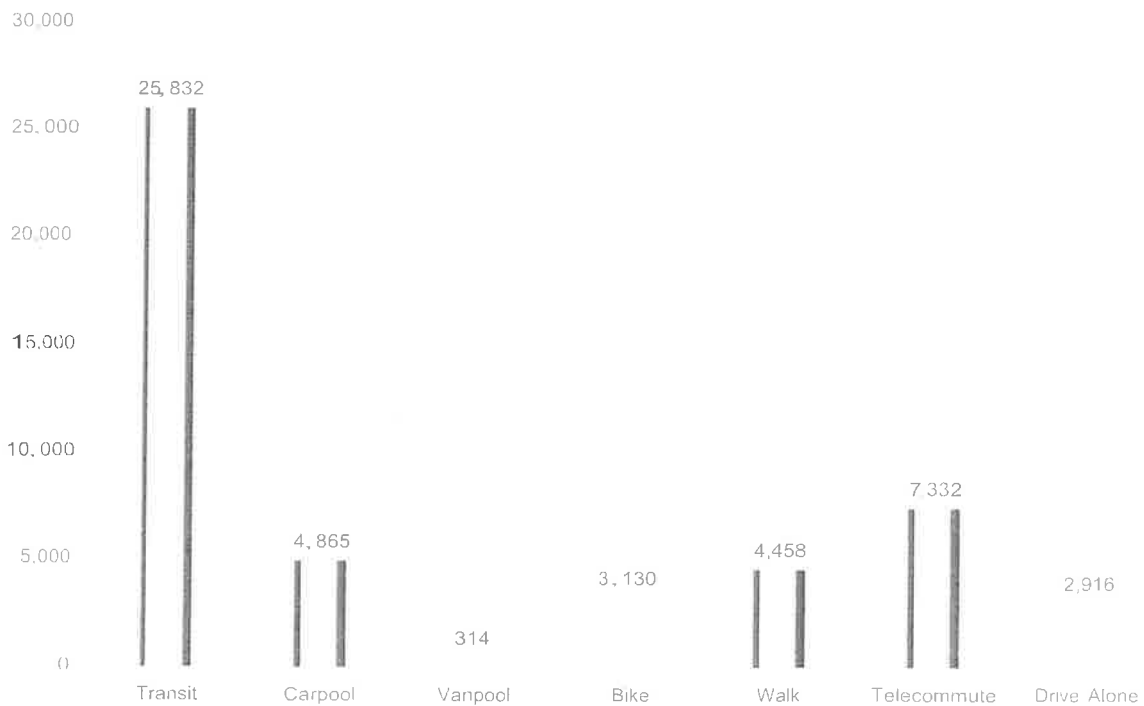


▶ 4,341— Inbound Calls ▶ 438 — Online Chats
▶ 1,821— Emails

Ridematching and Rewards



Breakdown of Recorded Trips





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Appendix A: Partner and Stakeholder List

As of Q3 2022, there are more than 400 businesses, agencies and municipalities working with CTrides

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| 1. 111 Harbor Point Apartments | 39. BAR - New Haven | 76. City of New Britain |
| 2. 18 High Apartments | 40. Becton Dickinson and Company | 77. City of New Haven |
| 3. 254 College Street Apartments | 41. BHcare | 78. City of New London |
| 4. 3PL Worldwide | 42. Bigelow Tea | 79. City of Stamford |
| 5. 360 State Apartments | 43. Bike West Hartford | 80. City of Torrington |
| 6. 38 Crown Street Apartments | 44. BikewalkCT | 81. City of Waterbury |
| 7. 9 Town Transit | 45. Black Rock Library | 82. City of Waterbury - Public Health |
| 8. Abbey Lane Living | 46. Bloomfield Public Library (Prosser) | 83. CLIP Bike |
| 9. Advance Auto Parts | 47. BLT Office (Norwalk) | 84. College and Crown |
| 10. AdvanceCT | 48. BLT Office (Stamford) | 85. ComForCare |
| 11. Advanced Behavioral Health | 49. Bradley Airport | 86. Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities |
| 12. AECOM | 50. Branford Hall (Branford) | 87. Commission on Persons with Disabilities |
| 13. Aetna | 51. Branford Hall (Southington) | 88. Community Health Center of New London |
| 14. Albea | 52. Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Group | 89. Concord Meadows |
| 15. Albertus Magnus | 53. Bridgeport Library | 90. Connecticare |
| 16. Albertus Magnus (East Hartford) | 54. Bridgeport Public Schools | 91. Connecticut Association of Community Transportation |
| 17. Alexion Pharmaceuticals | 55. Bridgevolt | 92. Connecticut Beardsley Zoo |
| 18. Alinabal | 56. BrightStar Care | 93. Connecticut Boy Scouts-33rd Troop |
| 19. All Our Children Academy | 57. Bristol Rotary Club | 94. Connecticut Children's Medical Center |
| 20. All Our Kin | 58. Building Blocks Learning Centers | 95. Connecticut College |
| 21. Allure | 59. Burroughs Library | 96. Connecticut Convention Center |
| 22. Altair Global | 60. Cabelas | 97. Connecticut Council of Municipalities |
| 23. A.M. Property Holding | 61. Capital Community College | 98. Connecticut Department of Developmental Services |
| 24. Amazon Fulfillment Center BDL-2 | 62. CARTUS | 99. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (Hartford) |
| 25. Amazon Fulfillment Center BDL-5 | 63. CDM Smith | 100. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (New Britain) |
| 26. Amazon HFD5 (Manchester) | 64. Center for Latino Progress | 101. Connecticut Department of Labor |
| 27. Amazon Sorting Center Wallingford | 65. Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce | 102. Connecticut Department of |
| 28. American Institute | 66. Central Connecticut Coast YMCA | |
| 29. Amistad Center for Arts and Culture | 67. Central CT State University | |
| 30. Amplify CT | 68. Chabaso Bakery, Inc. | |
| 31. Ann's Place | 69. Children's Day School | |
| 32. Aptar Group | 70. Cigna | |
| 33. ARC of Litchfield County | 71. City of Bridgeport | |
| 34. Artspace New Haven | 72. City of Danbury | |
| 35. Ascot Group | 73. City of Groton | |
| 36. ASML, Inc. | 74. City of Meriden | |
| 37. Asnuntuck Community College | 75. City of Middletown | |



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- Transportation
- 103. Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs
- 104. Connecticut Food Share
- 105. Connecticut Green Bank
- 106. Connecticut Green Bank - Stamford
- 107. Connecticut Homeschoolers Inclusive
- 108. Connecticut Innovations
- 109. Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants
- 110. Connecticut Main Street Center
- 111. Connecticut Mental Health Center
- 112. Connecticut National Guard
- 113. Connecticut Office of Early Childhood
- 114. Connecticut Old State House
- 115. Connecticut Probate Court
- 116. Connecticut River Valley Chamber of Commerce
- 117. Connecticut Spring and Stamping
- 118. Connecticut State Insurance Department
- 119. Connecticut Valley Hospital
- 120. Connecticut Valley Industries
- 121. Connecticut Water
- 122. Conning, Inc.
- 123. Continuum of Care Inc.
- 124. Cook Hill Elementary School
- 125. Corsair Apartments
- 126. Crocker House Apartments
- 127. Crown Court
- 128. Crown Point Apartments
- 129. Crown Towers
- 130. CT Department of Labor
- 131. CTtransit
- 132. CTfastrak
- 133. Danbury Medical Group
- 134. Datto, Inc.
- 135. Dav-Co Metals, LLC
- 136. Davis Street Magnet School
- 137. Day Pitney
- 138. Deloitte
- 139. Department of Administrative Services
- 140. Department of Economic and Community Development
- 141. Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection
- 142. Department of Public Health (Hartford)
- 143. Department of Rehabilitation Services
- 144. Department of Revenue Services
- 145. Department of Social Services (Hartford)
- 146. Diageo, Inc.
- 147. Discovery Science Center
- 148. Dollar Tree Distribution Center
- 149. DRS
- 150. East River Energy
- 151. East Side Library
- 152. Eastern Account System, Inc.
- 153. Eastern Connecticut State University
- 154. Eastern Connecticut Transportation Consortium
- 155. Eastern Workforce Investment Board
- 156. Edgewood Magnet School
- 157. Electric Boat
- 158. Eli Apartments
- 159. Empire State Realty Trust
- 160. Engage Staffing
- 161. Enterprise Holdings
- 162. Enterprise Rideshare
- 163. Epic Insurance Brokers
- 164. Erection & Welding Contractors (EWC)
- 165. Escape
- 166. ESPN
- 167. Essex Steam Train and Riverboat
- 168. ExecuNet
- 169. Fairfield Branch Woods Library
- 170. Fairfield Public Library
- 171. Fairfield University
- 172. Fit Together
- 173. Foxwoods Resort and Casino
- 174. FTD Florists
- 175. Fusco Corporation
- 176. From You Flowers
- 177. Gartner Group
- 178. Gateway Community College
- 179. Gaylord Specialty Healthcare
- 180. Global Steering Systems
- 181. GoNetSpeed
- 182. GoNHGO
- 183. Goodwill of Western & Northern CT
- 184. Goodwin College
- 185. Governor Pitkin School
- 186. Greater Bridgeport Transit
- 187. Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce
- 188. Greater New Haven Transit District
- 189. Greater Norwalk Chamber of Commerce
- 190. Greater Southington Chamber of Commerce
- 191. Greater Waterbury Transit District
- 192. Greater Waterbury YMCA
- 193. Greenwich Board of Education
- 194. Greenwich Chamber of Commerce
- 195. Greenwich Public Schools
- 196. Group CBS Circuit Breaker Sales
- 197. Hampton House Apartments
- 198. Hartford Adult Education Center
- 199. Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
- 200. Hartford HealthCare System Support Office
- 201. Hartford Hospital



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- 202. Hartford Library (Park Street Branch)
- 203. Hartford Public Library
- 204. Hartford Steam Boiler
- 205. Hartford Symphony
- 206. HARTransit
- 207. Henkel Corporation
- 208. Hispanic Advisory Council of Greater Stamford (HACGS)
- 209. Hispanic Health Council
- 210. Hologic
- 211. Honeywell
- 212. Hotchkiss School
- 213. Horizon Services Company
- 214. Homegoods Distribution
- 215. Homes For the Brave
- 216. Hospital for Special Care
- 217. Hotel Zero Degrees
- 218. Housatonic Community College
- 219. Hubbell Incorporated
- 220. Human Resource Leadership Association of Eastern CT
- 221. Huntington Towers
- 222. i2systems
- 223. IFG Companies (Guilford Specialty Group)
- 224. InCord
- 225. Inertia Dynamics Corporation
- 226. Infinity Harbor Point
- 227. Innovate Stamford
- 228. Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS)
- 229. Iron Works SoNo Apartments
- 230. IRS
- 231. Jackson Laboratory
- 232. JCC of Greater New Haven
- 233. Jewett City Savings Bank
- 234. Job Corps (Hartford)
- 235. Job Corps New Haven
- 236. Jones Lang Lasalle Americas
- 237. Key Bank - New Haven
- 238. Knights of Columbus
- 239. Konica Minolta Business Solutions
- 240. Law offices of John Andreini
- 241. Lawrence + Memorial Hospital
- 242. LesserEvil
- 243. Lincoln Life Insurance/Freemont Group Management
- 244. Lincoln Technical Institute
- 245. Live Green CT
- 246. Long Wharf Theatre
- 247. Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments
- 248. LTI Larsen & Toubro Infotech
- 249. Madison Towers
- 250. Manchester Community College
- 251. Manchester Senior Citizen Center
- 252. Manufacturing Alliance Service Corporation
- 253. Marcus Partners Mgmt.
- 254. Marriott Hotel-Danbury
- 255. Mary Wade Home
- 256. MassMutual
- 257. Mauro-Sheriden Interdistrict Magnet School
- 258. MCCA (Danbury)
- 259. McLean Care
- 260. MD Fox Elementary School
- 261. MedSource Consultants
- 262. Medtronic
- 263. Meego, Inc.
- 264. Metro Green
- 265. Metro Green Court
- 266. Metro Green Residences
- 267. Metro Green Terraces
- 268. Metro on Crown
- 269. Middlesex Community College
- 270. Middlesex Community College - Meriden Campus
- 271. Middlesex Hospital
- 272. Middlesex Hospital Shoreline Medical Center
- 273. Middletown Area Transit
- 274. Milford Transit District
- 275. Mitchell College
- 276. Mohegan Sun Casino
- 277. Mohican Apartments
- 278. Monterey Village Apartments
- 279. Morgan Stanley
- 280. Mystic Healthcare and Rehabilitation LLC
- 281. Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa
- 282. Nalas Engineering
- 283. Nathan Hale Arts Magnet School
- 284. National Federation of the Deaf
- 285. Naugatuck Valley Community College (Danbury)
- 286. Naugatuck Valley Community College (Waterbury)
- 287. Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments
- 288. Naval Submarine Base New London
- 289. New Britain CT Works Center
- 290. New Britain Downtown District
- 291. New Haven Climate Movement
- 292. New Haven Coalition for Active Transportation
- 293. New Haven Mayor’s Task Force on Bike Education
- 294. New Haven Parking Authority
- 295. New Haven Towers
- 296. Newfield Library
- 297. Night Fall Inc.
- 298. North East Transportation Co.
- 299. North Library
- 300. North Street School
- 301. Northeastern Connecticut Chambers of Commerce
- 302. Northwest Connecticut Reentry Council (CAACE)
- 303. Northwest Hills COG
- 304. Northwestern CT Community College
- 305. Northwestern CT Transit District

- 306. Norwalk Community College
- 307. Norwalk Housing Authority
- 308. Norwalk River Valley Trail
- 309. Norwalk Transit
- 310. Nucor Steel (Wallingford)
- 311. NV @ Harbor Point
- 312. NWCC Center for Workforce Development
- 313. Oak Haven Table & Bar
- 314. Office of Policy and Management
- 315. Office of State Treasurer
- 316. Office of the Attorney General
- 317. Office of the Secretary of the State
- 318. Office of the State Comptroller
- 319. OKAY Industries - Berlin
- 320. Olive and Wooster Apartments
- 321. Omega Engineering
- 322. Operation Fuel
- 323. Operation Hope
- 324. Opus Harbor Point
- 325. Oracle Corporation
- 326. Our Piece of the Pie
- 327. Paier College of Art
- 328. Paradigm Property Management
- 329. Parker Farms Elementary School
- 330. Parkside City Crossing
- 331. Partnership to End Human Trafficking
- 332. Pathway Lighting Inc.
- 333. Paul Bailey Architects
- 334. Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects
- 335. People Friendly Stamford
- 336. People's United Bank
- 337. PEP - Lacey Manufacturing
- 338. Pierce Care
- 339. Pierpont City Crossing
- 340. Pitney Bowes—Danbury
- 341. Pitney Bowes—Shelton
- 342. Plastic Molding Manufacturing
- 343. PMC Property Group
- 344. Porter & Chester Institute (Branford)
- 345. Porter and Chester Institute (Enfield)
- 346. Porter and Chester Institute (Stratford)
- 347. Porter and Chester Institute (Waterbury)
- 348. Postmark Apartments
- 349. Pratt & Whitney - Middletown
- 350. Pratt and Whitney
- 351. Prudential (Hartford)
- 352. Quinebaug Valley CC
- 353. Quinnipiac University
- 354. Quinnipiac University - North Haven Campus
- 355. RAACE Radical Advocates for Cross-Cultural Education
- 356. Radiall USA Inc.
- 357. Randstad
- 358. Reckson/SL Green
- 359. Red Barn Dog Holdings LLC
- 360. Regal Care
- 361. Residence Court Apartments
- 362. Residence on the Green
- 363. RGIS
- 364. Rich Product Corporation
- 365. RMS Companies
- 366. Robert J. O'Brien STEM Academy
- 367. Rotary Club of Rockville
- 368. Rudy's - New Haven
- 369. Saint Francis Hospital
- 370. S.A.N.D. Elementary School
- 371. Saybrook Point
- 372. Sea Corp
- 373. SeeClickFix
- 374. Senior Living Residences (Farmington Station)
- 375. Senior Living Residences, LLC (Ridgefield)
- 376. Senior Resources Agency on Aging
- 377. Shipman & Goodwin
- 378. Siemon Company
- 379. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—Bridgeport
- 380. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—Shelton
- 381. Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation—Stratford
- 382. Silver Lane School
- 383. Society for Human Resource Management
- 384. SoNo 19Day
- 385. SoNo Pearl Apartments
- 386. Sound Cyclists
- 387. Soundview Landing Apartments
- 388. South Central Regional Council of Governments
- 389. South Windsor Chamber of Commerce
- 390. Southeast Area Transit
- 391. Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments
- 392. Southern Connecticut State University
- 393. Southwest Community Health Center
- 394. St. Mary's Hospital
- 395. St. Vincent's College
- 396. St. Vincent's Medical Center
- 397. Stamford Chamber of Commerce
- 398. Stamford Downtown Special Services District (SDSSD)
- 399. Stanley Black & Decker
- 400. State Education Resource Center
- 401. State of Connecticut

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|---|---|--|
| 402. State Street Lofts | 437. Tower Labs Ltd. | 474. UConn Health Center |
| 403. Stepping Stones Museum for Children | 438. Town Green Special Services District | 475. UConn Law School |
| 404. Stone Academy (East Hartford) | 439. Town of Barkhamsted | 476. Ulbrich Stainless Steels and Special Metals |
| 405. Stone Academy (Waterbury) | 440. Town of Bethany | 477. United Bank |
| 406. Stone Academy (West Haven) | 441. Town of Branford | 478. United Healthcare |
| 407. Stratford Rotary Club | 442. Town of Burlington | 479. United Illuminating |
| 408. Strouse Adler Apartments | 443. Town of Colchester | 480. United States District Court: District of Connecticut |
| 409. Sun Life Financial | 444. Town of Cromwell | 481. United Technologies Corporation |
| 410. Sunset Ridge School | 445. Town of Darien | 482. University of Bridgeport |
| 411. Sustainable Southbury | 446. Town of Darien Public Library | 483. University of Connecticut—Avery Point |
| 412. Taft Apartments | 447. Town of East Granby | 484. University of Connecticut—Storrs |
| 413. Talcott Resolution | 448. Town of East Hartford | 485. University of Connecticut—Stamford |
| 414. Tauck Tours | 449. Town of East Lyme | 486. University of Connecticut—Waterbury |
| 415. The Anchor Spa | 450. Town of Enfield | 487. University of Hartford |
| 416. The ARC of Litchfield | 451. Town of Fairfield | 488. University of New Haven |
| 417. The Audubon Apartments | 452. Town of Farmington | 489. University of Saint Joseph |
| 418. The Botanist | 453. Town of Greenwich | 490. University of St. Joseph School of Pharmacy |
| 419. The Business Council of Fairfield County | 454. Town of Hartland | 491. Urban Bike Tours |
| 420. The Corset Factory | 455. Town of Kent | 492. USI Consulting |
| 421. The District | 456. Town of Madison | 493. U.S. Federal Highway Administration |
| 422. The Docks Apartments | 457. Town of New Canaan | 494. Valley Transit District |
| 423. The Hartford | 458. Town of Old Lyme | 495. Vault Apartments |
| 424. The Independence Center | 459. Town of Roxbury | 496. Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System (Newington) |
| 425. The Kennedy Center, Inc. | 460. Town of Stratford | 497. Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System (West Haven) |
| 426. The Key at Yale and Towne Apartments | 461. Town of Trumbull | 498. Voya |
| 427. The Maddox City Crossing | 462. Town of Warren | 499. Washington Inventory Systems |
| 428. The Salvation Army | 463. Town of Westbrook | 500. Waste Management |
| 429. The Sierra Club | 464. Town of Windsor | 501. Watch For Me CT |
| 430. The Summit | 465. Town of Woodbridge | 502. Waterbury Hospital |
| 431. The Watermark at 3030 Park | 466. Travelers | 503. Waterbury Regional Chamber |
| 432. The Workplace | 467. Trinity College | 504. Watson Foods |
| 433. Three Rivers Community College | 468. Triumph | |
| 434. Thule Inc | 469. TSKP Studios | |
| 435. Tomo Networks | 470. Tunxis Community College | |
| 436. Tower Laboratories | 471. Tyler Equipment | |
| | 472. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development | |
| | 473. UConn Hartford | |



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- 505. Wesleyan University
- 506. West End Association
- 507. West Hartford Chamber of Commerce
- 508. West Hartford Health and Rehab
- 509. West Hill High School
- 510. Western Connecticut State University
- 511. Western CT Council of Governments
- 512. Western New England Greenway
- 513. Western Regional Tourism District
- 514. Whitney Avenue Apartments
- 515. Wiggin & Dana, LLP
- 516. Wilbur Cross High School
- 517. Windham Region Transit District
- 518. Windham Regional Community Council
- 519. Windsor Health and Rehabilitation Center, LLC
- 520. Windsor Station Apartments
- 521. Winthrop Apartments
- 522. Wiremold/Legrand
- 523. Workers' Compensation Commission
- 524. XL Center
- 525. Yale University
- 526. Yale-New Haven Hospital
- 527. Yelp CT
- 528. YMCA Greater Hartford

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Planning for Our Region's Future

Bethany Branford East Haven Guilford Hamden Madison Meriden Milford
New Haven North Branford North Haven Orange Wallingford West Haven Woodbridge

Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

January 11, 2024

To: South Central Regional Council of Governments Members

From: *Nominating Committee*: First Selectman Freda, First Selectman Hoey
and Mayor Garrett

Subject: Nominating Committee Report for Calendar Year 2024 Officers and Committees

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Mayor Joe Carfora

7. **Member at Large**

First Selectman Mica Cardozo

8. **Member at Large**

First Selectman Matthew Hoey

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2.

Mayor Justin Elicker

3.

Mayor Lauren Garret

4.

First Selectman Matt Hoey

5.

Mayor Dorinda Borer

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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Planning for Our Region's Future

Bethany Branford East Haven Guilford Hamden Madison Meriden Milford
New Haven North Branford North Haven Orange Wallingford West Haven Woodbridge

Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

South Central Regional Council of Governments SCRCOG Bank Signatories

- Whereas:** On January 24, 2024 the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) elected new officers for calendar year 2024; and
- Whereas:** SCRCOG By-Laws identify the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Director as signatories on all bank accounts for the South Central Regional Council of Governments.

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

SCRCOG appoints Paula Cofrancesco, Peggy Lyons, Lauren Garrett, Dorinda Borer, and Carl Amento as signatories on all SCRCOG bank accounts.

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 SCRCOG on January 24, 2024.

Date: January 24, 2024

By: _____

Mayor Lauren Garrett, *Secretary*
South Central Regional Council of Governments

Report to SCRCOG Board on Community Housing Conversations Project Ben Fink, January 2024

Background

The SCRCOG Community Housing Conversations project started in October 2022. Its goal: to build as broad and diverse a base as possible to support expanded housing options in our municipalities, inclusive of residents with varying experience and perspectives on housing, working in tandem with municipal governments implementing their affordable housing plans.

The specific process of the project varies necessarily based on each municipality's assets, wants, needs, and other characteristics. But the basic sequence is as follows:

1. Initial planning meeting(s) with initial contacts in municipal government, often CEO and/or planner, to establish a relationship, get common understanding of the project, and determine the municipality's interests in participating.
2. Broader planning meeting(s) with a larger group of residents from government, business, and community organizations, including power mapping: sketching out where people in town gather as neighbors, and how we can connect with them.
3. Connecting with leaders in these places — people with or without official positions, who have the trust of their neighbors — and working together to plan small informal gatherings where neighbors share their housing experiences, wants, and needs.
4. Local gatherings where those housing experiences, wants, and needs are shared. The emphasis is on sharing our own stories and experiences, and listening to others', with a minimum of technical talk, to keep the focus on finding common ground as residents.
5. Follow-up meetings of the planning group, to debrief community conversations, plan more, reflect on what we've learned, build skills, and plan next steps.
6. Town-wide gatherings and collaboration: participants in these local gatherings will then be invited to meet together in carefully facilitated wider gatherings, focused on *education*, building shared understanding about housing policy and possibilities; and *co-creation*, building an agenda for increased housing options that all participants take part in and support.

Meanwhile, SCRCOG staff and consultants facilitate ongoing shared cross-town collaboration and knowledge-building:

- Internal planning meetings, to continually evaluate progress toward the project's goals, make adjustments as needed, and plan next steps.
- Skills trainings with municipal government representatives, residents of municipalities, and others who are or might become involved in the project, to build knowledge and abilities and relationships across towns.
- Cross-town strategy meetings, starting once the local work is established and running in several towns, which will allow municipal government and community leaders to collaborate and build shared strategy together across towns, and eventually region-wide.

Successes

- As of mid-December 2023, about 25 community housing conversations have taken place in five municipalities: Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Wallingford, and Woodbridge, in addition to one in Orange, organized by the Woodbridge housing committee and including residents of several neighboring SCRCOG municipalities. Conversations have taken place in churches, synagogues, libraries, senior centers, ethnic organizations, government committees, neighbors' houses, and on at least one town green.
- Initial planning meetings are currently underway in Meriden and North Branford, and are planned for early 2024 in Bethany, New Haven, and Orange. SCRCOG staff and consultants are also in contact with representatives from East Haven, Milford, North Haven, and West Haven, who are still considering the right time to begin.
- Each of the five currently active municipalities — Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Wallingford, and Woodbridge — has organized a working group, composed of municipal and community representatives, that meets to plan and reflect on community conversations, and to consider next steps toward acting on conversations' findings.
- Community conversations have begun to yield concrete next steps. Residents across lines of age, race/ethnicity, and socioeconomic class are discovering common ground in the need for more housing options, including more affordable housing options, for the people they know and care about. Participants in community housing conversations have begun appearing at municipal meetings including community feedback sessions and planning and zoning commission meetings, where they have testified to the need for increased housing options and helped approval of loosened ADU regulations, inclusionary zoning, and new housing developments.
- Community conversations are also leading to increased collaboration across town lines, including a December meeting of town planners and related officials to learn about policy options for increased housing diversity and affordability.
- Community conversations are beginning to be facilitated by residents themselves, using the skills built in local planning meetings and an ongoing series of SCRCOG-sponsored trainings, which have included representatives from the majority of SCRCOG municipalities as well as guests from as far as Hartford.

Challenges

- This work takes a long time to yield results, and it does not follow a linear path. With all the urgent needs facing our towns, it is easy to lose sight of the long-term benefits of a broader and more diverse group of residents making their voices and perspectives heard.
- The process of holding open-ended conversations to share experiences and perspectives — prior to sharing specific information or getting feedback about a specific development — can feel counterintuitive. Ongoing education and mutual learning are a key part of the work.

- Facilitating community conversations can be intimidating. It is important to continue building residents' skills and supplementing them with SCRCOG staff and consultant support.
- Every municipality is different. There is no one-size-fits-all. The work must be planned, evaluated, and adjusted according to each municipality's assets, needs, and wants, if it is to be effective and sustainable.

Status of Subcontractors / Budget

- Three experienced local facilitators have been engaged as potential subcontractors, to facilitate community conversations. All three have received initial training and have observed a community conversation. One (Sarah Bromley of Milford) has now co-facilitated a community conversation, the final step in the training, and is fully trained and ready to facilitate on her own and be compensated out of the \$15,000 budget line. The other two (Jennie Rice of Seymour and Rachel Merva of Milford) still need to complete this final step, at which point they will also be fully trained and ready.
- As of yet, no funds from the \$15,000 budget line have been spent. This is primarily due to two reasons: (1) a slowdown in the number of community conversations in towns where residents have requested help facilitating, primarily Wallingford and Woodbridge; and (2) local residents and committee members of some towns starting to step up and facilitate community conversations themselves, primarily in Guilford and Madison.
- It will be important to know soon whether more municipalities will avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in this program in the coming months, and from there to make a choice about possibly reprogramming some of these funds.

NEWSLETTER

Volume IV, Issue 1

January 2024

Welcome to the SCRCOG monthly newsletter where you can find updates on our transportation planning, regional planning, and municipal services programs.

Please visit the [SCRCOG website](#) for more information on who we are, what we do, and opportunities for public participation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Announcements

Social Media

Gabriel Filer, Transportation Project Manager, is helping the South Central Regional Council of Governments ramp up their presence on social media. Starting this month, he is posting weekly updates on our region, especially as they pertain to transportation projects, plans, and upcoming COG meetings. These efforts will help SCRCOG boost public involvement while facilitating critical communication with municipalities, nonprofits, and residents across the region. You can follow SCRCOG on Facebook under the handle: [@SouthCentralRegionalCOG](#) or LinkedIn: [@SCRCOG](#). If you have questions or would like SCRCOG to promote any content, please reach out to: gfiler@scrcog.org.

[LINK | SCRCOG Facebook](#)

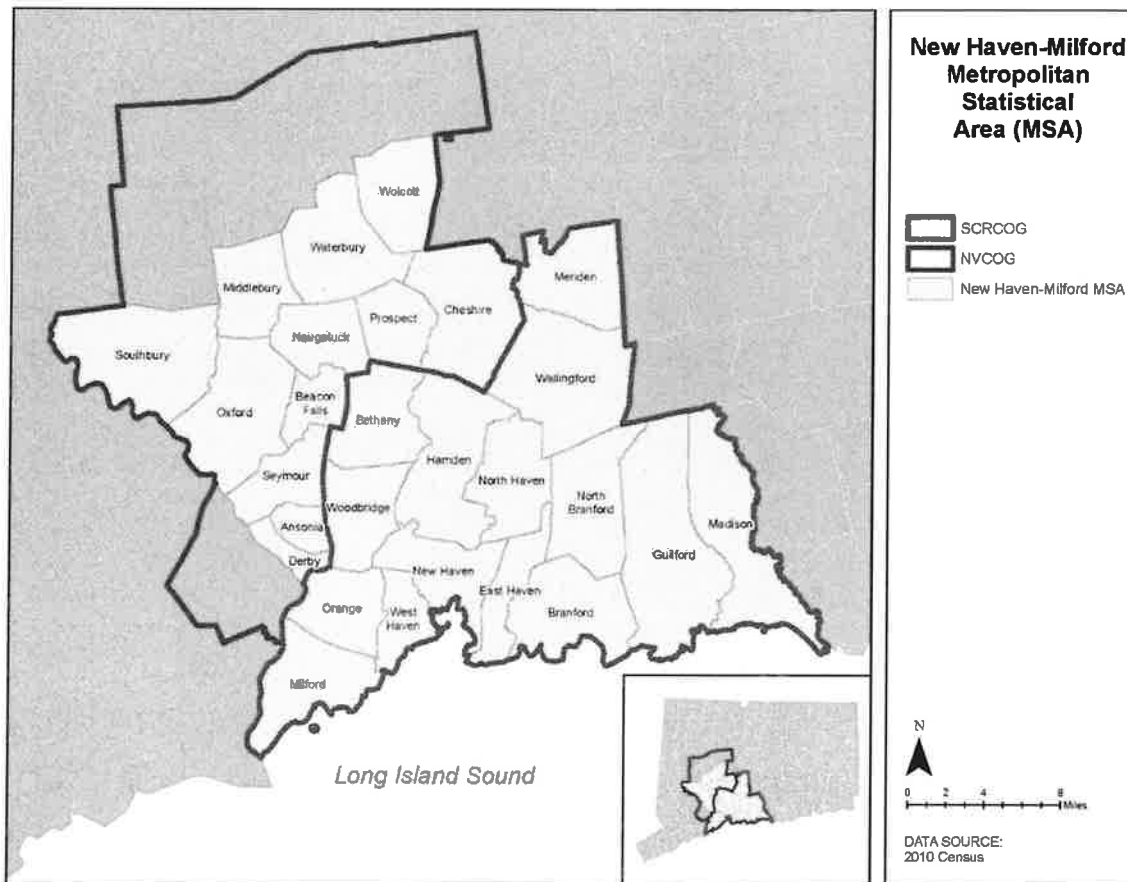
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CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANT

SCRCOG has been awarded a grant of \$1 million from the EPA to create Climate Action Plans through the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program and SCRCOG will function as project lead for the New Haven-Milford region over the four (4) year project period. SCRCOG will be collaborating with the Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG) to create three distinct Climate Action Plans that offer recommendations for how the region can lower Greenhouse Gases (GHG) through a variety of policies and projects. A primary focus of the grant program is to also offer direct solutions designed to improve air quality, create jobs, and ensure the region's low income and disadvantaged communities are prioritized as solutions are created. To learn more about the CPRG Program as it pertains to the New Haven County region, please visit CPRGCT.org. For general information on the CPRG Program, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/climate-pollution-reduction-grants>

New Haven-Milford MSA – Study Region:



If you would like to be included on future emails regarding CPRG events, please email smcamp@scrcog.org or subscribe to our email list on CPRGCT.org, where you can also find other events SCRCOG and NVCOG will be attending throughout the region.

LINK | CPRGCT.org

Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Draft & Public Comment Period

The draft PCAP for the New Haven-Milford MSA region will be published for public review soon. It will be available to download via CPRGCT.org. We will also be collecting public feedback via Microsoft forms, which will also be accessible on the website. Please check back to CPRGCT.org or SCRCOG.org for the draft plan and public comment opportunity.

You can also email Stephanie Camp at smcamp@scrcog.org to provide public comment. Please be sure to include your name, organization if applicable, and what municipality you represent or reside in. Additionally, SCRCOG and NVCOG will be hosting a listening session for public comment in February. Please keep an eye on the [calendar](#) on our website for more details.

If you have trouble downloading the PCAP draft, or need access to a physical copy, please email Stephanie Camp at smcamp@scrcog.org or call [\(203\) 466-8626](tel:(203)466-8626).

How Should We Reduce Climate Pollution? Let Us Know!

Starting in late summer and into the fall, we visited different communities throughout New Haven County to collect feedback from the public and from other stakeholders about priorities for greenhouse gas reduction measures in our region. We asked and are continuing to ask the community and our stakeholders for input through the brief survey below.

The survey is anonymous and should take a maximum of 10-15 minutes to complete. Your input will guide our drafting of the Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP), which will include priority measures to reduce greenhouse gases in our region. If you complete the survey, you'll have the opportunity to win a \$25 gift card via a raffle when you provide your email address. Your email address will not be tied to the answers you provide through the survey.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

2023-2024 Housing Working Group Meetings

SCRCOG continues its housing work building community and educating residents, advocates, and municipal staff throughout the second half of 2023.

The next Housing Working Group event will be on January 24, 2024.

Homelessness in Our Region – A Tour of Supportive Housing: The executive directors of the region’s 3 principal homelessness services providers – Kellyann Day of New Reach in New Haven, Margaret Middleton of Columbus House in New Haven, and Jen Paradis of Beth El Center in Milford – will be joining us as we visit their respective facilities.

We will be visiting the following 4 locations:

1. Life Haven shelter for families (women and children) in New Haven.
2. Columbus House shelter for men in New Haven.
3. Supportive Housing at Geller House in Hamden (New Reach facility).
4. Small shelter and supportive housing in Milford (Beth El facility).

The goals of the tour are to:

- Educate attendees on the assistance these facilities provide to all residents of the SCRCOG region
- Familiarize municipal officials with the services being provided to their respective communities.
- Begin discussion on how SCRCOG and our member municipalities can support these agencies.

Attendance is limited for this event, so please contact Stephanie Camp at smcamp@scrcog.org if you have interest in attending.

Don't forget that SCRCOG has a vast library of housing-related articles as well as video recordings of all our past Housing Working Group meetings. To watch or listen to these meetings, please visit <https://scrcog.org/regional-planning/affordable-housing/housing-working-group-meetings/>


Events Working Group

SCRCOC Housing Working Group 2023- 2024

Check Out List of Events For 2023 - early 2024

<p>Sept</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2</p>	<p><i>Kick-Off!</i></p> <p>A town-by-town look at what methods and strategies are working well and why & a review of our upcoming Mixed-Income Housing Tour and future sessions. 1:00PM-2:30PM</p>
<p>October</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">25</p>	<p><i>Mixed-Income Housing Tour</i></p> <p>A 3-hour tour of 5 examples in the region of very successful mixed-income developments. 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM</p>
<p>November</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">15</p>	<p><i>Tour Post-Mortem 4" The Ins and Outs of Inclusionary Zoning!</i></p> <p>A discussion of what we learned from the tour and a look at inclusionary zoning - how it was adopted and how it's worked in different municipalities around the state. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p>
<p>January</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">24</p>	<p><i>Our Region's Efforts To Deal With Homelessness</i></p> <p>A visit to homeless shelters and supportive housing in the region and discussions with providers about how the region's municipalities can help. 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM</p>
<p>February</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2</p>	<p><i>Working With Builders & Developers</i></p> <p>Now that your town wants to create housing, how do you attract a developer? What type of property is a developer looking for? A conversation with our region's developers. 1:00PM - 2:30PM</p>

For detailed information: scrcog.org/
Email Stephanie Camp at smcamp@scrcog.org



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Community Conversations with Ben Fink

Ben continues his mission to build as broad and diverse a base as possible to support expanded housing options in our municipalities. The goal is to be inclusive of residents with varying experience and open to all perspectives on housing, while working in tandem with municipal governments as they implement their affordable housing plans.

If your municipality would like to begin working with Ben to facilitate honest and productive community discussions, please contact Stephanie Camp, Regional Planner, at smcamp@scrcog.org or Ben Fink at ben.fink@gmail.com



HAZARD MITIGATION

DEMHS Region 2

Connecticut DEMHS is working with the New England States Emergency Management programs to offer additional training opportunities. If you are a representative of your organization, complete this 10- 15 minute survey. Results will assist in the development and delivery of no-cost training for emergency management professionals throughout New England.

This survey is a product of the Northeast Emergency Management Training & Education Center (NEMTEC). NEMTEC was launched in March of 2023 and is coordinated by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. NEMTEC is a collaborative program between the six New England state emergency management agencies, offering accessible, no-cost training to all emergency management practitioners that would not otherwise be achievable by any one state, alone. NEMTEC was established to help professionals within the emergency services sector to meet the evolving needs of the region in response to the emerging threats and expanding roles for emergency management.

Link to the survey: <https://forms.office.com/g/9BXkGJkzSq>.

The survey can also be accessed at <https://www.mass.gov/northeast-emergency-management-training-education-center-nemtec>.

UCONN CLEAR is hosting a second webinar of their Stormwater Quality Manual Webinar Series on the newly released Connecticut Manual this month. CT NEMO has teamed up with CT DEEP to help provide more information and insight into the revised Manual and what it means for you. Their next webinar, *The Low Impact Development Process*, will highlight how the Manual offers a pathway to stormwater management design from non-structural to structural practices.

The Low Impact Development Process - Monday, January 22nd, 2024 1:00 PM EST

[REGISTER HERE](#)

In case you missed their first overview webinar on the new Manual, you can access the recording, slides, FAQs, and a breakdown of the Manual on our website: <https://ctstormwatermanual.nemo.uconn.edu>

In addition, CT DEEP will be hosting a virtual public "listening session" for the MS4 Permit planned modifications for feedback and comments from stakeholders. It will cover a short informational presentation of the existing permit and a targeted for the reissuance to be followed by time for questions, comments, and feedback on the requirements of the current permit and challenges faced by the regulated community in meeting those requirements. This listening session will take place on:

Thursday, January 25th, 2024 - 10:00am-12:00pm EST

[ACCESS LINK HERE](#)

[PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION HERE](#)

Comments are due by February 24th, 2024, and can also be sent via email to DEEP.StormwaterStaff@ct.gov or by mail to:

**Stormwater Permitting, Compliance, & Enforcement Program
Water Permitting and Enforcement Division
Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance
Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127**



MUNICIPAL GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Grants Writing Services

SCRCOG continues to offer free grant writing support and education through our experienced and expert consultants Renata Bertotti and Juliet Burdelski. In this Fiscal Year, funding for SCRCOG's Grants technical assistance has received enhanced funding that allows our consultants to offer further in-depth and increased individualized assistance to the SCRCOG municipalities and their local projects. Request this additional assistance and any of our standard services by reaching out directly to SCRCOG staff or our consultants.

Past Grants Trainings & Resources

SCRCOG co-hosted grants training sessions throughout 2022 and 2023. Past meetings featured guest speakers, best practices, and guidance for attendees. You can watch recordings of these past training sessions on our SCRCOG [webpage](#).

The [Municipal Grants webpage](#) on SCRCOG's website contains a wealth of information on the services offered by the Grants consultants. The page contains an updated Grant Opportunities Worksheet, links to recordings of past webinars, sample documents, and more.

Please reach out to camento@scrcog.org if you require additional assistance.

SCRCOG Grants Training for EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant – Recording Now Available

SCRCOG hosted a hybrid training event for our municipalities on November 30th. During the workshop, SCRCOG's Director of Regional Planning presented a summary of grant funded planning activities and provided a timeline for the next steps. Following that, SCRCOG Grant Consultants Renata Bertotti and Juliet Burdelski presented on the recently announced EPA [Implementation Grant Funding opportunity](#), also known as Phase 2 of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program. Qualifying applicants include SCRCOG region municipalities, lead organizations for MSA CPRG planning grants, councils of governments, or other regional organizations comprised of multiple municipalities. This competitive implementation phase seeks to offer grant funding for shovel ready, transformative projects, that seek to reduce harmful air pollutants throughout the region.

Applications for the Implementation Grants are due by April 1, 2024. Watch the recording via the link below.

Emerging Grant Opportunities *Highlights*:

CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and Sub applicants for FEMA HMA and BRIC

The fiscal year 2023 funding opportunities for two FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs are now posted. For this grant cycle, \$800 million is available for the Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program and the \$1 billion is available to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program. The application period is open from October 16, 2023 – February 29, 2024. Sub-applicants are encouraged to contact the state, territory, or tribal applicant as they may have earlier deadlines.

FEMA's two competitive mitigation grant programs provide states, local communities, tribes and territories funding to address high-level future risks to natural disasters such as wildfires, drought, hurricanes, earthquakes, extreme heat, and increased flooding to foster greater community resilience and reduce disaster suffering.

Hazard Mitigation funding in Connecticut consists mainly of federal funds administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

Application Deadline: February 29, 2024.

For more information go to: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEMHS/Emergency-Management/Resources-For-Officials/Hazard-Mitigation-and-Resiliency/Hazard-Mitigation-and-Resiliency>

DECD Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup grants

DECD's Office of Brownfield Remediation and Development (OBRD) has released the Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) for Round 19/BAR Round 4 Funding. NOFAs are available for the following programs:

- [Municipal Grant Program – Remediation & Limited-Assessment](#) (max. of \$4 million)
- [Municipal Grant Program – Assessment-Only](#) (max. of \$200K OR \$500K for Land Banks/COGs)
- [Targeted Brownfield Development Loan Program](#) (max. of \$4 million)
- [BAR Planning Grant Program](#) (max. of \$200K)

OBRD will hold online presentations and Walk-In Question/Answer Hours via Microsoft Teams on **January 17, 2024, January 24, 2024, January 31, 2024, and February 7, 2024.** Please

see the [Announcement of Funding Availability for Round 19/BAR Round 4](#) for times, topics, and how to join. Questions regarding the NOFAs should be directed to brownfields@ct.gov or 1.860.500.2395 by **January 31, 2024**.

Application Deadline: March 1, 2024 at noon.

For more information go to: [Announcement-Letter_Rd19_132024.pdf \(ct.gov\)](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental & Climate Justice Community Change Grant Program offers an unprecedented \$2 billion in grants which will fund community-driven projects that aim to address climate challenges and reduce pollution. There will be two tracks of funding under this opportunity.

- Track I will fund approximately 150 large, transformational community-driven investment grants of \$10 million - \$20 million.
- Track II will fund approximately 20 meaningful engagement grants of \$1 million - \$3 million.

Grants cannot exceed 3-years in duration.

Application Deadline: November 21, 2024.

For more information go to: grants.gov/search-results-detail/351071

For a full list of current grant opportunities, please visit SCRCOG's Municipal Grants webpage linked below.

[LINK | Municipal Grants Webpage](#)



SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, & FOOD WASTE DIVERSION

Educational Forums

SCRCOG is coordinating its efforts with NVCOG to provide educational forums to citizens in both regions on food waste diversion, unit-based MSW disposal, recycling and composting. SCRCOG & NVCOG have begun the hosting of two separate forums that will inform municipal staff and elected officials on the implementation and successes of Organics Diversion & Unit-Based Pricing (UBP) Programs. The two-part forum includes one event for UBP Transfer station users and another event for curbside UBP programs.

The Forums will include an informational presentation, along with a panel of waste reduction personnel who will share their experiences on how they have operated and implemented Organics Diversion and UBP programs in their communities.

- The transfer station-focused event hosted by NVCOG occurred on Wednesday, January 10th at 10 am via Zoom. You can watch the recording here: [Waste Reduction and Savings for Municipalities: Transfer Station Event \(youtube.com\)](#)
- The curbside UBP-focused event hosted by SCRCOG is scheduled for Wednesday, January 17th at 10 am. You may register for this webinar here: [Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)

These forums follow the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) efforts to address Connecticut's shrinking waste capacity by reducing waste. Organics Diversion and UBP programs are being piloted in 15 Connecticut towns through grant funds from the Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Grant program provided by DEEP.



CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM

SCRCOG OPM \$2,220,066 Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) Cybersecurity Grant

This grant will fund a 4 -year cybersecurity assessment and protection program provided on a regional basis and available to all 15 SCRCOG municipalities. The grant will establish a new full-time equivalent Virtual Chief Information Security Office and a Security Operations Center, as well as a regional program to pool services and resources, achieve volume pricing on products and services, and facilitate sharing of best practices. The program will help protect SCRCOG municipalities from the substantial costs of cyberattacks, while reducing cyber-insurance premium costs. SCRCOG and the Cybersecurity Consultant, Novus Insight, hosted meetings with representatives of SCRCOG municipalities on November 21 and December 13.

SCRCOG will continue to provide free KnowBe4 simulated phishing training for any interested municipal employees in the region. This is a very effective year-long active training program. Currently, 2,050 municipal employees in our region are involved in the training. If your town has not implemented this program, and you have an interest, please let us know. We have another 2,000 spaces available to begin additional municipal employee training. Additionally, SCRCOG staff recently began their KnowBe4 training.

If you have any questions regarding the RPIP Grant or the KnowBe4 program, please email Carl Amento at camento@scrcog.org



REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (RPC)

[LINK | December 2023 RPC Meeting Agenda](#)

[LINK | December 2023 RPC Action Table](#)

[DOWNLOAD | RPC Informational Brochure](#)



SUSTAINABLE CT

Sustainable CT Updates

The Sustainable CT Spring 2024 certification deadline (including the Climate Leader Designation) is April 10, 2024, by noon. Visit sustainablect.org for more information regarding certification & upcoming events.

Coffee Hour

Sustainable CT's next Coffee Hour will be on January 19th at 10am.

In this meeting, Sustainable CT will discuss how they've simplified and streamlined their application process for 2024, featuring Kate Richard, Program Manager for Sustainability Best Practices. [Register via Zoom.](#)

Sustainable CT Equity Connections

Join Sustainable CT Equity Coaches for "Equity Connections" – regular opportunities to share your questions about equity actions, challenges, successes, or just listen to the conversation, and get ideas on how to approach or deepen your equity work. Municipal officials, staff, and Sustainability Team members are welcome to join the Sustainable CT team for these new bi-

monthly virtual sharing sessions. The next session is on February 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM. [Register via Zoom.](#)



TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

Unified Planning Work Program Update

In November SCRCOG published an RFQ seeking consultant support for five transportation planning studies included in the UPWP for FY24 and FY25. Six firms were interviewed on December 6, 2023, and the selection committee chose the following firms.

- **The Guilford Town Center Traffic Study - VHB**
- **The Northford Center Connectivity Study - BL**
- **The Congestion Management Process Study Update- VN**
- **The Regional Freight Study - VN**
- **The Regional Mobility Study for Aging and Disabled Community - VN**

Following CTDOT and SCRCOG board approvals, these studies will be ready to begin in February 2024.

Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) Update

- In December, SCRCOG began to offer consultant support for LOTICIP applications. BETA Group is working with the town engineer in North Branford to complete a LOTICIP Application for project #L098-001 Twin Lakes Rd Reconstruction.
- New Haven has submitted final design plans for 2 projects. L092-005 Water Street Cycle Track project and L092-007 the Valley Street Project. Both projects were submitted to CTDOT and awaiting comment.
- West Haven submitted an updated LOTICIP application for the Front Avenue Culvert Project. The application packet was reviewed and sent to CTDOT.

Other Programs

The 11th Edition of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) is Now Available.

On December 19, 2023, a final rule adopting the 11th Edition of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Streets and Highways*—the MUTCD—was published in the *Federal Register*. The new MUTCD includes updates to improve safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and all road users.

States must adopt the 11th Edition National MUTCD or have a State MUTCD or Supplement that is in substantial conformance with the National MUTCD as their legal State standard for traffic control devices within two years. The *Federal Register* notice, which provides detailed discussion of the final dispositions of major changes from the 2009 Edition, can be viewed at <https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-27178>. To view the 11th Edition of the MUTCD and other related information, go to the [MUTCD Current Edition](#) web page.

Route 146 Corridor Management Plan

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has partnered with the consulting firm VHB to develop a Corridor Management Plan (CMP) for CT Route 146 in Branford and Guilford. The purpose of creating a CMP is to review the Route 146 corridor and how to protect its many historical, cultural, and environmental resources. The CMP will balance caring for these important resources with providing a safe roadway for all travelers and respecting the desires of the community, residents, and local businesses. It will also look at ways to make the corridor more resilient—more prepared for climate risks like flooding. Laura Francis, Deputy Director/Director of Transportation Planning, serves on the working group as a representative of the region. For information about the working group progress, please visit [Route 146 Corridor Management Plan \(route146cmp.com\)](#).

The final Route 146 Corridor Management Plan will include a list of strategies that should be pursued to preserve and protect the intrinsic and unique qualities of the Route 146 Corridor for years to come. Your feedback is important for the working group to know if the plan is on the right track and represents the goals of the community and users. To respond to the survey please visit [Route 146 Corridor Management Plan - Draft Strategies Survey \(arcgis.com\)](#). Visit [Route 146 CMP Strategies Public Review Handout 11-14-23 v2.pdf](#) for a draft of potential strategies that are being developed and considered.

Automated Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESDs)

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) released a guidance document pursuant to [Public Act 23-116](#) (Act), for those municipalities that elect to use Automated Enforcement Safety Devices (ATESDs), such as red light and speed safety cameras, in their communities. The document includes guidance on the plan development, criteria, and application submission as required by the Act.

The guideline document is intended to be a living document, and the Department will consider amending it to address any future difficulties or concerns that municipalities may have. The guidance, as well as more information regarding automated traffic enforcement safety devices, will also be accessible at [Automated Traffic Enforcement Safety Device Program \(ct.gov\)](#). The Public Act does not provide a mandate for municipalities to install these devices, but rather,

they must opt-in with a vote of their legislative body. The Public Act requires the guidance be consistent with the goals of installing traffic enforcement safety devices in locations where they are likely to improve traffic safety and ensuring that the distribution of the devices throughout the municipality is equitable.

Training Opportunities

Webinar: RSCP M&C #1 - Maintaining a Safer Roadway

Date: January 16, 2024

Time: 9:00 am to 11:00 am MT/11:00 am to 1:00 pm ET

Cost: Free

Organization: National Center for Rural Road Safety

Local agency maintenance forces are in the best position to be the “eyes and ears” of the road when it comes to identifying safety issues. This two-hour training will focus on maintenance safety solutions that local maintenance forces can implement on a daily basis to address safety issues related to elements such as shoulder drop-offs, right-of-way obstructions, striping and signing, guardrails, mowing, sweeping, patching, drainage, winter maintenance, etc. It will include a hands-on case study. It will also discuss a process that can be utilized to improve safety through policy and procedure changes.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y89IszJzR8CJODqWMOeMbg#/registration

Webinar: Understanding Aggressive Driving and Ways to Reduce It - Sharing Survey Data About Aggressive Driving and Ideas to Bolster Current Traffic Strategies to Address Aggressive Driving

Date: January 17, 2024

Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am MT/12:00 pm to 1:00 pm ET

Cost: Free

Organization: Center for Health and Safety Culture (CHSC)

A project to better understand aggressive driving and ways to reduce it was completed by the Center for Health and Safety Culture and sponsored by the Traffic Safety Culture Pooled Fund. This webinar will review what was learned in this project including an overview of data that was collected to better understand the prevalence and correlates of aggressive driving behavior and a resource that was created to help traffic safety practitioners bolster their current traffic safety efforts to address aggressive driving.

For more information about this training, click [here](#).

Link: <https://chsculture.org/webinars/>

- \$990,000 grant to perform soil remediation, excavation, and disposal of impacted soils on the 0.8-acre parcel located at 265 South Orange Street (formerly home to the New Haven Veterans Memorial Coliseum). This will enable the construction of a 277,435 sq. ft. Class A life sciences and tech office building.
- \$995,600 grant to abate and demolish the four vacant and dilapidated buildings on the 1.73-acre site located at 10 Liberty Street. The cleanup work will enable the construction of a five-story, 150-unit affordable housing complex.



UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

January

SCRCOG Meetings

- January 11th – Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Meeting – 5:15 PM
- January 15th – Martin Luther King Day (Office Closed)
- January 24th – Board Meeting – 10:00 AM
- January 24th – Housing Working Group Tour of Supportive Housing – 12:30 PM

Regional Events & Meetings

- Greater New Haven Clean Cities is hosting an Electric Vehicle Fire training for first responders in collaboration with the CT Fire Academy and the National Fire Protection Agency on **January 13th, 2023**. The event will focus on electric light-duty vehicles and electric school buses. This training aims to address the gap in first responder training for handling E.V. fires, given the rapid adoption of these vehicles and the implementation of electric school buses in certain school districts in CT. Please see the flyer below for more information.

[LINK | GNNCC Flyer](#)

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January 2024 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	11.13.23	City of Milford: Proposed Changes to the City of Milford Zoning Regulations Article V, Section 5.1.4, Figure 4 -Minimum Parking Requirements for Restaurants.	Stratford, Shelton, Orange, West Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation text amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.2	12.14.23	City of Milford: Proposed Changes to the City of Milford Zoning Regulations Article V, Flood Hazard and Flood Damage Prevention, Section 5.8.4, 5.8.13.4, and Section 5.8.4.9.	Stratford, Shelton, Orange, West Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation text amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.3	1.8.24	Town of Southington: Proposed zoning text revisions to Section 6.H of the Zoning Regulation – Pedestrian/Bicycle Accessibility.	Bristol, Plainville, New Britain, Wolcott, Waterbury, Cheshire, Berlin, Meriden	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation text amendment does not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the towns in the South Central Region nor does there appear to be any impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.

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REX DEVELOPMENT

January 17, 2024

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

Happy New Year!

REX Development is looking forward to an exciting and productive 2024.

In December, in conjunction with the South Central Regional Council of Governments, REX Development launched a complimentary on-call economic development service through the Municipal Services Program. These services are tailored to the unique organizational needs of each community and include peer-to-peer coaching, direct assistance, education, and collaborative strategies for business attraction and growth. Our comprehensive services encompass economic development training, consulting, peer review, on-site staff coverage, and workforce development identification.

As part of our annual town visits to update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs), we are sharing information about the Municipal Services Program. This is an opportunity to discuss and identify the municipality's potential needs. We are also actively looking for new members to join the CEDs subcommittees. If you have any recommendations, please let me know.

We are currently working with the Courant and have started ad sales for the 2024-2025 Greater New Haven Visitors and Relocation Guide. If you have any high-resolution (300 dpi) photographs of your tourism assets, we welcome you to share them with us. Additionally, we encourage businesses related to tourism to claim their free listing on the Visit New Haven website. The website is the primary source for listings in the guide. If you are interested in taking an ad, please let us know, and we will send you the sell-sheet.

We hope you can join us for an in-person REDFO meeting on January 25 at noon at SCRCOG. Attorney Nancy Mendel will be reviewing DEEP's proposed regulations for the Release-based Clean Up program as a replacement for the Transfer Act. The proposed regulations could significantly impact economic development in the region.

Sincerely,

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