

WestCOG / HVMPO / SWRMPO Agenda

A Combined Meeting for Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), Housatonic Valley and South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organizations (HVMPO, SWRMPO)

Time. Thursday June 20th 2024 @12:00 p.m.

Location. Ridgefield Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877 Ph-475-323-2060

Virtual Option. <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88222966740> (ID: 882 2296 6740)

1. Call to Order:

- a. COG Meeting: Hon. Rudy Marconi
- b. HVMPO Meeting: Hon. Julia Pemberton
- c. SWRMPO Meeting: Hon. Toni Boucher

2. Public Participation: *Limited to topics on this agenda and to 2 minutes per speaker.*

3. Featured Presentation

- a. America 250 | CT

4. COG Action Items

- a. Approval of 05/16/2024 COG Meeting MinutesAttachment 4a, pp. 1-4
- b. State POCD Comments.....Attachment 4b, p. 5
- c. Transportation Alternatives Program East West Trail Project Application.....Attachment 4c, p. 6
- d. Regional Waste Authority Study Resolution.....Attachment 4d, p. 7
- e. Resolution Authorizing the pass-through of funds for the Blickensderfer Brownfield RemediationAttachment 4e, p. 8
- f. FY 2025 Regional Services Grant Spending Plan and Authorizing ResolutionAttachment 4f, pp. 9-11
- g. FY 2025 Agency BudgetAttachment 4g, 12-13

5. MPO Action Items

- a. Approval of SWRMPO/HVMPO 05/16/2024 Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 4a, pp. 1-4
- b. Transportation Alternatives Program HV PrioritiesAttachment 5b, pp. 14-15
- c. 2021-2024 SWR Transportation Improvement Program.....Attachment 5c, pp. 16-17

6. COG Information Items

- a. Flood Assistance Program
- b. PICS Intern
- c. Sustainable CT Fellows

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7. MPO Information Items

- a. USDOT Charging and Fueling infrastructure (CFI)Attachment 7a, p. 18

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment

10. Next meeting

- a. MPO/COG Thursday, July 18th, 2024

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Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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INTERIM MINUTES

Council/ Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization/South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

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for the 05/16/2024 Meeting

The Ridgefield Town Hall Annex 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

COG Chairman Rudolph Marconi / Vice Chair- Dan Carter

Treasurer -Jon Zagrodzky / Secretary Julia Pemberton

HVMPO Chairman Julia Pemberton / Vice Chairman Dan Carter

SWRMPO Chairman Toni Boucher/ Vice Chairman Jon Zagrodzky

MEMBERS ATTENDING

- Bethel..... First Selectman Dan Carter COG/HVMPO
- Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read COG/HVMPO
- Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn COG/HVMPO
- Danbury Absent-COG/HVMPO
- Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky COG/SWRMPO
- Greenwich..... Selectwoman Lauren Rabin COG/SWRMPO
- New Canaan..... First Selectman Dionna Carlson COG/SWRMPO
- New Fairfield First Selectman Melissa Lindsey COG/HVMPO
- New Milford..... Mayor Pete Bass COG/HVMPO
- Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci COG/HVMPO
- Norwalk..... Absent COG/SWRMPO
- Redding..... First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton COG/HVMPO
- Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi COG/HVMPO
- Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe COG/HVMPO
- Stamford Absent COG/SWRMPO
- Weston..... First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor COG/SWRMPO
- Westport..... Absent COG/SWRMPO
- Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher COG/SWRMPO
- Transit Representative..... Rick Schreiner- HVMPO
- Transit Representative..... Absent-SWRMPO
- CTDOT Transportation Planner Kevin Tedesco (Non-voting MPO member)
- MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

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OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Danbury Government Affairs & Communication Advisor to the Mayor Francesca Capodilupo, Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission Chairperson Margarita Alban, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, Stamford Chief of Staff Bridget Fox, WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Mike Wilson, Nick Trabka, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, Vicky Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were: Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, Michael Palmbach and Daniel Mott from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Ms. President US Executive Director Amanda Cordano, 2024 Ms. President US for the Ridgefield Chapter Namya Chouhan, James Root from the Sierra Club, New Fairfield Veterans Milton Craven and Bob Ballas, Director of IT for the town of Ridgefield Andrew Neblett, Ridgefield Summer Interns Kaleigh Olsen and Evan Honoré.

The COG meeting was to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m. by Chairman Toni Boucher

****Approval of the 04/18/2024 COG Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the April 18th 2024 COG meeting were unanimously approved.

***Approval of the SWRMPO/HVMPO 04/18/2024 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the minutes of the April 18th 2024 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the minutes of the April 18th 2024 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

****COG Action Items**

Active Transportation Microgrants Resolution: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. Applications for this program are due to Kristin @ khadhstylianos@westcog.org by June 19th 2024. On a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the Active Transportation Microgrants Resolution was unanimously approved.

Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox Resolution: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox Resolution was unanimously approved.

Regional Services Grant Projects Authorizing Resolution: Firearm Training Facility Architecture Services, Firearm Training Facility Governance Strategy, Digital Land Records, Municipal Benchmarking: WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Wilton First

Selectman Toni Boucher the Regional Services Grant Projects Authorizing Resolution: Firearm Training Facility Architecture Services, Firearm Training Facility Governance Strategy, Digital Land Records, Municipal Benchmarking was approved with New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson opposing.

USDOT Transportation Access Pilot Program (TAPP) Letter of Interest: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the USDOT Transportation Access Pilot Program (TAPP) Letter of Interest was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the review. On a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the LOTICIP Adjustments were approved with Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe opposing.

WCEDD Membership Appointments: WestCOG Project Manager Betsy Paynter provided the update. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the WCEDD Membership Roster was unanimously approved. Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter made a motion to elect Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton to Vice Chair of the WCEDD. The motion was seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and unanimously approved.

Appointment of Auditor Selection: WestCOG Financial Director Vicky Ricks provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Melissa Lindsey the Appointment of Auditor Selection was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

2021-2024 TIP Amendments: Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the 2021-2024 HVMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the 2021-2024 SWRMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved.

FTA Section 5310 Priorities: WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the update. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the FTA Section 5310 Priorities for the SWRMPO were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Melissa Lindsey the FTA Section 5310 Priorities for the HVMPO were unanimously approved.

Transportation Alternatives Program Priorities: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Jon Zagrodzky the Transportation Alternatives Program Priorities for the

SWRMPO were unanimously approved. After review and discussion the HVMPO Transportation Alternatives Program Priorities will appear on a future agenda.

MPO Information Items

EPA 2024 Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program: WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided the update.

COG Information Items

Grant Submissions: NFWF, Earmarks: WestCOG's Mike Towle provided the overview.

Sustainable CT Program: Mike Towle provided the overview.

Solar & Heat Pump Adoption Study: WestCOG Executive Director Mike Towle provided the overview.

Draft Budget and Regional Services Grant Spending Plan: Mike Towle provided the overview.

Draft State Conservation & Development Plan: WestCOG's Kristin Floberg provided the update. Virtual public comment meetings are scheduled for May 31st from 10-11:15AM and June 4th from 10:30-11:45AM

Legislative Update: Francis Pickering provided the update.

Other Business:

Next meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 20th, 2024.

Adjournment: On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Council Representatives

DATE: June 6, 2024

RE: Draft 2025-2030 Connecticut Conservation and Development Policies Plan

Purpose

The Connecticut Office of Policy and Management is soliciting comments on the [draft 2025 - 2030 Connecticut Conservation and Development Policies Plan](#) (C&D Plan) through June 30, 2024. WestCOG staff have drafted comments that are to be reviewed and discussed by the COG during the meeting.

Background

The 5-year comprehensive plan guides state agency actions that affect land and water resources. It indirectly guides regions and municipalities on high-priority issues across the state. The draft Plan sets five vision priorities for the State of Connecticut including:

1. A Thriving Economy
2. Housing for Current and Future Residents
3. Stewardship of Resources
4. Healthy People and Places
5. Connected and Inclusive Communities

State agencies must be consistent with the Plan whenever they undertake or authorize grants using \$200,000 of state or federal funding and involves the acquisition of real property, the development or improvement of real property, and/or the acquisition of public transportation equipment or facilities.

Next steps

Staff will incorporate any edits or additional comments from the COG into a coordinated regional response for submission by June 30th.

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: COG Representatives
 FROM: Kristin Floberg, Senior Planner
 DATE: June 11, 2024
 RE: Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program – HVMPO Application

Purpose

To resubmit the East-West Trail Feasibility and Routing Study Application under the Danbury Urbanized Area solicitation for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program.

Background

This study's purpose is to identify an alignment for a multi-use trail linking the Empire State Trail, via the Maybrook Rail Trail, with the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail. This will address a principal gap in the nascent regional trail system: the lack of a dedicated connection between the 750 miles of the Empire State Trail, which runs between New York City, Albany, Buffalo, and the Quebec border and the 81-mile Farmington Canal Trail, which runs from New Haven to Northampton, Massachusetts. Along this route, this project will link together hitherto-disconnected trail systems in Connecticut. These include the Norwalk River Valley Trail, the Still River Greenway/New Milford River Trail, the Pequonnock River Trail, the Larkin Bridle Trail, the Middlebury Greenway, and the Naugatuck River Greenway.

It is anticipated that the trail alignment will be through Danbury, Brookfield, Bethel, and Newtown in the Western Connecticut Region but the preferred alignment will be determined during the study. In short, this study will identify a feasible and desirable route to connect these trail systems into a web uniting three states, one province, and untold communities.

Discussion

This project was approved by WestCOG for submission under the CTDEEP Recreational Trails Program at the January 29, 2024, meeting and was supported by Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments (NVCOG), local municipalities, trail organizations, and representatives from the Connecticut General Assembly.

HVMPO is an eligible entity under the TA Set-Aside Program and the project is an eligible activity under planning for on- and off-road trail facilities for pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized users.

We estimate the study will cost \$500,000 with an 80% Federal/20% non-Federal cost share.

Next steps

Vote for WestCOG staff to complete an application for the East-West Trail Feasibility and Routing Study and submit it under the Danbury Urbanized Area TA Set-Aside Program solicitation.



**2024/06/20 #002 CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TO CONDUCT A REGIONAL WASTE AUTHORITY FEASIBILITY STUDY
AND CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES**

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Julia Pemberton, Secretary of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (hereinafter “WestCOG”) certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by WestCOG at its meeting on June 20, 2024 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) is administering a Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Program, a key goal of which is to foster cooperative, regional approaches to waste management;

WHEREAS, WestCOG has applied for and has been notified that CTDEEP intends to award it \$150,000 in funding for the performance of a Regional Waste Authority (RWA) Feasibility Study (“Study”) in association with the above Program;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Study is to develop options for municipalities in WestCOG that independently administer waste management, should they choose to coordinate municipal waste operations going forward;

WHEREAS, this Study will make use of and advance initial work on this topic performed for WestCOG by Barton and Loguidice in 2020, particular to the potential for some of its municipalities to form or join a new or existing RWA.

Resolved, that WestCOG shall enter into an agreement with CTDEEP to receive and expend said grant funds in performance of Study, and that WestCOG Chair, Vice Chair, or Executive Director are authorized to act on behalf of WestCOG in negotiating and executing all appropriate and necessary contractual agreements with CTDEEP and any consultant to perform the project.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of June 20, 2024.

Julia Pemberton, Secretary
Western Connecticut Council of Governments
June 20, 2024

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**2024/06/20 #001 CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TO EXECUTE BROWNFIELD A CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT**

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Julia Pemberton, Secretary of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (hereinafter “WestCOG”) certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by WestCOG at its meeting on June 20, 2024 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

Whereas WestCOG from time to time provides grant functions on behalf of its members, including application for grants, receipt of grant awards, and grant implementation;

Whereas WestCOG voted on May 18, 2023 to accept a grant award in the amount of \$950,000 from the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development (“award”) for the remediation of the brownfield at 650 Atlantic Street, Stamford, Connecticut (the “project”);

Whereas the award is to be conveyed to the owner of said property, currently Henry Stamford LLC (“owner”), to perform the project;

Whereas WestCOG certified this vote to advance this project on October 19, 2023;

Resolved that WestCOG Chair Rudolph Marconi, Vice Chair Dan Carter, or Executive Director Francis Pickering are hereby authorized to negotiate and execute all appropriate and necessary agreements to fulfill its role in executing the project, including pass-through of the award to the owner.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of June 20, 2024.

Julia Pemberton, Secretary
Western Connecticut Council of Governments
June 20th 2024

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Representatives
 FROM: Francis R. Pickering, Executive Director
 DATE: June 20, 2025
 RE: **SFY 2025 WestCOG Regional Services Grant spending plan and resolution**

Background

Following the U.S. Department of Transportation, WestCOG's largest funder is the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM). WestCOG's OPM funding comes in the form of a Regional Services Grant (RSG) to be used for the provision of regional services, particularly those that result in cost savings to municipalities and local taxpayers.

To receive these funds, WestCOG must:

- Submit an RSG spending plan to OPM for the use of these funds by July 1. (The plan may be adjusted by the Executive Committee throughout the year as needed, for instance, should funding or project costs, scope, priorities, or viability change, with OPM approval.) *A proposed spending plan is on the next page.*
- Execute a contract with OPM to receive funds. RSG supports COG activities in the OPM-approved areas of regional services, comprehensive planning, and municipal technical support.

For state fiscal year 2025, WestCOG's RSG is estimated to total \$998,828. Historically, RSG has funded a mixture of COG staff in the provision of planning assistance and technical assistance, with the rest used for consultant projects. The split proposed for FY2025 is 30% for staff time.

With respect to consultant projects, the following are proposed for FY25:

- Municipal ADA Transition Plans
- Regional trail and safety improvements
- EDA Partnership Planning nonfederal cost share
- BUILD nonfederal cost share (remaining)

Next steps

Approval of the RSG spending plan and associated authorizing resolution.

RSG Spending Plan

Activity	Description	Amount
Municipal technical support	Data collection, research, analysis, reporting, and presentation, including accessibility, transition, and operations analysis and planning; development of/enhancement to digital systems (including GIS, communications, and land records), online services; IT/IS, including cybersecurity assistance.	\$167,706.34
Regional services	Recording and assessment services; economic development and initiatives, including the WCEDD; broadband; municipal training services and facilities; flood adaptation/mitigation; water programs; coordination with federal and state government, grant (inc. IJJA and IRA) coordination/management.	\$623,341.51
Comprehensive planning	Land use referrals, planning/design assistance, including housing and transportation systems; agriculture planning; sustainability planning, including for climate change, renewable energy, resilience; emergency/disaster planning and preparedness.	\$207,780.50
TOTAL		\$998,828.35



**2024/06/20 #003 SECRETARY'S
CERTIFICATE/RESOLUTION**

I, Julia Pemberton, Secretary of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, an organization (the "Organization") existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, certify that the following are true and complete resolution which were adopted at a duly called and held meeting of the governing body of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments on June 20, 2024, and that such resolution have not been amended or modified and continue to be in full force and effect:

RESOLVED, that the Organization execute and deliver to the State of Connecticut a Notice of Grant Award (the "Agreement") in the amount of \$998,828 for the 2025 Regional Services Grant.

RESOLVED, that Francis Pickering, as Executive Director of the Organization, is directed to execute and deliver the Agreement on behalf of the Organization and to do all things necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of the Agreement, including executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by the Agreement.

I further certify that Francis Pickering now holds the office of Executive Director and that he/she has held that office since 2/2/2015.

Date at Ridgefield Connecticut on this Twentieth Day of June 2024

Julia Pemberton, Secretary

Western Connecticut Council of Governments

WestCOG Operating Budget Revenue Sources

FY2024-2025 <i>DRAFT</i> BUDGET				
	2022-2023	2023-2024	2023-2024	2024-2025
	Actual	Budget	Projected	Draft Budget
Operating Revenue				
FEDERAL				
Federal Highway Admin PL-SWR (80%)	\$ 632,359	\$ 1,454,862	\$ 825,000	\$ 2,075,200
Federal Highway Admin PL-HV (80%)	\$ 342,914	\$ 687,382	\$ 410,000	\$ 901,600
Transportation Studies				
Danbury/New Fairfield Rte 37 Study (80% fed)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Route 1 Corridor Study		\$ 240,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 192,000
BUILD Grant (funds obligated by 9/30/22)	\$ -	\$ 197,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 230,000
US EDA Cares - Long Term Recovery	\$ 258,528	\$ 35,000	\$ 101,125	\$ -
EPA Georgetown Branchville Sewer Grant		\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000
EDA Planning Partnership Grant	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
USDOT (FHWA) - RAISE Grant				\$ 2,264,000 * over 2 years
USDOT (FTA) - Reconnecting Communities NAE				\$ 500,000 * over 2 years
USDA Vacant Lot & Urban Farmer Grant (NIFA)				\$ 5,000 * per yr for 4 yrs
FEMA Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 92,660 * over 2 years
Climate Pollution Reduction Grant		\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500	\$ 125,000 * year 2 of 4
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
DEMHS Reg 5 2018 (fee for service)	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -
DEMHS Reg 5 2019 (fee for service)	\$ 6,600	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -
DEMHS Reg 5 2020 (fee for service)	\$ 500	\$ 3,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -
DEMHS Reg 5 2021 (fee for service)				\$ 12,000
Total Federal	\$ 1,310,900	\$ 2,954,743	\$ 1,756,625	\$ 6,667,460
STATE				
CT Department of Transportation (10%)	\$ 108,364	\$ 267,780	\$ 154,500	\$ 372,100
SWRMPO	\$ 70,262	\$ 181,858	\$ 103,000	\$ 259,400
HVMPPO	\$ 38,102	\$ 85,923	\$ 51,500	\$ 112,700
Transportation Studies:				
Route 1 Corridor Study		\$ 30,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 24,000
LOTICIP Administration	\$ 201,949	\$ 215,000	\$ 205,000	\$ 360,000
CT Dept of Agriculture			\$ 20,999	\$ 27,000
DEEP - Regional Waste				\$ 150,000
DEEP - Recreational Trails Grant				\$ 283,000 * to match 1/2 RAI:
State OPM Regional Services Grant FY21-22	\$ 198,600	\$ -		\$ -
State OPM Regional Services Grant FY22-23	\$ 471,458	\$ 136,043	\$ 136,016	\$ -
State OPM Regional Services Grant FY23-24			\$ 648,828	\$ 350,000
State OPM Regional Services Grant FY24-25		\$ 998,828		\$ 998,828
Total State	\$ 980,370	\$ 1,647,651	\$ 1,168,343	\$ 2,564,928
LOCAL				
Annual Dues Assessment (18 Municipalities)	\$ 300,000	\$ 314,250	\$ 314,250	\$ 329,200
Transportation Studies - local match				
Route 1 Corridor Study - Norwalk		\$ 30,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 24,000
EPA Georgetown Branchville Sewer - Ridgefield/Redding		\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000
BUILD Grant (funds obligated by 6/30/22)	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ 63,000	\$ 57,000
RAISE Grant Town Match				\$ -
Nature Conservancy Grant/UConn CIRCA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. Income/Interest Income	\$ 28,414	\$ 15,000	\$ 83,000	\$ 120,000
Total WestCOG Local	\$ 328,414	\$ 459,250	\$ 463,250	\$ 580,200
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	\$ 2,619,684	\$ 5,061,644	\$ 3,388,218	\$ 9,812,588
CAPITAL PROJECTS				
Firing Range - RPIP				\$ 1,650,000
Total WestCOG Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,650,000
PASS THROUGH				
Health Directors Fund (multiple towns)	\$ 7,700	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000
Stamford Blickenderfer Building (DECD)				\$ 475,000 * over 2 years
Westport Brownfields				\$ 4,900,000 * over 2 years
CTDOT Microgrant Program			\$ 20,000	\$ 50,000
Total WestCOG Pass Through	\$ 7,700	\$ 9,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 5,433,000
Total Revenue with Pass Through & Capital Exp	\$ 2,627,384	\$ 5,070,644	\$ 3,414,218	\$ 16,895,588

WestCOG is presenting a balanced budget for FY2024-2025 with Expenses equal to Revenues.

WestCOG Operating Expenditure Detail

FY2024-2025 *DRAFT* BUDGET

	2022-2023 Actual	2023-2024 Budget	2023-2024 <i>Projected</i>	2024-2025 Draft Budget
Expenditure Summary				
Expenditures				
Personnel - Salary	\$ 1,211,122	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 1,580,000
Employer Payroll Taxes	\$ 93,798	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 125,000
Fringes	\$ 230,793	\$ 300,000	\$ 310,000	\$ 324,000
Retirement Plan 401a	\$ 95,640	\$ 115,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 115,000
Consultants	\$ 561,919	\$ 2,554,644	\$ 1,061,516	\$ 5,727,989
Payroll Services	\$ 3,660	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,700	\$ 5,000
Audit	\$ 20,500	\$ 25,000	\$ 20,500	\$ 22,500
Legal Services	\$ 2,204	\$ 20,000	\$ 11,500	\$ 20,000
Other Purchased Services		\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Rent	\$ 85,227	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 120,000
Utilities	\$ 29,939	\$ 70,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 32,500
IT Service/Maint/Software/Equip	\$ 43,503	\$ 70,000	\$ 50,500	\$ 71,000
Reproduction	\$ 3,518	\$ 10,000	\$ 500	\$ 2,000
Supplies	\$ 5,082	\$ 15,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 15,000
Meetings/Travel	\$ 13,704	\$ 30,000	\$ 33,500	\$ 35,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 11,402	\$ 20,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 15,000
Liability Insurance	\$ 21,124	\$ 36,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Postage	\$ 469	\$ 10,000	\$ 400	\$ 600
Equipment Leasing	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
Legal/Public Notices	\$ 4,890	\$ 12,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000
Recruitment	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Misc.	\$ 4,712	\$ 10,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,000
Depreciation	\$ 20,367	\$ 30,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 20,000
Interest Expense	\$ 11,754	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Capital Expense	\$ 8,195	\$ 25,000	\$ 8,500	\$ 9,000
Contingency*		\$ 35,000		\$ 15,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,483,522	\$ 5,051,643	\$ 3,367,615	\$ 8,312,589
Capital Projects				
Consultant - Firing Range Building				\$ 3,150,000 <i>*construction costs</i>
Total WestCOG Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,150,000
PASS THROUGH				
Health Directors Fund (multiple towns)	\$ 7,700	\$ 9,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 8,000
Stamford Blickenderfer Building (DECD)				\$ 475,000 <i>* over 2 years</i>
Westport Brownfields				\$ 4,900,000 <i>* over 2 years</i>
CTDOT Microgrant Program			\$ 10,000	\$ 50,000
Total WestCOG Pass Through	\$ 7,700	\$ 9,000	\$ 16,000	\$ 5,433,000
Total Expenditures with Pass Through & Capital Exp	\$ 2,491,222	\$ 5,060,643	\$ 3,383,615	\$ 16,895,589

* Contingency is amount in budget to correspond to unprogrammed project revenue/unforeseen expenses, but available for such through Annual Dues.

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2024/06/20 #001

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSATONIC VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BETHEL•BRIDGEWATER•BROOKFIELD•DANBURY•NEW FAIRFIELD•NEW MILFORD•NEWTOWN• REDDING•RIDGEFIELD•SHERMAN

Resolution to Endorse the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Project Rankings for the Danbury Urbanized Area

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Julia Pemberton, Chairman of the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter "HVMPO") certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by HVMPO at its meeting on June 20, 2024 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS,

The Danbury Urbanized Area, an urbanized area with a population between 50,000 and 200,000, lies within the metropolitan planning area of the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (HVMPO).

WHEREAS,

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT), in coordination with the HVMPO, is authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), to select TA Set-Aside projects for funding through a competitive process.

WHEREAS,

The TA Set-Aside program provides funding for transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safety routes to schools, and community improvement and environmental mitigation activities.

WHEREAS,

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has solicited proposals for TA Set-Aside for FFY 2026-2030.

WHEREAS,

The HVMPO has solicited proposals from its member municipalities, determined the proposals to be eligible for the TA Set-Aside program and ranked them as shown below:

Proposals for FFY2026-2030 TA Set-Aside Funding, Danbury Urbanized Area, Ranked

Rank	Name	Sponsor
1	Citywide Mid-Block Crosswalk Safety Improvements	Danbury
2	East – West Trail Feasibility and Routing Study	HVMPO

Resolved that HVMPO endorses the Transportation Alternative Set-Aside projects and authorizes the Executive Director to submit the Applications consistent with CTDOT direction and these rankings.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of June 20, 2024.

Julia Pemberton, Chairman
Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
June 20, 2024

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DATE: June 3, 2024

SWRMPO FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Background: The FFY2021-2024 South Western Region TIP was endorsed by the MPO on October 15, 2020. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on January 26, 2021.

Action Requested: MPO endorsement after review and support by the TAG.

Amendments #2024-0620

0102-0358: Complete the Routes 15 & 7 Interchange

The CTDOT requested amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP:

Move from FY24 to FYI. No change to total cost. Authorization year scheduled for FY25.

Region	FA Code	Proj#	AQ Cd	Rte/ Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$ (000)	Fed\$ (000)	Sta\$ (000)	Loc\$ (000)
1	NHPP	0102-0358	CC	US 7/15	NORWALK	COMPLETE THE ROUTES 15 & 7 INTERCHANGE	ROW	FYI	2,000	1,600	400	0

0170-3743: Detection Upgrades at Various Traffic Signals

The CTDOT requested amendment to the 2021-2024 TIP:

This project will replace in-pavement loop detectors with 360-degree stop bar detection cameras and dilemma zone detection radar units at approximately 76 State-owned traffic control signals in the Bridgeport-Stamford Urban Area as a means to reduce vehicle delays and emissions. FHWA determined on 3/20/2024 that this project is an eligible use of Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funding. The PE phase includes a PD/FD split.

Darien – Route 106 at Camp Ave

New Canaan- Route 123 at Brushy Ridge Rd & Locust Ave

New Canaan- Route 106 at Jelliff Mill Rd

New Canaan- Route 15 at Route 124 & White Birch Rd

New Canaan- Route 15 Southbound Ramp at Route 106

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New Canaan- Route 15 Northbound at Route 106

Norwalk- Route 53 at Patrick Avenue

Weston- Route 57 at Good Hill Rd & Broad St

Weston- Route 53 at Godfrey Rd

Westport- Route 33 at Route 57 (Kings Highway North) & Kings Highway North

Westport- Route 33 at Newtown Turnpike

Westport- Route 57 at Route 136 (Easton Rd) and Clinton Ave

Westport- Route 57 at Main St

Westport- Route 57 at Lyons Plain Rd

Westport- Route 57 at Kings Highway North

Westport- Route 33 at Merritt Parkway Connector and Spring Hill Rd

Wilton- Route 33 at Rte 53 (Chestnut Hill Rd)

<u>Region</u>	<u>FA Code</u>	<u>Proj#</u>	<u>AQ Cd</u>	<u>Rte/Sys</u>	<u>Town</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Phase</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Tot\$ (000)</u>	<u>Fed\$ (000)</u>	<u>Sta\$ (000)</u>	<u>Loc\$ (000)</u>
1,5,6,7,8	CRPB	0170-3743	X6	VARIOUS	BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD	DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS	PD	2024	740	592	148	0
1,5,6,7,8	CRPB	0170-3743	X6	VARIOUS	BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD	DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS	FD	FYI	317	254	63	0
1,5,6,7,8	CRPB	0170-3743	X6	VARIOUS	BRIDGEPORT-STAMFORD	DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS	CON	FYI	8,104	6,484	1,621	0

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TO: MPO members
 FROM: Todd Fontanella
 DATE: June 10, 2024
 RE: USDOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program

On May 31, 2024 the US Department of Transportation released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for applications for the second round of its national electric vehicle (EV) charging and alternative fueling infrastructure program. This year, the CFI Program will provide up to \$1.3 billion in funding to strategically deploy EV charging and other alternative vehicle fueling infrastructure projects in publicly accessible locations as well as along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors identified in CT DOT's Connecticut Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan.

The \$1.3 billion for this round (Round 2) is divided as follows:

- Availability of up to \$800 million for new applications
- \$521 million for reconsideration of previously submitted applications not selected but were rated either "Highly Recommended," or "Recommended" under the FY 2022/2023 Round 1 NOFO.

States, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, local governments are among those entities who are eligible to apply.

So that our communities had adequate notice of CFI Program webinars, we sent out information to the TAG about this Program on Friday, May 31. Two information webinars were scheduled: 1) June 6, 2024 for the NOFO review, and 2) June 11, 2024 for applicants who wanted to resubmit Round 1 applications. Key deadlines are as follows:

Action	Date
NOFO Release Date	May 30, 2024
Due Date for non-awarded Round 1 Applicants to Request Reconsideration for Award under Reserved Funding	July 1, 2024
Due Date for Applicant Questions to CFIGrants@dot.gov	July 29, 2024
Due Date for Round 2 New Applications - by 11:59 PM EST in Grants.gov	August 28, 2024

The Federal share of project costs will be 80 percent. The Program website, including the NOFO, is available at [CFI - Environment - FHWA \(dot.gov\)](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/cfi-environment/).

Contact me if you have any questions. tfontanella@weestcog.org 475-323-2076

Thanks!