

## WestCOG/HVMPO/SWRMPO Meeting Agenda

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

**Time.** Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> 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. COG Action Items

- a. Approval of September 2024 COG Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 3a, pp. 1-4
- b. Brownfield EPA Community Wide Assessment Grant.....Attachment 3b, p.5
- c. DECD Round 20 Brownfield Grants, Saugatuck.....Attachment 3c, p.6
- d. RCN NAE Regional Transit Study Project Resolution.....Attachment 3d, pp. 7-8
- e. Parcel & CAMA Improvement Grant Resolution.....Attachment 3e, p. 9

### 4. MPO Action Items

- a. Approval of SWRMPO/HVMPO September 2024 Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 3a, pp. 1-4
- b. FY2025-2028 SWR Transportation Improvement Program .....Attachment 4b, pp. 10-16
- c. Annual MPO Planning Certifications .....Attachment 4c, pp. 17-18

### 5. COG Information Items

- a. AI Assessor Tools Pilot
- b. Regional Firearm Training Facility
- c. CPRG
- d. Flood Mitigation Assistance Program: Grant Selections
- e. Annual Dues.....Attachment 5e, p. 19
- f. 2025 Meeting Schedule.....Attachment 5f, p. 20

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**6. MPO Information Items**

- a. EPA Clean School Bus Program 2024 Rollout .....Attachment 6a, pp. 21-22
- b. HVMPO Transit Representative

**7. Other Business**

**8. Adjournment**

**9. Next meeting**

- a. MPO/COG Thursday, November 21, 2024

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# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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## WestCOG / HVMPO / SWRMPO Interim Meeting Minutes

(A Combined Meeting for Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), Housatonic Valley and South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organizations (HVMPO, SWRMPO) 1 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

**Scheduled for:** Thursday September 19, 2024 @12:00 p.m.

**Location.** Ridgefield Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT and virtually on Zoom.

*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
- Brookfield ..... Absent
- Danbury ..... Mayor Roberto L. Alves COG/HVMPO
- Darien..... First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky COG/SWRMPO
- Greenwich..... First Selectman Fred Camillo 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..... Mayor Harry Rilling COG/SWRMPO
- Redding..... First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton COG/HVMPO
- Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi COG/HVMPO
- Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe COG/HVMPO
- Stamford..... Chief of Staff Bridget Fox SWRMPO
- Weston..... First Selectwoman Samantha Nestor COG/SWRMPO
- Westport..... First Selectwoman Jen Tooker COG/SWRMPO
- Wilton..... First Selectman Toni Boucher COG/SWRMPO
- Transit Representative... Rick Schreiner-HVMPO
- Transit Representative... Absent-SWRMPO
- CTDOT ..... Transportation Planner Jane Dunbar (Non-voting MPO member)
- MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

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**Others in Attendance:** Chief of Staff to Danbury Mayor Roberto L. Alves- Francesca Capodilupo, CCM Advocacy Manager Lindsay Seti, Transit Planner Guyauth Gabbidon, WestCOG Staff: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Mike Wilson, Todd Fontanella, Nick Trabka, Amal Malik, Vicky Ricks, Cricket Carpenter, Betsy Paynter, Jaci Reelick, and Princeton Intern Adem Aricanli. Also in attendance were: Eversource Community Development and Public Policy Professional Austin Samuelson, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective Mobility Services Department, AECOM Outreach & Engagement Specialist Alexis Garcia, Frontier Communications David St. Martin, Connecticut Director of Construction & Engineering, Steven Crotty, and Connecticut Director of Operations, Joseph Ferraiolo, Connecticut Director of Field Operations Intersect Public Solutions Associate Bella Langlois, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

## **Call to Order**

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:29 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi.

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:29 p.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:29 p.m. by Chairman Toni Boucher

## **Public Participation**

No member of the public spoke when asked to do so.

## **COG Action Items**

### **Approval of July 2024 COG Meeting Minutes**

After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Westport First Selectman Jenn Tooker the minutes of the July 2024 meeting were approved with abstentions made by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci and New Fairfield First Selectman Melissa Lindsey.

### **LOTICIP New Project Solicitation**

West Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Westport First Selectman Jenn Tooker the LOTICIP New Project Solicitation was approved with an abstention made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe.

### **LOTICIP Adjustments**

Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

### **EDA Planning Partnership Funding**

WestCOG Senior Project Manager Betsy Paynter provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci and Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the EDA Planning Partnership Funding was unanimously approved.

### **DECD Round 20 Brownfield Grants – Letters of Support**

WestCOG's Betsy Paynter provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling the DECD Round 20 Brownfield- Letters of Support were unanimously approved.

### **WestCOG-Woodland Pacific Brownfield Grant Application**

Betsy Paynter provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the WestCOG-Woodland Pacific Brownfield Grant Application was unanimously approved.

### **Western CT Trail Project Resolution**

WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the Western CT Trail Project Resolution was unanimously approved.

### **MNCW Danbury Branch Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Application-Letter of Support**

WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Danbury Mayor Roberto L. Alves and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the MNCW Danbury Branch Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Application-Letter of Support was unanimously approved.

## **MPO Action Items**

### **Approval of SWRMPO/HVMPO July 2024 Meeting Minutes**

After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the minutes of the July 2024 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the minutes of the July 2024 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

### **FY2025-2028 HV/SWR Transportation Improvement Program**

WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the FY2025-2028 HVMPO Transportation Improvement Program amendments were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the FY2025-2028 SWRMPO Transportation Improvement Program amendments were unanimously approved.

## **COG Information Items**

**Brownfield EPA Community Wide Assessment Grant.**

WestCOG Project Manager Jaci Reelick provided the overview.

**ADA Transition Plans**

WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided the update.

**Data Collection Program**

WestCOG Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka provided the overview.

## **MPO Information Items**

**eTIP Project Tracker**

WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

**Transportation Grant Opportunities**

WestCOG's Todd Fontanella provided the overview.

**Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox**

WestCOG's Mike Wilson provided the update.

## **Featured Presentations**

**Solar Adoption Study & Compost Research**

WestCOG Princeton Intern Adem Aricanli shared his presentation.

**Frontier Communications**

David St. Martin, Steven Crotty, Joseph Ferraiolo, and Bella Langlois from Intersect Public Solutions Shared partnership opportunities for municipalities, their plans for fiber expansion.

## **Other Business**

## **Adjournment**

On A motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

## **Next meeting**

MPO/COG Thursday, October 17, 2024

# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: Chief Elected Officials  
FROM: Jaclyn Reelick, Project Manager  
DATE: October 17, 2024  
RE: **Brownfields EPA Community-wide Assessment Grant Application**

## **Purpose**

WestCOG to apply for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant in the amount of \$500,000.

## **Background**

The EPA Community-wide Assessment Grant provides funds for communities to address their brownfield challenges by developing inventories, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement and planning activities, conducting site assessments, and developing site-specific cleanup and site reuse plans. These efforts will set the stage for economic growth, improve public and environmental health, and revitalize blighted properties into community assets.

If funds are awarded, WestCOG will develop an application process for WestCOG members to access these grant funds to progress the redevelopment of brownfield properties. The EPA Community-wide Assessment Grant application is due November 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Next Steps**

Entertain a motion: “to authorize WestCOG to apply for an EPA Community-wide Assessment Grant in the amount of \$500,000 to support brownfield assessments in the region.”

# Western Connecticut

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: Chief Elected Officials  
 FROM: Betsy Paynter, Senior Project Manager  
 DATE: October 17, 2024

RE: **Saugatuck/Westport – Private/Public Partnership Brownfield Remediation Application**

### **Purpose:**

WestCOG to apply for additional remediation grants under DECD’s Round 20 brownfield program, to augment successful Round 19 applications.

### **Background:**

Previously, during DECD’s Round 19 Brownfield grant solicitation, WestCOG applied for funding to remediate brownfields on three properties (Riverside Road, Railroad Place and 96 Franklin Street) in Saugatuck, Westport which was approved at the February 15<sup>th</sup> special COG meeting. Due to funding limits, DECD indicated that it was only able to select the Riverside Road and Railroad Place; Round 19 funds would not be available for 96 Franklin Street.

After discussions with DECD and the property owner/developer, it was suggested that WestCOG apply in Round 20 for additional remediation funds to support the three development sites due to the amount of clean-up needed. This information came the week the grant applications were due, after the September COG meeting.

Remediation of these properties is integral to a locally supported, mixed-use redevelopment, named the Hamlet at Saugatuck. This transit-oriented development will feature a hotel, homes (with 25% affordable units), retail marina, dining, wellness and event spaces, and a grocery market. The coordinated redevelopment of parcels between Franklin Street and the Saugatuck River will provide for connectivity and continuity to the neighborhood, enabling community access to the waterfront and creating a regional destination, with convenient transit access enabling visitors to arrive by train. The redevelopment will include improvements to local infrastructure and is expected to create hundreds of construction and permanent jobs.

At present, it is only proposed that the COG apply for these funds. Authorization to enter into contracts to receive and use Round 19 and, if awarded, Round 20 grant funds for this project will be brought to the COG at a future date.

### **Next Steps:**

Entertain a motion: “WestCOG to apply for additional grant funds under the DECD Round 20 brownfield program, to support the previously-approved and -submitted applications for the properties at Riverside Road, Railroad Place, and 96 Franklin Street.”





**2024/10/17 #004 CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE  
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
Authorizing the Execution of Agreements to Perform a Regional Transit  
Study**

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 October 17, 2024 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

**WHEREAS**, WestCOG intends to conduct its first Regional Transit Study, which will include the areas currently served by its three public transit operators (HARTransit, Norwalk Transit District and CTtransit);

**WHEREAS**, WestCOG has applied for and been notified that the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), through the Federal Transit Administration, has awarded \$1,000,000 to fully fund the Regional Transit Study through the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods – Neighborhood Access and Equity (RCN-NAE) Grant Program;

**WHEREAS**, the FTA Region 1 Administrator has been delegated authority to award federal financial assistance for a transportation project;

**WHEREAS**, FTA Region 1 may work with other established FTA Region 1 Recipients to obligate the funding on WestCOG's behalf in advance of WestCOG becoming an FTA Recipient, at which time the obligation will be transferred to WestCOG.

**WHEREAS**, the grant or cooperative agreement for federal financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon WestCOG;

**WHEREAS**, WestCOG has or will provide all annual Certifications and Assurances to the Federal Transit Administration required for the project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WESTCOG BOARD:**

1. That WestCOG Chairman Rudolph Marconi, Vice Chairman Dan Carter, or Executive Director Francis R. Pickering are hereby authorized to execute and file an application for federal assistance on behalf of WestCOG authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code, or other federal statutes authorizing a project administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

2. That the Executive Director is authorized to execute and file with its applications the annual Certifications and Assurances and other documents that FTA requires before awarding a federal assistance grant or cooperative agreement.
3. That the Executive Director is authorized to execute any grant and/or other agreements necessary for obligating the grant funding.
4. At such time as WestCOG becomes an FTA Recipient, the Executive Director is authorized to execute agreement(s) with consultants to undertake a Regional Transit Study utilizing grant funding provided by FTA.

#### CERTIFICATION

The undersigned duly qualified Secretary, acting on behalf of WestCOG, certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the WestCOG Board held on October 17, 2024.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of October 17, 2024.

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Julia Pemberton, Secretary  
Western Connecticut Council of Governments

October 17, 2024

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Western Connecticut  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



OCTOBER 17, 2024 #003  
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF  
GOVERNMENTS TO ACCEPT FUNDS FOR PARCEL AND CAMA  
IMPROVMENTS

*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 resolutions which were adopted at a duly called and held meeting of the governing body of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments on October 17, 2024, and that such resolutions 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 amount of \$217,800± for the Parcel and CAMA Improvement Grants.

**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 February 2, 2015.*

*Dated at Ridgefield, Connecticut on this Seventeenth Day of October 2024.*

*I am signing this certificate on 10/17/2024.*

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

*Julia Pemberton  
First Selectman, Redding*



# Western Connecticut

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TO: MPO Members  
DATE: October 9, 2024  
SUBJECT: Amendments to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

### SWRMPO FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**Background:** The FFY2025-2028 South Western Region MPO TIP was endorsed by the MPO on April 18, 2024. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on August 5, 2024.

The following projects have proposed amendments:

1. 0102-RAISEFY24 – MLK Corridor Equitable Mobility Enhancement Project
2. 0135-RCNFY24 – West Side Neighborhood Connector Project
3. 0170-3743 – Detection Upgrades at Various Traffic Signals

Details of these amendments can be viewed on the following pages.

**Action Requested:** MPO endorsement after review by TAG.

## 0102-RAISEFY24 - MLK CORRIDOR EQUITABLE MOBILITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Lead Agency Norwalk	Project Type Roadway - Planning	Region South Western Region MPO	Town NORWALK
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Air Quality Status PD	Total Cost \$17,500,000
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Project Description  
MLK CORRIDOR EQUITABLE MOBILITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FUTURE	TOTAL
Planning	Local	-	\$3,500,000	-	-	-	-	\$3,500,000
Planning	RAISE (FHWA)	-	\$14,000,000	-	-	-	-	\$14,000,000
<b>Total Planning</b>		-	\$17,500,000	-	-	-	-	\$17,500,000
<b>Total Programmed</b>		-	\$17,500,000	-	-	-	-	\$17,500,000

<b>CURRENT CHANGE REASON</b>	New Project
<b>FEDERAL PROJECT COST</b>	Stays the same \$0
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	Stays the same \$17,500,000

## 0135-RCNFY24 - WEST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR PROJECT

Lead Agency Stamford	Project Type Active Transportation	Region South Western Region MPO	Town STAMFORD
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Air Quality Status Project is exempt under 40 CFR 93.126	Total Cost \$17,000,000
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Project Description  
WEST SIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR PROJECT

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FUTURE	TOTAL
Planning	RCN (FHWA)	-	\$17,000,000	-	-	-	-	\$17,000,000
<b>Total Planning</b>		-	\$17,000,000	-	-	-	-	\$17,000,000
<b>Total Programmed</b>		-	\$17,000,000	-	-	-	-	\$17,000,000

<b>CURRENT CHANGE REASON</b>	New Project
<b>FEDERAL PROJECT COST</b>	Stays the same \$0
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	Stays the same \$17,000,000

## 0170-3743 - DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS

Lead Agency  
CTDOT

Project Type  
Roadway - Other

Region  
Central Naugatuck  
Valley MPO, Greater  
Bridgeport/Valley  
MPO, South Central  
Regional COG, South  
Western Region  
MPO

Town  
BRPT/STFD URBAN  
AREA

Air Quality Status  
Project is exempt  
under 40 CFR 93.126

Total Cost  
\$9,161,600

Project Description  
DETECTION UPGRADES AT VARIOUS TRAFFIC SIGNALS

# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



## OCTOBER 17, 2024 #003 CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS TO ACCEPT FUNDS FOR PARCEL AND CAMA IMPROVMENTS

*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 resolutions which were adopted at a duly called and held meeting of the governing body of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments on October 17, 2024, and that such resolutions have not been amended or modified and continue to be in full force and effect:*

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\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

*Julia Pemberton  
First Selectman, Redding*



PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FUTURE	TOTAL
Preliminary Design	CRPB	\$592,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$592,000
Preliminary Design	State	\$148,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$148,000
Total Preliminary Design		\$740,000	-	-	-	-	-	\$740,000
Final Design	CRPB	-	\$253,760	-	-	-	-	\$253,760
Final Design	State	-	\$63,440	-	-	-	-	\$63,440
Total Final Design		-	\$317,200	-	-	-	-	\$317,200
Construction	CRPB	-	\$6,483,520	-	-	-	-	\$6,483,520
Construction	State	-	\$1,620,880	-	-	-	-	\$1,620,880
Total Construction		-	\$8,104,400	-	-	-	-	\$8,104,400
<b>Total Prior Costs</b>		<b>\$740,000</b>	-	-	-	-	-	<b>\$740,000</b>
<b>Total Programmed</b>		<b>\$740,000</b>	<b>\$8,421,600</b>	-	-	-	-	<b>\$9,161,600</b>

<b>CURRENT CHANGE REASON</b>	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update Financing/Funding Revision - Move projects from one year in STIP to another year
<b>PROJECT CHANGES</b>	Plan Revision Name changed from "June 2024" to "October 2024"
<b>FUNDING CHANGES</b>	<p><b>CRPB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decrease funds in FY 2034 in FD from \$253,600 to \$0</li> <li>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in FD from \$0 to \$253,760</li> <li>- Decrease funds in FY 2034 in CON from \$6,483,520 to \$0</li> <li>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$0 to \$6,483,520</li> </ul> <p><b>State</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Decrease funds in FY 2034 in FD from \$63,400 to \$0</li> <li>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in FD from \$0 to \$63,440</li> <li>- Decrease funds in FY 2034 in CON from \$1,620,880 to \$0</li> <li>+ Increase funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$0 to \$1,620,880</li> </ul>
<b>FEDERAL PROJECT COST</b>	Increased from \$7,329,120 to \$7,329,280 (0.00%)
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>	Increased from \$9,161,400 to \$9,161,600 (0.00%)

## HOUSATONIC VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BETHEL•BRIDGEWATER•BROOKFIELD•DANBURY•NEW FAIRFIELD•NEW  
MILFORD•NEWTOWN•REDDING•RIDGEFIELD•SHERMAN

### Resolution of HVMPO Planning Certification

**WHEREAS**, the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (HVMPO) has been designated by the Governor of the State Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG); and

**WHEREAS**, the HVMPO conducts the transportation planning process in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation by preparing a Unified Planning Work Program, preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), preparing and updating the endorsed Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and MTP, and proactively involving the public in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the HVMPO hereby certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
- (2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
- (6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

This resolution is effective October 17, 2024.

Date: October 17, 2024.

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Julia Pemberton, Chairman

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**Resolution of SWRMPO Planning Certification**

**WHEREAS**, the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (SWRMPO) has been designated by the Governor of the State Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG); and

**WHEREAS**, the SWRMPO conducts the transportation planning process in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation by preparing a Unified Planning Work Program, preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), preparing and updating the endorsed Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and MTP, and proactively involving the public in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the SWRMPO hereby certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) 23 U.S.C. 134, 49 U.S.C. 5303, and this subpart;
- (2) In nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506(c) and (d)) and 40 CFR part 93;
- (3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2000d-1) and 49 CFR part 21;
- (4) 49 U.S.C. 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (5) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act (Pub. L. 114-357) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
- (6) 23 CFR part 230, regarding the implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (7) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) and 49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38;
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (9) Section 324 of title 23 U.S.C. regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794) and 49 CFR part 27 regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

This resolution is effective October 17, 2024.

Date: October 17, 2024.

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Toni Boucher, Chairman

**Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Anticipated Sources of Funding  
Local Contributions - Annual Assessment Draft for Discussion\***

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>FY2024-25 Annual Dues</b>	
Bethel	\$	10,561
Bridgewater	\$	5,664
Brookfield	\$	10,809
Danbury	\$	35,745
Darien	\$	9,704
Greenwich	\$	31,620
New Canaan	\$	12,419
New Fairfield	\$	9,936
New Milford	\$	26,749
Newtown	\$	24,908
Norwalk	\$	31,440
Redding	\$	11,954
Ridgefield	\$	16,969
Sherman	\$	7,707
Stamford	\$	47,719
Weston	\$	8,683
Westport	\$	13,474
Wilton	\$	13,137
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>329,200</b>

<b>FY2025-26 Proposed Amounts</b>		<b>FY2025-26 Final by %</b>
\$	<b>10,772</b>	<b>3.21%</b>
\$	<b>5,777</b>	<b>1.72%</b>
\$	<b>11,026</b>	<b>3.28%</b>
\$	<b>36,460</b>	<b>10.86%</b>
\$	<b>9,898</b>	<b>2.95%</b>
\$	<b>32,253</b>	<b>9.61%</b>
\$	<b>12,668</b>	<b>3.77%</b>
\$	<b>10,135</b>	<b>3.02%</b>
\$	<b>27,284</b>	<b>8.13%</b>
\$	<b>25,406</b>	<b>7.57%</b>
\$	<b>32,069</b>	<b>9.55%</b>
\$	<b>12,193</b>	<b>3.63%</b>
\$	<b>17,308</b>	<b>5.15%</b>
\$	<b>7,861</b>	<b>2.34%</b>
\$	<b>48,674</b>	<b>14.50%</b>
\$	<b>8,856</b>	<b>2.64%</b>
\$	<b>13,744</b>	<b>4.09%</b>
\$	<b>13,400</b>	<b>3.99%</b>
<b>\$</b>	<b>335,784</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Note: Effective 7/1/2017: Approved formula used according to vote at January 23, 2017 COG Meeting 50% Population; 50% Area

**\*For FY25-26 Total Annual Dues will increase 2% from the previous year.**

## 2025 Proposed WestCOG/HVMPO and SWRMPO Meeting Schedule

\*\*\*Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted.

Annual Legislative Lunch: Will take place at the December MPO/COG meeting.

<u>Date</u>	<u>MPO/ COG Meeting</u>
Thurs. Jan. 23**	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 20	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Mar. 20	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Apr. 17	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. May 15th	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Weds. June 18**	12:00 pm – 2:00pm
Thurs. July 17	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 21	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Sept. 18	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 16	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Weds. Nov. 19**	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 18	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

HRRR Conflicts:

\*\* = Third Thursday of the month.

\*\* = Proposed COG meeting date

- January- HRRR meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup>\*\* COG moved to the following week to Jan 23<sup>rd</sup>\*\*.
- June- June 19<sup>th</sup>\*\* is Juneteenth. HRRR has a meeting scheduled for the following Thursday (06/26) so I pushed the COG back to Weds. June 18<sup>th</sup>\*\*.
- November- HRRR has a meeting scheduled for Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>\*\*. The following Thursday is Thanksgiving, so I pushed the COG meeting back to Weds. Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>.

# Western Connecticut

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: MPO Members  
 FROM: Todd Fontanella  
 DATE: October 2, 2024  
 RE: USEPA Clean School Bus Rebate Program – 2024

On September 26 USEPA announced the 2024 round of a five-year, \$5 billion program to provide rebates toward the procurement of low- and no-emission school buses. This program is being funded from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Under the 2025 Program, EPA is making up to \$965 million in rebates available to eligible applicants for the purchase of zero-emission (electric) school buses; ‘clean’ school buses (CNG and hydrogen) and electric bus charging infrastructure.

Prioritizations:

- 1) The replacement of buses serving high-need local education agencies, Bureau of Indian Affairs-funded school districts and school districts that receive basic support payments for children who reside on Indian land, and rural school districts.
- 2) Applications from Nonattainment Areas or Maintenance Areas for criteria pollutants in the National Ambient Air Quality Standards  
<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-04/fy23-csb-grant-priority-area-list-2023-04.pdf>
- 3) Select school districts. Any school district which meets one of four prioritization criteria will be offered more funding per bus and receive preference in the selection process. The list of school districts can be found at  
<https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-program-grants#Funding-Prioritizations>.

This approach supports President Biden’s Justice40 initiative to direct at least 40% of the benefits of certain government investments to underserved communities. In addition, EPA will focus education and outreach efforts to underserved communities, including partnering with stakeholders to reach communities that may have never applied for federal assistance. Portions of a grant award can be used to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure, but only to support the remainder of that grant award dedicated to new electric buses.

The following entities are eligible 2024 Program applicants:

1. Local or state governmental entities responsible for:

- providing school bus service to one or more public school systems, or the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses.
- 2. Indian Tribes, Tribal organizations, and tribally controlled schools that are responsible for:
  - providing school bus service to one or more Bureau-funded schools, or the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses; nonprofit school transportation association; and eligible contractors.
- 3. Public charter school districts responsible for the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses for that charter school.
- 4. Eligible contractors that have the capacity to sell, lease, license, or contract for service clean school buses, zero-emission school buses, charging or fueling infrastructure, or other equipment needed to charge, fuel, or maintain clean school buses or zero emission school buses, to individuals or entities that own, lease, license, or contract for service a school bus or a fleet of school buses; or arrange financing for such a sale, lease, license, or contract for service.
- 5. Nonprofit transportation associations that:
  - are operated primarily for scientific, educational, service, charitable or similar purposes in the public interest;
  - are not organized primarily for profit; and
  - use their net proceeds to maintain, improve and/or expand their operations.

All application packages need to be submitted electronically to EPA through Grants.gov no later than January 9, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) to be considered for funding. Would recommend that if interested, visit [Questions and Answers: 2024 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) Rebate Program \(September 2024\) \(epa.gov\)](#).

Questions about the Program may be directed to [cleanschoolbus@epa.gov](mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov) . Visit [www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus](http://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus) to learn more about the Program and/or to apply.