

Western Connecticut Council of Governments and
the Housatonic Valley and South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organizations Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2024 @ 12:00 p.m.
Ridgefield Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877
Zoom Meeting: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/88222966740> (ID: 882 2296 6740)

Agenda

- 1 COG Meeting call to order: Hon. Rudy Marconi
- 2 HVMPO Meeting call to order: Hon. Julia Pemberton
- 3 SWRMPO Meeting call to order: Hon. Toni Boucher
- 4 Public Participation: *limited to topics on this agenda and to 2 minutes per speaker.*
- 5 FEATURED PRESENTATION - Betsy Gara from COST/Joe Delong from CCM
- 6 Discussion of Housing Bills led by WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering
- 7 *Approval of the SWRMPO/HVMPO 02/15/2024 Meeting Minutes
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- 8 **Approval of the 02/15/2024 COG Meeting Minutes
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 - a. New and Expanding Assistance (Flood Mitigation, Brownfields Support, Dam Safety)

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- b. Branchville/Georgetown Sewer Feasibility Study
- c. Other Business

13 Adjournment

Next meeting: MPO/COG Thursday, April 18th, 2024

**A quorum of 6 voting members for HV and 5 for SWR is required. Separate votes are required for each MPO.*

***A quorum of 10 elected officials is required for the COG.*

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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INTERIM MINUTES

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

for the 02/15/2024 Special Meeting

The Ridgefield Town Hall 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06879

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 Mayor Roberto Alves- 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..... Mayor Harry Rilling COG/SWRMPO
 Redding..... First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton- COG/HVMPO
 Ridgefield..... Absent COG/HVMPO
 Sherman Absent COG/HVMPO
 Stamford..... Absent COG/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 Olivia Rizzuto (Non-voting MPO member)
 MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Stamford Chief of Staff Bridget Fox, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, CTDOT Planner Kevin Tedesco, and Danbury Government Affairs & Communication Advisor to the Mayor, Francesca Capodilupo. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Nick Trabka, Betsy Paynter, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were Paul Hearn from Baralmar Associates, Martin Henry from Henry, Raymond, and Thompson, LLC, Adam Wood from the City & State Public Affairs Offices in Bridgeport & Rocky Hill, Brian Cutler Loureiro Engineering Associates, Inc. CEO, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, Westport Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, RTM member, and Westport resident Matthew Mandell, Westport resident Andrew Colabella, Westport RTM members Wendy Bandeau and Kristin Schneeman, Westport Town Clerk Jeff Dunkerton, and Westport Office of Information Technology Director Eileen Zhang. Sarah Burkhalter-Sweeney, Jeffrey Duncan, Julie Fatherly, Claudia Shaum, John Schwing, Danniell Suozzi, Martin Purcell, Debra Franceschini-Gatje, Jay Keenan, Andrew Bloom, Noah Hammond, Jimmy Izzo, Laren Karpf, Norman Kramer, Don O'day, and Louis Mall.

CALL TO ORDER:

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Vice Chairman Dan Carter.

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton.

The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Chairman Toni Boucher.

Public Participation: Westport Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, RTM member, and Westport resident Matthew Mandell commented that the Saugatuck area that is slated for brownfields remediation is vibrant with twenty restaurants.

Westport resident Andrew Colabella stated that he would like to echo Mr. Mandell's comments. He added that the Saugatuck River is to be dredged in the next eighteen to twenty months and group of rogue ventures are forecasted to add a two hundred-million-dollar project with apartments to revitalize the area.

Westport RTM member Wendy Bandeau concurred with Mr. Mandell and Mr. Colabella. She added that the Saugatuck area needs Brownfield remediation.

FEATURED PRESENTATION- Martin Henry from Henry, Raymond and Thomspon, LLC provided an update on the FY 2023 audit results.

Approval of the HVRMPO December 14th meeting minutes: After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Melissa Lindsay the minutes of the December 14th HVMPO meeting was unanimously approved.

Approval of the SWRMPO December 14th meeting minutes: After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the December 14th SWRMPO meeting were approved with an abstention made by Greenwich Selectwoman Lauren Rabin.

****Approval of the COG 01/29/2024 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the minutes of the 01/29/2024 COG meeting were unanimously approved.

****COG Action Items:**

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the LOTICIP adjustments were unanimously approved.

Q2 Financial Reports: WestCOG Financial Director Vicky Ricks provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton the Q2 Financial Reports were unanimously approved.

Banking Resolution: WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown First Selectman Jeff Capeci and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher the Banking Resolution was unanimously approved.

DECD Brownfield Redevelopment: WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided the overview with commentary added by Adam Wood from the City & State Public Affairs Offices in Bridgeport & Rocky Hill. After review and on a motion made by Westport First Selectwoman Jenn Tooker and seconded by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton the CT Brownfields Development Grant Program Pass-Through was unanimously approved.

Gilbert & Bennett Wire Mill Letter of Support: Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the Gilbert & Bennett Wire Mill Letter of Support was unanimously approved.

***MPO Action Items:**

2021-2024 HV/SWR TIP Amendments: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Redding First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton the HVMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Westport First Selectwoman Jen Tooker the SWRMPO TIP Amendments were unanimously approved.

2024 CTDOT Highway Safety Performance Targets: WestCOG's Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Danbury Mayor Roberto Alves and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the HVMPO 2024 CTDOT Highway Safety Performance Targets were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Westport First Selectwoman Jenn Tooker and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the SWRMPO 2024 CTDOT Highway Safety Performance Targets were unanimously approved.

MPO Information Items:

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Performance Measure: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the review.

2023 Section 5310 Application Announcement: WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview.

COG Information Items:

Drone Update: WestCOG Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka provided the update.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

Adjournment: On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COG MEMBERS

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Memo: EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) \ Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) Adoption \ CPRG Grant Application Approvals

TO: WestCOG Council Representatives
 FROM: Francis R. Pickering, Executive Director
 DATE: March 21, 2024

Purpose

WestCOG has participated in the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program and its associated planning process to develop a Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP) and prepare applications for the CPRG Implementation Grant Program. This memo provides details for the COG to act on:

- Adoption of the Southwestern Connecticut PCAP.
- Authorization for WestCOG to apply for funding through EPA's CPRG Grant Implementation Program.
- Letters of Support for partner agencies applying for EPA's CPRG Grant Implementation Program.

Background

EPA has established the CPRG program to rapidly plan and then implement nearly \$5 billion in projects to reduce climate pollution (such as CO₂). WestCOG, along with the other COGs in Connecticut as well as the State Government, has participated in the EPA's CPRG planning process since March of 2023. A timeline of WestCOG activity is provided below.

- **March 2023.** EPA announces \$5 billion in funds for the CPRG program.
- **April 2023.** WestCOG and MetroCOG provide a letter of intent to participate in the CPRG planning process, which provides \$1 million in planning dollars to develop a Climate Action Plan across both COGs. The council approves for MetroCOG to serve as the lead agency for this effort with WestCOG as the subgrantee.
- **September 2023.** WestCOG Council approves CPRG funding. Funds are now available for the planning process to develop the PCAP and CCAP.
- **December 2023.** WestCOG facilitated four CPRG Municipal Input Meetings for WestCOG's member communities' priority projects for the PCAP.
- **January 2024.** WestCOG facilitated a public Information meeting to identify local considerations for priority projects for the PCAP.
- **February 2024.** WestCOG facilitated a public information meeting to review proposed CPRG priority measures.
- **March 2024.** MetroCOG submits the PCAP for EPA to review and approve.

[The Priority Climate Action Plan](#) is available on the [WestCOG website](#) and the [Southwest Climate Action Plan project site](#). The multiple PCAPs drafted across the state will enable the State Government, COGs, and municipalities to apply for CPRG Implementation Grants which are due April 1st, 2024. Two applications that WestCOG is actively participating in (one which we are the lead, the other as a partner agency) are detailed below.

Climate-Friendly Land Use Regulations and Processes

A coalition of Councils of Governments, led by WestCOG and including NVCOG, NHCOG, MetroCOG, CRCOG, SCRCOG, and RiverCOG, intends to apply for implementation funding to provide technical assistance to local governments to decarbonize local regulations and processes. 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.

Amount. Tier E \$2,000,000

Match. None

Deliverables. A report of model language, policies, and regulations intended to reduce climate pollution. For select communities (prioritized on interest, climate pollution reduction estimates, and impact for LIDAC communities), technical consultant services to work in tandem with a community to implement model language.

Solar for Public Housing

A coalition of Councils of Governments, led by the CRCOG and including WestCOG, NVCOG, NHCOG, MetroCOG, SCRCOG, and RiverCOG, intends to apply for implementation funding to lower barriers for solar energy on public housing projects. 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.

Amount. Tier D: \$10,000,000 – \$50,000,000

Match. None

Deliverables. Affordable Housing properties that lie within EPA defined LIDAC census tracts would be eligible to receive Solar Installation and upgrades necessary to enable them. Sites would be prioritized based on GHG Pollution Reductions and impacts for LIDAC populations.

Discussion

Adoption of the PCAP along with the authorization for WestCOG to apply for CPRG Funding will enable WestCOG to submit an application for the project *Climate-Friendly Land Use Regulations and Processes*.

A letter of intent to participate in CRCOG's application for the project *Solar for Public Housing* would enable the COG to participate/support in the Solar on Public Housing application. An example letter of intent for this project is provided.

A request for letters of intent for WestCOG to participate in the State of Connecticut's CPRG projects is anticipated to be brought before the COG. These details were not available during the creation of this memo. Any information received following the release of this memo will be provided and discussed during the March 2024 WestCOG meeting.

Municipalities are also eligible to apply for CPRG funds and WestCOG can support those projects with a letter of support. Information regarding municipal projects was not available during the creation of this memo. Any information received following the release of this memo will be provided and discussed during the March 2024 WestCOG meeting.

Next steps

The following actions are brought before the COG:

1. Adopt the Southwest Connecticut Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).
2. Authorize Western Connecticut Council of Governments to submit an application for the *Climate-Friendly Land Use Regulations and Processes* project to EPA.
3. Provide a letter of intent to serve as a coalition member for the Solar for Public Housing Project. [Sample letter attached]
4. Provide a letter of intent for the State's applications brought before the COG.
5. Provide a letter of support for any additional CPRG applications brought before the COG.
6. If CPRG grant funding is awarded to WestCOG, a resolution will be brought before the COG to accept funds and participate in the project.

SAMPLE LETTER OF INTENT FOR CRCOG'S CPRG APPLICATION

March 21, 2024

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Funding Opportunity EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 | EPA Region 1

Dear Selection Committee,

This letter is to express the Western Connecticut Council of Government (WestCOG)'s commitment to serve as a coalition member for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant application lead by the Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG). WestCOG fully intends to sign the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), to be submitted by CRCOG to the EPA by July 1, 2024.

WestCOG collaborated closely with CRCOG and the Connecticut Green Bank to draft a multi-region accelerator plan that builds on Green Bank's existing models to develop solar and storage solutions for municipally owned affordable housing in Connecticut.

The COG and Green Bank project seeks to leverage State of Connecticut programs and strategic local partnerships to eliminate barriers, which commonly prevent municipally owned affordable housing operators from taking advantage of available energy optimization solutions and their associated benefits. WestCOG will work closely with municipalities and housing authorities and the Green Bank to craft tailored financing strategies, which ensure forecasted operational savings are budgeted in a transparent and participatory manner and result in benefits to residents. Moreover, the project will lead to compounding emissions reductions as cost savings are invested in further energy-saving measures.

If awarded, WestCOG commits to being an active participant, helping CRCOG and the Green Bank with any necessary implementation efforts.

Sincerely,

Francis Pickering
Executive Director
Western Connecticut Council of Governments

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TO: WestCOG Council Representatives
 FROM: Francis R. Pickering, Executive Director
 DATE: March 21, 2024
 RE: Congressionally Directed Spending

Purpose

WestCOG is applying for Congressionally Directed Spending to fund equipment and technology for the Western Connecticut Firearm Training Facility currently planned to be sited behind the Newtown Police Department.

Background

Newly acquired Firearm Training Facility technology is a critical component in the implementation of a regional firearm training facility and to address firearm training challenges felt by law enforcement agencies in Western Connecticut. The facility would be designed with modern technologies to meet current training capacity needs and additional trainings outlined in the [PA 20-1 Police Accountability Bill](#) (such as de-escalation and use of force training). The purchased equipment would augment existing \$1,500,000 RPIP grant funds that was won to assist in the construction of the facility.

Additional details can be found in the [Regional Firearm Training Facility Implementation Plan](#) found on www.WestCOG.org.

Amount. \$1,000,000 - \$1,500,000

Match. None

Deliverables. Firearm range equipment to outfit the regional firearm training facility.

Next steps

- Authorize Western Connecticut Council of Governments to submit an application for Congressionally Directed Spending for Regional Firearm Training Facility Equipment.
- If Congressionally Directed Spending funds are provided, a resolution will be brought before the COG to accept funds.
- Municipalities also apply for congressionally directed spending, WestCOG could provide a letter of support for any municipal applications brought forward at the COG meeting.

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DATE: March 14, 2024

RE: DEMHS Region 1 REPT – WestCOG CEO Representative

Background

As part of its bylaws, Region 1 of the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) seeks participation by one Chief Elected Official (CEO) from WestCOG's South Western Region to serve as a voting representative on the DEMHS Region 1 Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT). Participation includes, unless otherwise noted, attendance at the bi-monthly REPT meetings beginning at 9:30am on Wednesdays in Fairfield, CT. In total, DEMHS Region 1 is comprised of fourteen municipalities. WestCOG municipalities are italicized below:

- Bridgeport
- *Darien*
- Easton
- Fairfield
- *Greenwich*
- Monroe
- *New Canaan*
- *Norwalk*
- *Stamford*
- Stratford
- Trumbull
- *Weston*
- *Westport*
- *Wilton*

Next steps

The COG board may vote to appoint one CEO from WestCOG's South Western Region municipalities to participate in the DEMHS Region 1 REPT as a voting member.



Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

DATE: March 4, 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 #2024-0321

0161-0145: Replace Bridge 04981 over the Norwalk River

The CTDOT requested amendment is for Bridge 04981 replacement over the Norwalk River in the Town of Wilton. The project description is being changed from “rehabilitate” to “replace” due to the change in project scope. The final design and construction phase costs are being increased, with no local match.

Region	FA Code	Proj #	AQ Cd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$ (000)	Fed\$ (000)	Sta\$ (000)	Loc\$ (000)
1	STPB	0161-0145	X6	CANNON ROAD	WILTON	REPLACE BR 04981 o/ NORWALK RIVER	FD	2024	450	360	90	0
1	STPB	0161-0145	X6	CANNON ROAD	WILTON	REPLACE BR 04981 o/ NORWALK RIVER	ROW	2024	130	104	26	0
1	STPB	0161-0145	X6	CANNON ROAD	WILTON	REPLACE BR 04981 o/ NORWALK RIVER	CON	FYI	6,720	5,376	1,344	0

HVMPO FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Background: The FFY2021-2024 Housatonic Valley 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 TAG.

Amendments #2024-0321

0034-0355: Replace Noise Wall ID#5384 Between Exit 2 On-Ramp & Kenosia Avenue

The CTDOT requested amendment will add a new project to the TIP for the City of Danbury. The project will replace the current noise barrier with a concrete noise wall and upgraded guiderail on I-84 Eastbound between the Exit 2 on-ramp and Kenosia Avenue overpass.

1 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

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<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\$ (ooo)</u>	<u>Fed\$ (ooo)</u>	<u>Sta\$ (ooo)</u>	<u>Loc\$ (ooo)</u>
2	STPO	0034-0355	X6	I-84 EB	DANBURY	REPLACE NOISE WALL ID #5384 BETWEEN EXIT 2 ON-RAMP & KENOSIA AVE	CON	2024	10,200	9,180	1,020	0

0174-0467: UHPC Beam End Repairs on Various Bridges

The CTDOT requested amendment will add a new project to the TIP for the City of Danbury.

Bridge # 00456 carrying Route 6 in the City of Danbury is one of the various NHS and Non-NHS bridges being repaired with the Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC) Beam.

<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\$ (ooo)</u>	<u>Fed\$ (ooo)</u>	<u>Sta\$ (ooo)</u>	<u>Loc\$ (ooo)</u>
2,5	BRFP	0174-0467	X6	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 4	UHCP BEAM END REPAIRS ON VARIOUS BRIDGES	CON	2024	9,000	7,200	1,800	0



Connecticut Department of Transportation

Active Transportation Microgrants APPLICATION

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) in conjunction with the Councils of Government in Connecticut (COG) invite you to apply for Active Transportation Microgrants. The purpose of this grant program is to provide eligible organizations with funding for resources that advance safe, accessible, sustainable and equitable walking, biking and rolling in Connecticut. Schools, school districts, municipalities and 501(c)(3) nonprofits are eligible to apply and are limited to two grants in a 12-month period.

Microgrants will provide funding up to \$5,000 for each eligible applicant on a rolling basis. The intended uses are non-infrastructure purposes including bike helmets, bike locks, bike maintenance training and materials, bicycle fleets including adaptive bicycles, League Certified Instructors training, programs and events supporting bicycle and pedestrian safety, and safety vests.

Need help thinking through a project, preparing your application, or submitting materials? Please refer to program guidelines or contact our Transportation Supervising Planner, Anna Bergeron, at Anna.Bergeron@ct.gov or 860-594-2140.

Application Contact Information

Date: _____ [COG](#): _____

Municipality: _____ Organization Name: _____

School Name: _____ School District: _____

Project Address: _____

Contact Name/Title: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Alternate Contact Name/Title: _____

Alt. Email: _____ Alt. Phone: _____



Application Questions

Background

1. Which of the following best describes your organization?
 - School
 - School District
 - Municipality
 - Nonprofit with 501(c)(3) status*

***If you are a nonprofit**, you will need to submit proof of your status as a legal entity, such as a copy of your IRS Determination Letter, along with your application.

2. Has your organization registered for Safe Routes to School? To be eligible for this grant, you must register with the Connecticut Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Program, regardless of your organization type. Registration Link: [Registration for Connecticut Safe Routes to Schools Program \(office.com\)](https://www.ct.gov/transportation/schools/registration)
 - Yes
 - No
3. Please tell us about your proposed project. Who will this project serve, and how will they benefit from it? How will the project advance active transportation in an equitable, safe, accessible and sustainable way for vulnerable road users in Connecticut?

Funding

4. What is the amount of funding requested up to \$5,000?



5. What is the intended use of the grant funds?

Bicycle helmets

Bicycle locks

Bicycle maintenance training and materials

Bicycle fleets including adaptive bikes

[League Cycling Instructors training](#)

Programs, events and materials for bicycle and pedestrian safety education

Safety vests

6. Please provide a brief breakdown of the total funding request:

Eligible Item	Quantity	Funding Needed

Reporting

7. The Council of Governments (COG) will oversee the distribution of funds and be responsible for quarterly reporting of metrics including timeline for the proposed project and tracking of project outcomes. However, please provide information specific to your organization's intended timeline and use of funds:

Please tell us about your anticipated project timeline.

- Start date:
- End date:
- Any other major deadlines: _____

8. This application must be read and signed by the authorized signatory of the respective organization.

Signature: _____ Title: _____



Please make sure you've reviewed requirements in the guidelines as necessary.

Ready to submit?

Email your application and any supporting documentation to your local COG
Thank you for applying for an Active Transportation Microgrant!
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

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STBG Set Aside (TAP) Estimated Funding Breakdown FFY2026 – FFY2030

<i>Hartford Urbanized Area</i>					
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
\$ 2,539,042	\$ 2,539,042	\$ 2,539,042	\$ 2,539,042	\$ 2,539,042	\$ 12,695,210

<i>Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area*</i>					
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
\$ 2,237,150	\$ 2,237,150	\$ 2,237,150	\$ 2,237,150	\$ 2,237,150	\$ 11,185,750

*Shelton, Derby, Ansonia, and Seymour apply through GBVMPO.

<i>New Haven Urbanized Area</i>					
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
\$ 1,458,884	\$ 1,458,884	\$ 1,458,884	\$ 1,458,884	\$ 1,458,884	\$ 7,294,420

<i>Springfield Urbanized Area</i>					
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
\$ 2,450	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,450	\$ 2,450	\$ 12,250

<i>Worcester Urbanized Area</i>					
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
\$ 3,261	\$ 3,261	\$ 3,261	\$ 3,261	\$ 3,261	\$16,305

<i>Other Urbanized Areas (50,000-200,000)*</i>					
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
\$ 1,382,962	\$ 1,382,962	\$ 1,382,962	\$ 1,382,962	\$ 1,382,962	\$ 6,914,810

*Includes Danbury, Waterbury, and Norwich-New London

<i>Other Urbanized Areas (5,000-49,999)</i>					
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
\$ 445,427	\$ 445,427	\$ 445,427	\$ 445,427	\$ 445,427	\$ 2,227,135

<i>Rural Areas (Areas <5,000)</i>					
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
\$ 1,300,489	\$ 1,300,489	\$ 1,300,489	\$ 1,300,489	\$ 1,300,489	\$ 6,502,445

Notes:

(1) Assumes funding remains at FFY2026 level (final year of IJIA) & DEEP would continue to opt out of Rec Trails Program. Future legislation will dictate the number of projects that are ultimately initiated & funding levels in FFY27 and beyond.

(2) Funding suballocated based on the 2020 census. The Springfield & Worcester UA boundaries reduced in Connecticut.

TA Flex					
2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Total
\$ 6,511,124	\$ 6,511,124	\$ 6,511,124	\$ 6,511,124	\$ 6,511,124	\$ 32,555,620

Note: CTDOT is responsible for selecting projects to be funded under TA Flex. Because TA Flex is not restricted by urban area, it serves as the funding source for any shortfall within the suballocated funding categories due to cost escalation. New projects will be selected/funded with TA Flex based on funding availability after covering projects with current commitments.

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



DATE: March 4, 2024

Draft HVMPO & SWRMPO FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Background: Federal law requires the development and maintenance of a TIP, which is a financially-constrained listing of transportation projects covering a period of at least four years. In this case, the upcoming four-year period is for Federal Fiscal Years 2025-2028. The TIP is developed in cooperation with CTDOT and public transit providers. The CTDOT concurrently develops and maintains a Statewide TIP (STIP), the amalgamation of all regional TIPs in Connecticut. Both the TIP and STIP must meet air quality conformity requirements and adhere to transportation planning guidelines.

Next Steps: The draft HVMPO and SWRMPO 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP) will be considered for endorsement at the April 18, 2024 MPO meetings. Also considered for endorsement will be the CTDOT draft Air Quality Conformity Determinations for Ozone and PM 2.5. Below is the WestCOG schedule developed in coordination with CTDOT for the draft 2025-2028 HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP update:

March 1, 2024	Beginning of the Public Comment Period
March 12, 2024	7pm-8pm SWRMPO Public Information Meeting
March 14, 2024	12pm-1pm SWRMPO & HVMPO Virtual Public Information Meeting
March 19, 2024	7pm-8pm HVMPO Public Information Meeting
April 1, 2024	End of Public Comment Period
April 9, 2024	WestCOG's Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has the opportunity to make a recommendation to the MPOs for the 4/18 MPO meeting
April 18, 2024	HVMPO & SWRMPO vote on the draft TIP for endorsement at the MPO meeting

All materials for the draft 2025-2028 HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP were posted on the [WestCOG website](https://www.westcog.org) on March 1, 2024. In accordance with the WestCOG Public Involvement Plan, the required public comment period for the draft TIP is a minimum of 30 days. Comments on the draft TIP or draft air quality conformity may be made by mail to the WestCOG office, email: plan@westcog.org telephone: 475-323-2071 or at the public information meetings. To register to make a comment at the public information meetings, please contact plan@westcog.org and provide your name as well as the subject matter you are commenting on. Comments will be addressed on a first-come, first-served basis. For language assistance or other accommodations, contact Western Connecticut Council of Governments at least five business days prior to the meeting at help@westcog.org.

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Council Representatives
 FROM: WestCOG Staff
 DATE: March 13, 2024
 RE: USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program

Background

The purpose of the SS4A grant program is to improve roadway safety by significantly reducing or eliminating roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Fiscal Year 2024 is the third year of this five-year program. In FY 2024, \$1.25 billion will be available nationwide for grants, of which up to \$580 million will be available for Planning and Demonstration grants, or supplemental planning and demonstration activities in Implementation Grant requests. A local match of no less than 20 percent of the total project cost is required for all SS4A grant funds. The local match may include both cash and in-kind contributions. The SS4A program provides funding for two types of grants noted below:

Planning and Demonstration Grants:

- Provide funding to develop, complete or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. A comprehensive safety action plan includes the following elements: leadership commitment and goal setting, planning structure, safety analysis, engagement and collaboration, equity, policy and process changes, strategy and project selections, progress and transparency methods.
- Funding is also available for supplemental action plan activities, including road safety audits, targeted equity assessments, stakeholder engagement, and additional safety analyses.
- Funding may be used for demonstration activities including feasibility studies using quick-build strategies (such as the use of paint and plastic delineator posts to experiment with impermanent roadway design choices).

Implementation Grants:

- Applicants must have a qualifying Safety Action Plan in place to apply for Implementation Grants.
- Implementation Grant applications fund projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan that address roadway safety problems.
- Infrastructure, behavioral, and operational safety activities are eligible.
- Applications may also include supplemental planning and demonstration activities.

Application Submission

Different deadlines apply to different types of grants. There are three deadlines for successive waves of Planning and Demonstration grant applications on April 4, May 16 and August 29, 2024. The sole deadline for Implementation grant applications is May 16, 2024. Applications must be submitted through Valid Eval which is a third-party web-based evaluation platform used by USDOT

and other Federal programs to support program evaluation. Please visit the following link for more details on how to submit the application and register for a Valid Eval account:

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/how-to-apply>

Program Website: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>

Webinars: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A/webinars>

- Thursday, March 7, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Action Plans
- Friday, March 8, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. – Supplemental Planning and Demonstration Grants
- Wednesday, March 13, 1:30-3:00 p.m. – Implementation Grants

We hope this is helpful. Please contact WestCOG staff if you have any questions.