



Meeting Notice & Agenda
South Central Regional MPO and COG
Wednesday March 27, 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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David Fink, SCRCOG Housing Consultant
- 5 **MPO Business**
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 - c) FY 2023-24 Budget Revision #5 (motion) Pages 27-29
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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”.

- l) Congressional Reports
- m) State Legislative Reports – CCM, COST
- n) DEMHS Report

6 **Regional Cooperation/ Other Business**

7 **Adjournment**



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

TO: **SCRCOG Board Members**
FROM: **Mayor Lauren Garrett, Secretary**
DATE: **February 29, 2024**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Board Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2024**

Present:

Bethany First Selectwoman Paula Cofrancesco, **Chair**
Branford First Selectman James Cosgrove
East Haven Mayor Joseph Carfora
Guilford First Selectman Matthew Hoey
Hamden Mayor Lauren Garrett, **Secretary**
Madison First Selectwoman Peggy Lyons, **Vice Chair**
Meriden Acting City Manager Emily Holland
Milford Mayor Anthony Giannattasio
North Branford Town Manager Michael Downes
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli
Wallingford Mayor Vincet Cervoni
West Haven Mayor Dorinda Borer, **Treasurer**
Woodbridge First Selectman Mico Cardozo

SCRCOG Staff Carl Amento, Laura Francis, James Rode, Christopher Rappa, Stephanie Camp, Gabriel Filer, Tatum Thomas, Joan Paglinco, Amealia Maynard

Guests:

Ginny Kozlowski and Barbara Malmberg, *REX Development*; Jen Pacacha, *CT Department of Transportation*; Mario Marrero, *Greater New Haven Transit District*; Al Carbone, Mike Anderson and Ted Novicki, *Avangrid*; Lou Mangini and Darien McClaren, *Office of U.S. Representative Rosa DeLauro*; Jameson Foulke, *Office of U.S. Senator Christopher Murphy*; Ellen Graham, *Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal*; Pamela Roach, *SCRCOG Solid Waste & Recycling Consultant*, Nicole Velardi, *DEMHS*; Brian O'Connor, *CCM*; Bob Brinton, *Town of Orange*; Jonathan Harris and Sam Carmody, *Eversource*; Alison Kapuscinski, *Town of Wallingford*; Michael Cherpak and Vitalij Staroverov, *CTDOT*; Charles Sherwood, *South Central Regional Criminal Justice Administration*

NOTE: The January SCRCOG Board meeting was a hybrid meeting

1. Call to order and Introductions

Chair Cofrancesco called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. All present introduced themselves. Chair Cofrancesco then asked for a motion to add an item to the agenda, which would be a presentation from Avangrid and Eversource after the LOTCIP presentation on proposed rate increases. The motion was made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectwoman Lyons. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Presentation: LOTCIP – Michael Cherpak, Vitalij Staroverov, CTDOT

Michael Cherpak, Transportation Principal Engineer and Vitalij Staroverov, LOTCIP Program Manager, CTDOT, gave a presentation on the LOTCIP process for local roads discussing funding, guidelines, project eligibility criteria, and the project process.

Chair Cofrancesco asked for a motion to move item 6a – Presentation: South Central Regional Criminal Justice Administration up after the Avangrid presentation. Motion made by First Selectwoman Lyons and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. All were in favor.

Presentation: Avangrid and Eversource Proposed Rate Increases--Ted Novicki from Avangrid discussed the Performance Based Regulation process which offers punitive measures to the utility companies based on performance. Ted explained Avangrid is not opposed to the concept. He stated that, if done incorrectly, it can increase costs to customers and it can hinder a resilient system. Ted encouraged all municipalities to reach out to the Governor’s office. Jonathan Harris from Eversource stressed the notion that investment in the system is critical for reliability. Jonathan noted that both Avangrid and Eversource are required over the next months to adjust rates through the Revenue Adjustment Mechanism and explained the effects of this process.

Presentation: South Central Regional Criminal Justice Administration, Charles Sherwood, Executive Director

Charles Sherwood explained the role of the South Central Regional Criminal Justice Administration. Charles gave an update on staffing of police officers, which is down 1/3 of the number of officers recruited since 2019, and steps are being taken to improve staffing numbers. Charles also spoke about improvements in technology, increasing the use of drones, use of the Star Chase System which allows police to apprehend without pursuit, adding electric vehicles for police department fleets, and the use of artificial intelligence.

3. Adopt Minutes of January 24, 2024 SCRCOG Meeting (motion)

Chair Cofrancesco referred to the minutes of the SCRCOG Meeting of January 24, 2024, which were included in the agenda packet on pages 3-7. First Selectman Cardozo made a motion to approve. First Selectman Hoey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer’s Report for month ending January 31, 2024

Mayor Borer reported there is \$2.78 million in total assets of which \$1.31 million are in cash and investments. There is \$301,000 due from the CTDOT and \$131,000 is due from DEMHS. All expenses appear to be appropriate for a one-month period. First Selectman Hoey made a motion and First Selectwoman Lyons seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. MPO Business

a. Resolution to Approve FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Thirty-Three (motion)

Deputy Director Francis discussed the Resolution found on pages 11-14 of the agenda packet. First Selectman Cosgrove, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, made a motion and First Selectman Hoey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements for FY 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Consultant Services (motion)

Deputy Director Francis discussed the Resolution. A motion to approve the Resolution was made by Mayor Borer and seconded by First Selectman Hoey. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Annual SCRCOG Self-Certification (motion)

Deputy Director Francis discussed the self-certification found on pages 15-16 of the attached. A motion was made by First Selectman Freda and seconded by Mayor Borer. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Deputy Director/Director of Transportation Report

Deputy Director Francis advised that there will be solicitation of the SCRCOG municipalities soon for UPWP studies and activities, as well as a solicitation for applications to the 2024 Active Transportation Microgrant Program, which covers up to \$500,000 of purchases and funding for activities for transportation. SCRCOG Transportation Planner Gabe Filer is the program manager, and he will be sending out the information on these programs shortly.

e. Transportation Staff Report

SCRCOG Principal Transportation Planner Jim Rode reported CTDOT is soliciting applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program. Jim also advised that the North Branford UPWP Downtown Study will be kicking off next week. Deputy Director Francis advised that the newest SCRCOG staff member, Transportation Planner/ GIS and Data Manager, Tatum Thomas, has been busy working on data collection and GIS projects. The Town of North Haven recently submitted a data request.

f. Greater New Haven Transit District Report

Mario Marrero reported that the Transit District is now fully staffed in the call center and in dispatch. The Transit District is continuing to look for drivers and has a vacancy for one mechanic. They are in the process of updating the Passenger Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and will be sending it to SCRCOG for review. They are also updating the Employee Equal Opportunity (EEO) plan. He advised that in March the application for Section 5310 Grants Program for vehicles to transport seniors or persons with disabilities vehicles will be coming out. Mario also announced that the Transit District had formed a partnership with M7 to provide Encompass, a new and expansive transportation service that will replace the current Regional Ride Program (RRP). The new, on-demand 24/7 ride service with no advance notice requirements will be available to all seniors and disabled passengers who reside in the RRP region.

g. CT Rides Report

No report was presented since no representative from CTRides was present. Chair Cofrancesco referred to the Attachment to the agenda packet which contained the latest CTRides Quarterly Report.

6. COG Business

a. Adoption of 2024 Affirmative Action Policy Statement (motion)

Executive Director Amento referred to pages 17-19 of the agenda packet. A motion made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Amento requested that all CEO's send a proxy letter stating who this year's proxy will be for your municipality. Amento then advised that SCRCOG's Cybersecurity Consultant has completed free pre-assessments of IT infrastructure in 8 SCRCOG municipalities and is looking to schedule such pre-assessments in the remaining towns. Amento also encouraged everyone to utilize the free grant consultants provided by SCRCOG to assist with local grant applications. There is also a similar free Economic Development Program provided by SCRCOG through REX Development and their subcontractors to assist towns with economic development planning and projects. Amento also noted that although SCRCOG was notified that it would be receiving a Regional Waste Authority grant in December, due to personnel changes at the DEEP, SCRCOG and the other four COGs who were to receive the grant, have not received Grant Award Contracts from DEEP. The Tree Canopy Study is being postponed until the next fiscal year because the data from the state's flyover in spring of 2023 was being processed region-by-region and our region will be the last to have its data processed with a completion date of June 30, 2024. SCRCOG will be organizing a meeting with the Trails Committee to determine the scope of a project to update the mapping of trails in the region. SCRCOG is working with Data Haven on a robust demographic data profile for the region and town by town which will be available later in the spring. An interactive regional Data Dashboard is being planned for development in conjunction with the UMass Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning Program during the next fiscal year.

c. Review of SCRCOG February Newsletter

Executive Director Amento referred to pages 20-38 of the agenda packet and asked the Board members to please review its contents.

d. Review of SCRCOG Social Media Campaign

Gabriel Filer reported an increase in SCRCOG Facebook and LinkedIn followers. Gabriel advised there are four open job positions posted on the SCRCOG website and on social media, Transportation Planner and Highway Safety Specialist, and Director of Regional Planning and Coordinator/Director of Municipal Services. We are also using social media to market the Section 5310 program. In the coming weeks, we will also be promoting the Transportation Alternatives Program on social media.

e. Regional Planning Staff Report

Senior Regional Planner, Stephanie Camp, reported on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program, which she is spearheading for SCRCOG with assistance by Executive Director Amento. The first deliverable, a Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory, will be due on Friday, February 29th. She also advised that SCRCOG has been working with the other COGs and with UMass on developing a regional Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAPs). Applications for competitive Implementation Grants under CPRG are due by April 1st. The COGs are working on applying for funding for adding solar energy to municipal housing properties.

f. Regional Planning Commission February Action Table

Chairwoman Cofrancesco advised the Action Table is included in the agenda packet for review.

g. Sustainable CT Update

Deputy Director Francis advised Lynne Stoddard, Executive Director of Sustainable CT, announced her retirement and plans for a replacement are underway. Additionally, Francis asked for a motion to authorize the Executive Director to sign an MOU with Sustainable CT to participate in the

Sustainable CT Fellowship Program. A motion was made by First Selectman Hoey and seconded by First Selectman Cardozo. The motion passed unanimously.

h. REX Development Report

Ginny Kozlowski advised that the Small Business Guide (SBA) has been distributed. Page 9 of the Guide, which was distributed at the meeting, has a list of resources you can share with small businesses, and page 31 has a description of loan programs administered through the EDA. Ginny also advised there has been an extension on payment of the PPE loans that businesses in your area have taken out. If they do not close out these loans or make commitments by March 3rd the US Treasury will seek to recover that money. On April 25th at SCRCOG, there will be a presentation given by the new state Director of Tourism Rachel Lenda, a representative from ManufactureCT and Louis Silva of the Community Investment Corporation. Ginny also advised that the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Update will be presented to the SCRCOG Board in April and will be before SCRCOG for approval in May.

i. Congressional Reports

Darien McClaren advised that the PACT Act is expanding as of March 5th and covers any veteran exposed to hazardous conditions or who served in a war zone. Ellen Graham advised that the Senators are starting to solicit Congressionally Designated Spending projects for FY 2025. Applications will be available in March. Ellen reminded the members that the Assistance for Firefighters grants deadline is March 8th. Jameson Foulke sent an email last week with federal grants that are still available to municipalities. Chair Cofrancesco advised she has spoken with two representatives in Washington regarding OSHA and the Emergency Responders standards that are changing.

j. State Legislative Reports - CCM, COST

Brian O'Connor reported for CCM on the state budget process. The Governor is looking to revise the budget in the second year of the biennium by moving 43.3 million dollars that were agreed upon in last year's budget for K-12 education to early childhood education programs. Brian then advised that support is needed for the early voting bill. There are no monies set aside for the presidential primaries election and the 14-day window for early voting nor for the state primaries in August. Additionally, CCM is in support of the Governor's Regional Service Sharing bill, but believes that it does need some tweaking. CCM is also looking to make some changes to Solid Waste in disposing of certain items and weight limits for trucks. Brian advised there are some housing bills that haven't been drafted yet that he will report on next month.

First Selectman Hoey asked Brian to report on the Governor's resiliency bill.

k. DEMHS Report

Nicole Velardi reminded all municipalities to submit 2024 REPT proxy letters as well as the issuing of Emergency Managers/Directors annual oaths. Nicole then advised if your town participates in the Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) there are four applications open and they are due by March 31st. Otherwise, your town will be ineligible to receive funding for the next 4 years. DEMHS is working to implement a disaster and mental health support subcommittee. The Region 2 training committee is putting together a Migrant Response workshop. The 2024 CT Conference of Municipalities Emergency Management Symposium will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd in Niantic and registration is now open.

I. Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Report

No report. No representative was in attendance.

7. Regional Cooperation/Other Business

First Selectman Michael Freda advised that the Commissioner of Public Safety, Ron Higgins and Charles Brady from the FBI would like to make a presentation at SCRCOG at the April 24th Board Meeting related to the Re-Entry Program.

Mike Anderson from Avangrid offered to have Customer Events in your towns/cities to answer any questions or enroll residents in energy assistance programs.

8. Adjournment

First Selectwoman Hoey made a motion to adjourn. First Selectman Cardozo seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Lauren Garrett, *Secretary*

Balance Sheet

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 2/29/2024

Assets	
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Cash and Investments

Key Bank	299,130.11
State of CT - Short-Term Investment Fund	1,112,944.57

Accounts Receivable

CT Department of Transportation	321,056.50
CT DESPP – FEMA Grant	59,995.22
US EPA – CPRG	13,519.50
CT DEEP – SMM Grant	15,727.03
Retiree Health Insurance	482.02

Other Assets

Prepaid Expense (UConn MPA Intern)	(11,643.75)
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	2,720,667.06
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Liabilities	
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Payroll Taxes Payable & Accrued Interest	691.48
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	153,934.21
Deferred Revenue - OPM	518,900.08
Deferred Revenue - LOTCIP	146,819.17
Deferred Rev. - Other (Election Monitor)	3,690.77

Total Liabilities	824,035.71
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Fund Balance	
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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	(4,349.19)

Total Fund Balance	1,896,631.35
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	2,720,667.06

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 2/29/2024

Resources	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Municipal - Revenue	9,350.15	85,665.79	299,889.00
Municipal - Special Assessment			175,000.00
CT OPM - Regional Planning	51,936.03	429,601.72	948,502.00
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)			2,220,066.00
CTDOT - Transportation Planning	78,941.82	565,942.66	2,139,298.00
CTDOT - Highway Safety Grant			169,718.00
CTDOT - LOTCIP	7,347.20	28,244.49	171,611.00
CT DECD (EDA Grant)		80,901.71	203,490.00
US EPA - CPRG	13,519.50	165,294.50	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	4,777.08	23,712.74	20,000.00
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	482.02	4,113.78	6,500.00
Total Resources	166,353.80	1,418,156.27	7,470,044.00

Direct Expenses	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Retiree Health Insurance	482.02	4,113.78	6,500.00
Transportation Planning Consultants	25,805.00	153,840.00	1,309,658.00
Land-Use Planning Consultants			13,000.00
Other Consultants	27,563.95	284,358.45	1,101,157.00
Passthrough Grants	9,012.48	109,235.73	155,105.00
Travel		1,281.95	12,400.00
Data Processing		26,696.35	36,000.00
Commercial Printing		429.28	500.00
Subscriptions and Books		786.79	8,250.00
Insurance and Professional Services		5,811.00	5,000.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	3,349.20	14,820.58	21,450.00
Office Equipment and Furniture			25,000.00
Miscellaneous		678.92	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	66,212.65	602,052.83	5,911,764.00

Direct Labor	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Direct Labor - Employees	40,453.23	329,701.89	645,970.00

Statement of Resources and Expenditures

South Central Regional Council of Governments

As of period 2/29/2024

Overhead	Current	Year-to-Date	Budget
Indirect Labor - Employees	10,209.57	112,515.31	218,044.00
Employee Benefits	20,858.61	212,678.74	434,416.00
Travel			100.00
Data Processing	300.00	17,382.89	19,300.00
Rent	14,910.75	107,939.20	152,900.00
Telephone and Internet	724.04	3,861.48	8,100.00
Office Supplies	21.26	1,306.20	9,600.00
Equipment Maintenance	5,555.09	23,589.00	38,900.00
Subscriptions and Books		351.90	0.00
Insurance and Professional Services		9,832.00	29,600.00
Meeting Expenses and Advertising	293.26	435.26	650.00
Miscellaneous	75.00	858.76	700.00
Total Overhead	52,947.58	490,750.74	912,310.00
Total Operating Expenses	159,613.46	1,422,505.46	7,470,044.00

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 34

Project **0014-0188 Replace Highway Sheet Aluminum Signs.**

Changes Amendment 34 increases funding amount.

Reason Action is necessary based on a revised cost estimate.

Project **0092-0695 REHAB BRS 03015A & 03015B**

Changes Amendment 34 changes funding amount.

Reason Action is necessary based on a revised cost estimate.

Project **0173-0535 UHCP BEAM END REPAIRS ON VARIOUS INTERSTATE BRIDGES**

Changes Amendment 34 adds a new project.

Reason This project will repair steel beam ends on various NHS INTERSTATE bridges carrying I-91 and I-95 in the Greater Bridgeport and South Central MPOs of District 3 using UHPC as opposed to traditional steel welding techniques.

Project **0402-0034 MOVE New Haven Bus Rapid Transit- System Design**

Changes Amendment 34 moves funding from FY 23 to FY 24.

Reason Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.

Project **0427-XXXX GNHTD Administrative Capital Support**

Changes Amendment 34 changes funding source and moves funds from FY 23 to FY 24.

Reason Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.

Project **0427-XXXX GNHTD Replace Paratransit Vehicles.**

Changes Amendment 34 changes funding source and moves funds from FY 23 to FY 24.

Reason Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.

Project **0427-XXXX GNHTD Facility Improvements Sherman Ave.**

Changes Amendment 34 changes funding source and moves funds from FY 23 to FY 24.

Reason Action is necessary based on a revised schedule.

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0014-0188 STATUS **Project Changed** Federal

Name: REPLACE HIGHWAY SHEET ALUMINUM SIGNS

Description: 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.

Project Type: Roadway - Other

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$1,720,000	\$0	\$1,720,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$1,720,000	\$0	\$1,720,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Previously Approved Version

0014-0188

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Project Type: Roadway - Other

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$1,375,000	\$0	\$1,375,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$1,375,000	\$0	\$1,375,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0092-0695 STATUS **Project Changed** Federal

Name: REHAB BRS 03015A & 03015B

Description: This project is for the rehabilitation of bridge #03015A carrying I-91 Southbound over State Street, Mill River and ramps and Bridge #03015B carrying I-91 ramp 139 over no notable feature in New Haven

Project Type: Bridge

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2022	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$833,000
2022	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$93,000
2024	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$603,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,000
2024	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
2024	State	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,646,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Previously Approved Version

0092-0695

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Project Type: Bridge

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2022	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$833,000
2022	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$93,000
2024	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$603,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67,000
2024	NHPP-BRX	\$0	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	\$45,000
2024	State	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,646,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0173-0535 STATUS **New Project** **Federal**

Name: UHCP BEAM END REPAIRS ON VARIOUS INTERSTATE BRIDGES

Description: Address steel beam end deterioration on various NHS INTERSTATE bridges carrying I-91 and I-95 in the Greater Bridgeport and South Central MPOs of District 3 using Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC).

Project Type: Bridge

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	BRFP	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$9,000,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$1,000,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$0	\$10,000,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0402-0034 STATUS **Project Changed** **Federal**

Name: MOVE NEW HAVEN Bus Rapid Transit - System Design

Description: This project will provide Section 5307 funding for the MOVE New Haven On-Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System project's design activities.

Project Type: Bus

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307P	\$4,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,800,000
2024	State	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$6,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Previously Approved Version

0402-0034

Name: MOVE NEW HAVEN BRT - Preliminary Design

Description: This STIP action will provide Section 5307 funding for the MOVE New Haven On-Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) System project's design activities.

Project Type: Bus

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2023	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,800,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,000,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0427-XXXX STATUS **Project Changed** Federal

Name: GNHTD- ADMIN CAPITAL/SUPPORT EQUIP/SCV PROGRAM

Description: Transit District's Administrative Capital Funds for purchase of utility vehicles, vehicle parts, computer hardware, equipment, etc used to support Transit operations

Project Type: Bus

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
2024	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$560,000
2023	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$140,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,220,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

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DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
2023	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$560,000
2023	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$20,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$140,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,220,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0427-XXXX1 STATUS **Project Changed** Federal

Name: GNHTD- REPLACE PARATRANSIT VEHICLES

Description: Transit District's Capital Funds for purchase of Paratransit buses to replace vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life. Generally 4 years or 125,000 miles

Project Type: Bus

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,000
2024	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,600,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

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Description: Transit District's Capital Funds for purchase of Paratransit buses to replace vehicles that have reached the end of their useful life. Generally 4 years or 125,000 miles

Project Type: Bus

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2023	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,000
2024	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,600,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Transportation Improvement Program Fiscal Year 2021 - 2024

7 Projects Listed

0427-XXXX4 STATUS **Project Changed** Federal

Name: GNHTD- FACILITY IMPROV SHERMAN AVE FY23

Description: funding for the Greater New Haven Transit District's facility improvements. Activities include the repair of sink holes, parking lot restriping and state of good repair improvements at their 840 Sherman Avenue location

Project Type: Bus

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2024	5307P	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$440,000
2024	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT

Previously Approved Version

0427-XXXX4

Name: GNHTD- FACILITY IMPROV SHERMAN AVE FY23

Description: funding for the Greater New Haven Transit District's facility improvements. Activities include the repair of sink holes, parking lot restriping and state of good repair improvements at their 840 Sherman Avenue location

Project Type: Bus

DISTRICT:

County:

Fiscal Year	Revenue Source	PE	ROW	CON	Other	Total
2023	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$440,000
2023	State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$110,000
2021 - 2024 TOTAL		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$550,000

MPO:

Lead Agency: CONNDOT



Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

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

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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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

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

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

The Program Amendment *Thirty Four* 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 **March 27, 2024**

Date March 27, 2024

By: _____

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

**FY 2023-2024 REGIONAL SERVICES GRANT (RSG) SPENDING PLAN
Amendment #4
March 27, 2024**

Source of Project Funding:

CT OPM Regional Services Grant (RSG)	\$948,502
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FY 2023-24 Budget

Line Item	Original	Change	Revised
1. Staff Labor and Expenses	\$411,971	-\$1,500	\$410,471
2. GIS Consultant	\$13,000		\$13,000
3. UConn MPA Intern	\$17,250		\$17,250
4. Capitol Region Purchasing Council Dues	\$7,500		\$7,500
5. Recreational Trails Update	\$30,000	-\$20,124	\$9,876
6. Regional Planning Consultant	0	\$5,000	\$5,000
7. Data Dashboard (DataHaven)	\$40,000		\$40,000
8. UVermont Regional Tree Canopy Mapping	\$36,200	-\$36,200	\$0
9. Municipal Services Consultants	\$392,581	-\$33,676	\$358,905
10. SW&R Bus Tour – Glass Recycling	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,500
11. Replica Data Platform Subscription Pilot	\$0	\$50,000	\$50,000
12. SCRCOG Design Guidelines & Logo Refresh	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
13. Furniture and Equipment	\$0	\$25,000	\$25,000
Total	\$948,502	0	\$948,502

Details of Municipal Services Consultants (# above)

8a. Affordable Housing Part 1	
Consultant: David Fink (continuing)	\$40,000
<i>SCRCOG will continue offering guest speakers, presentations, workshops and discussions for its Regional Housing Working Group and will dedicate additional time and more specific resources to municipal staff to further their housing goals. This year we have also offered bus tours of successful developments.</i>	

8b. Affordable Housing Part 2	
Consultant: Benjamin Fink (continuing)	\$50,000 (previously \$60,000)
<i>SCRCOG will continue to assist its member municipalities in the facilitation/promotion of resident education/communication through community-wide education programs and trainings. This year an additional \$5,000 will be set aside for Benjamin Fink to lend expertise, as well as coordinate with, the Selected Consultant for the Regional Housing Plan Update (8c). This additional \$5,000 will come out of the originally budgeted \$15,000 set-aside for training and development of citizen outreach specialists, which will no longer be required during this fiscal year.</i>	

8c. Affordable Housing Part 3	
Consultant: Selected by RFP/RFQ process	\$60,000
<i>SCRCOG staff will work with an affordable housing expert consulting firm to update and enhance its Draft Regional Affordable Housing Plan and will develop an Action Plan for assisting with the implementation of the region's 8-30j Local Affordable Housing Plans.</i>	

8d. Municipal Grants	
Municipal Grants Consultants: Juliet Burdelski/Renata Bertotti (continuing)	\$85,000
<i>SCRCOG will continue providing grants assistance to its member municipalities by offering: (1) Grants training and workshops with the Regional Grants Working Group; and (2) Research and information to member municipalities of relevant grants opportunities; and (3) Providing individualized grants assistance to SCRCOG member municipalities, with a pool of funds set aside for more dedicated attention to individualized municipal grants assistance.</i>	

8e. Solid Waste & Recycling, Food Waste Diversion and Composting	
Consultant: Pam Roach (continuing)	\$65,000
<i>SCRCOG will continue offering guest speakers, presentations, workshops, resources and discussions for its Regional Solid Waste & Recycling Working Groups. SCRCOG will also assist its member municipalities in the facilitation/promotion of resident education/communication through community-wide education programs and trainings, as well as the production of educational materials. SCRCOG will also provide individualized assistance to member municipalities in researching grant opportunities and assisting in applying for such grants. Finally, SCRCOG will provide assistance in municipal efforts to individually and collaboratively pursue new programs of glass and plastics recycling, and food waste diversion, as well as the conversion of existing municipal leaf and brush piles to use as composting facilities with the addition of food waste diversion.</i>	

8f. Information Technology/ Cybersecurity	
Consultant: Novus Insight (continuing)	\$28,905
<i>SCRCOG will continue offering cyberawareness training for SCRCOG municipal members' employees. Currently, 2050 municipal employees are involved in the year-long training. The emphasis for the coming year and beyond will be on implementation of the OPM Regional Performance Incentive Program (RPIP) grant for Regional Cybersecurity Assessment and Protection.</i>	

8g. Purchasing	
Consultant: To be selected by RFP/RFQ process	\$23,676
<i>SCRCOG provided this program for its municipalities in FY 2021-2022 during which time it created a Regional Purchasing Working Group, established rules and procedures for a Regional Purchasing Consortium, developed two consortium bids for on-call engineers and on-call architects. SCRCOG also provided group and individualized training for the several municipalities that lacked a Purchasing Agent or had a new Purchasing Agent. The program wasn't offered in FY 2022-2023. In FY 2023-2024, SCRCOG would like to revive the Regional Purchasing Working Group and its training and discussion sessions as well as having the Purchasing Consortium offer new regional bids as requested by SCRCOG's municipalities.</i>	

8h. Risk Management	
Consultant: To be selected by RFP/RFQ process	\$12,081
<p><i>Because the majority of SCRCOG municipalities do not have a dedicated Risk Manager position, SCRCOG would like to hire an expert consultant and to organize a Regional Risk Management Working Group to provide best practices, resources, and training to its member municipalities in the areas of risk identification and assessment, safety, insurance coverage and claims management, and employee training and workplace culture.</i></p>	

8h. Economic Development	
Consultant: REX Development	\$30,000
<p><i>In collaboration with the South-Central Regional Council of Governments, REX Development will offer free on-call economic development services under the Municipal Services Program. These services will provide peer-to-peer coaching or direct service based on the market and organizational needs of the community. Such services will include:</i></p> <p><i>On-Call Staff Coverage When municipal staff is absent due to attrition or staff is temporarily away or unavailable, the program will provide limited in-house coverage); Economic Development Training; Economic Development Consulting; Workforce Development; Resources; and Peer Review of Documents and the Local Economic Development Processes</i></p>	



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Resolution

Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreement for Replica Data Platform Subscription

Whereas: SCRCOG maintains a Regional Travel Demand Model, and related sociodemographic data, for its member municipalities;

Whereas: Replica offers a subscription service for a regional travel demand model as well as mobility, sociodemographic, economic activity, and land use data;

Whereas: SCRCOG identified this subscription service in Amendment #4 to the Regional Services Grant Spending Plan;

Whereas: SCRCOG adheres to the procurement procedures outlined in the CTDOT Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Handbook, which are based on the Department of Administrative Services General Letter Number 71; and

Whereas: The use of this vendor is pursuant to the procurement procedures outlined in the CTDOT MPO Handbook.

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

That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and sign a subscription services agreement with Replica for a regional travel demand model and related datasets.

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 March 27, 2024.

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Summary of Replica Subscription Services

Replica is a subscription service that would provide SCRCOG with several key data types for use in future regional planning and transportation planning processes and projects. Some examples of data provided by Replica include:

- Census tract level data (refreshed weekly) of
 - Travel trends
 - Economic activity
 - Demographic trends
- Place-based data
 - Land-use
 - Transportation use
- Travel modeling
 - By origin-destination, mode and purpose, and demographic characteristics
- Analytics dashboards
- Consumer spending
 - By category and aggregated

The subscription also provides SCRCOG with training in the service, technical support, events, and analytical support. The datasets provided would be used to inform planning policy, goals, and decisions and allow SCRCOG to understand the current regional and municipal-level trends as well as forecast and set targets for future development and economic activity.

The specific uses of this subscription include travel demand modeling (which is required for SCRCOG), informing economic development strategies, planning for more accessible transportation, and understanding demographics to inform our policies and projects to improve equitable outcomes.

FY 2023-24 Budget Revision #5

This revision aligns the FY 2023-24 budget with the amended Regional Services Grant Spending Plan.

Revenue

Budget Revision #5 removes \$25,000 of fund balance from the budget. It was originally anticipated that fund balance would be required to purchase Furniture and Equipment for the new office space.

Expenses

Budget Revision #5 includes the following change.

- Other Consultants decreases by \$25,000
 - This aligns the budget with the amended Regional Services Grant Spending Plan, which moved \$25,000 previously associated with consultant-supported work to the Furniture and Equipment line item.

Actual line-item revisions are on the following page, followed by a resolution authorizing Budget Revision #5.

FY 2023-24 Budget Revision # 5

<i>Revenue</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
Municipal Contribution			
Municipal Contribution - Dues	239,600		239,600
Municipal Contribution - Special Projects	175,000		175,000
Fund Balance	26,703	(25,000)	1,703
Committed Fund Balance	33,586		33,586
Transportation Planning			
U.S. DOT	1,394,144		1,394,144
U.S. DOT - Carryover	507,454		507,454
U.S. DOT - Highway Safety	169,718		169,718
CTDOT	174,268		174,268
CTDOT - Carryover	63,432		63,432
CTDOT - LOTCIP	171,611		171,611
Regional Planning			
CT OPM - Regional Services Grant (RSG)	948,502		948,502
CT OPM - RPIP (Cybersecurity)	2,220,066		2,220,066
CT Secretary of the State - Regional Election Monitor	3,691		3,691
CT DEEP - SMM Grant	112,800		112,800
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - CARES Act Funds	195,100		195,100
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - 4CT Funds	8,390		8,390
US EPA - Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	999,479		999,479
Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan			
Federal Emergency Management Agency	-		-
Other			
Investment Income	20,000		20,000
Retiree Health Insurance Contribution	6,500		6,500
TOTAL	7,470,044	(25,000)	7,445,044

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Current Budget</i>	<i>Proposed Change</i>	<i>Revised Budget</i>
Salaries	864,014		864,014
Benefits	440,916		440,916
Travel	12,500		12,500
Computer Supplies & Software	55,300		55,300
Rent	152,900		152,900
General Office Expenses	124,953		124,953
Transportation Consultants	1,309,658		1,309,658
Other Consultants	1,114,157	(25,000)	1,089,157
Passthrough Grants	155,105		155,105
Office Equipment and Furniture	25,000		25,000
Contingency	-		-
Transportation - Reserved	171,449		171,449
LOTCIP - Reserved	128,379		128,379
Highway Safety - Reserved	69,754		69,754
CT DECD (EDA Grant) - Reserved	36,714		36,714
SMM Grant - Reserved	16,805		16,805
CPRG - Reserved	747,375		747,375
RPIP (Cybersecurity) - Reserved	2,045,066		2,045,066
Total	7,470,044	(25,000)	7,445,044



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Resolution

**South Central Regional Council of Governments
Fiscal Year 2023-24 - Budget Revision # 5**

- Whereas: The South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) adopted an operating budget for FY 2023-24 on May 24, 2023;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #1 on June 28, 2023;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #2 on August 23, 2023;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #3 on September 27, 2023;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #4 on November 15, 2023;
- Whereas: SCRCOG adopted Budget Revision #5 on March 27, 2024; and
- Whereas: SCRCOG amended the Regional Services Grant Spending Plan on March 27, 2024.

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

That Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Revision #5, which aligns the budget with the amended Regional Services Grant Spending Plan, is adopted.

Certificate:

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Resolution

Authorizing the Executive Director to Negotiate and Sign a Consultant Agreement with RKG Associates, Inc. regarding the Regional Affordable Housing Plan Update

Whereas: A Regional Affordable Housing Plan was drafted in FY 2022 in conjunction with 13 municipal Affordable Housing Section 8-30j Plans; and

Whereas: On June 28, 2023, the SCRCOG Board authorized SCRCOG staff to select a consultant through an RFP process to update and enhance its draft Regional Affordable Housing Plan, which will include an Action Plan to assist member municipalities with the implementation of their 8-30j Affordable Housing Plans; and

Whereas: Requests for proposals were solicited from interested consultants for undertaking the Regional Affordable Housing Plan Update; and

Whereas: After a Consultant Selection Committee review and recommendation process, RKG Associates, Inc. was selected as the Consultant for the project.

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

That the Executive Director is authorized to negotiate and sign a consulting services agreement with RKG Associates, Inc. for the Regional Affordable Housing Plan Update.

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Resolution

Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for a U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant to fund Solar on Public Housing

Whereas: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting applications for implementation proposals under its Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program;

Whereas: SCRCOG is eligible to apply for the EPA’s CPRG implementation grant under the Priority Climate Action Plan for the New Haven-Milford MSA;

Whereas: A coalition of Councils of Government, led by the Capitol Region COG and including Naugatuck Valley COG, Northwest Hills COG, Connecticut Metropolitan COG, Western Connecticut COG, South Central Regional COG, and Lower Connecticut River Valley COG, intends to apply for implementation funding to lower barriers for solar energy on public housing projects; and

Whereas: The implementation proposal would fund the removal of barriers like aging roofs or outdated electrical panels on housing authority and municipally-owned affordable housing properties suitable for solar installations, to render these properties eligible for the Connecticut Green Bank’s solar programs.

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

That the SCRCOG Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Capitol Region Council of Governments for the proposal described above, and to sign any documents associated with administering the MOA, if the grant is awarded.

Certificate

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Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement a U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Grant to fund Climate-Friendly Regulations and Processes

Whereas: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting applications for implementation proposals under its Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program;

Whereas: SCRCOG is eligible to apply for the EPA’s CPRG implementation grant under the Priority Climate Action Plan for the New Haven-Milford MSA;

Whereas: A coalition of Councils of Government, led by the Western Connecticut COG and including Naugatuck Valley COG, Northwest Hills COG, Connecticut Metropolitan COG, Capitol Region COG, South Central Regional COG, and Lower Connecticut River Valley COG, intends to apply for implementation funding to provide technical assistance to local governments to decarbonize local regulations and processes; and

Whereas: The implementation proposal would fund the hiring of one or more contractors to work with municipal staff and commissions to provide intensive technical assistance to develop, adopt, and implement regulations and processes that yield low-emissions outcomes.

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

That the SCRCOG Board authorizes the Executive Director to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Western CT Council of Governments for the proposal described above, and to sign any documents associated with administering the MOA, if the grant is awarded.

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March 2024 RPC Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	RPC Action
2.1	02/07/2024	City of Milford: Proposed zoning amendments; (1) Revise Article V. Section 5.1.4. Figure 4 for parking for multi-family residential uses, and (2) Revise Section 3.1.1., for Day Care Homes and Group Day Care Homes.	Stratford, Shelton, Orange, West Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation text amendments do 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	02/09/2024	Town of Orange: Proposed Text Amendment to Amend Section 383-188 C. of the zoning regulations; signs in the LSC and C zoning districts.	Milford, Shelton, Derby, Woodbridge, New Haven, 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	02/20/2024	Town of Madison: Proposed zoning text revision to Section 33.b., to permit Day Care Homes and Group Day Care Homes as accessory uses...and Section 19, Definitions...	Guilford, Durham, Killingworth, Clinton	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.
2.4	02/23/2024 & 03/21/2024	Town of North Branford: i. Proposed zone map change application to rezone properties at 67, 88, and 90 Totoket Road from R-40 to I-2. ii. Proposed zoning amendments concerning Day Care Homes.	Branford, Guilford, Durham, Wallingford, North Haven, East Haven	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed map amendment – 2.4.1, <i>Proposed zone map change application to rezone properties at 67, 88, and 90 Totoket Road from R-40 to I-2</i> – may have negative inter-municipal impacts to another town in the South Central Region. Separately, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation text amendment – 2.4.2, <i>Proposed zoning amendments concerning Day Care Homes</i> – 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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2.5	02/27/2024	<p>Town of Guilford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Proposed zoning text amendment for Child Care Facilities. ii. Proposed zoning text amendment for Motor Vehicle Location approvals. iii. Proposed zoning text amendment for Residential Area Dimensional Standards. 	Branford, North Branford, Madison, Durham	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed zoning regulation text amendments do 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.
2.6	03/06/2024	<p>Town of East Haven: Proposed zoning text amendment to Article 5 Section 48: Accessory Dwelling Units.</p>	New Haven, North Haven, North Branford, Branford	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.



March 20, 2024

Dear Chief Elected Officials of SCRCOG,

Barbara Malmberg recently attended the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) Conference in Washington, D.C., where discussions on artificial intelligence and housing were the highlights. During the conference, Barbara also had a meeting with Alison Turner, an Economic Development Researcher from Argonne National Laboratory. They discussed data-related issues related to the transition from county reporting to RPO reporting sets. They will meet later this spring to set priorities.

The CEDS subcommittees are updating the annual reports for business retention, expansion and recruitment, workforce, housing, infrastructure, and real estate, land use, and sustainability. We will present the CEDS update at the April SCRCOG meeting with a vote following in May.

For the Municipal Services Program, Dale Kroop has met with 14 of the 15 communities. So far, he has developed job descriptions, planned site development projects, reviewed marketing plans, and prepared training modules. He is currently conducting needs assessments for several towns.

Utilizing REX's Revolving Loan fund, we completed a Phase I and Phase II brownfield assessment of municipal-owned property in Guilford. With the assessment completed Guilford will be able to move forward to activate the property.

The 2024-2025 Greater New Haven Visitors and Relocation Guide has been submitted to the printer. We will begin distribution of the guides in April to launch the spring travel season. Visit New Haven and the Arts Council of Greater New Haven are teaming up to promote art events in the region. The collaboration involves linking the Visit New Haven website to a new arts calendar to encourage a single source calendar. This will reduce the need for listing events on multiple calendars and provide support for a wide range of events.

In February, Catherine Marx, SBA District Director, presented to REDFO discussing capital, consulting, and contracting services. We will follow up with a SBA Resource Fair later this year. We hope you can join us for our next in-person REDFO meeting on March 28 at noon at SCRCOG. Jim Gildea of Bigelow Tea and president of ManufactureCT will provide an update on the manufacturing sector. In April the guest speaker will be the new Director of Tourism, Rachel Lenda.

Sincerely,

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