

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, January 29, 2026 @12:00 p.m.

Location. Ridgefield Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

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 3 minutes per speaker)

- a. Limited to topics on this agenda and to 2 minutes per speaker.

3. COG Action Items

- a. Approval of the January 8th 2026 meeting minutes.....Attachment 3a, pp. 1-3
- b. LOTCIP Adjustment.....Attachment 3b, pp. 4-5

4. MPO Action Items

- a. Approval of the January 8, 2026 meeting minutes.....Attachment 3a, pp. 1-3
- b. FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program.....Attachment 4b, pp. 6-8
 - i. SWRMPO - #0173-0560, Various
 - ii. HVMPO - #0096-0212, Newtown

5. Information Items

- a. CTDOT FY2025 Section 5310 Program ReleaseAttachment 5a, p. 9

6. Other Business

7. Adjournment

8. Next meeting

- a. Thurs. Feb. 19 @12:00 pm

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Others in Attendance: Danbury Planning Director Waleed Albakry, Wilton Assistant Town Planner Daphne White, Westport P&Z Chair Paul Lebowitz, Wilton Director of P&Z Michael Wrinn, New Canaan Board of Finance member Maria Weingarten, Housing Authority of the Town of New Canaan member Krista Neilson, Debra Franchesini-Guje, Town of Sherman Treasurer Andrea Maloney, and Ridgefield resident Tim Vilinskis.

WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianios, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Betsy Paynter, Amal Malik, Vicky Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter.

Call to Order

The COG meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi

The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

The SWRMPO was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Vice Chairman Jon Zagrodzky

Public Comment

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

Featured Presentation

- a. WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering shared a slide presentation on the 2026 House Bill (HB 8002).

COG Action Items

- a. **Approval of the December 2025 meeting minutes**

After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the December 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

- b. **Election of Officers**

This item was tabled to a future meeting.

MPO Action Items

- a. **Approval of the December 2025 HVMPO Meeting minutes** 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 December 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

- b. **Approval of the November 2025 SWRMPO 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 November 2025 meeting were unanimously approved.

- c. FY25-FY28 SWR November Transportation Improvement Program SWRMPO – #0301-0509CN, Stamford; #0301-0189CN, Norwalk; #0301-0187CN, Norwalk; #0301-0176CN, Norwalk; #0300-2026TK, Various; #0102-0380, Norwalk

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the FY25-FY28 SWR November Transportation Improvement Program adjustments were unanimously approved.

- d. 2026-0108-#01-November SWRMPO Resolution for Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT

WestCOG's Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the 2026-0108-#01-November SWRMPO Resolution for Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT were unanimously approved.

Information Items

- a. Legislative Reception- Save the Date

WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided an overview. The Legislative Reception is scheduled for Thursday January 29th at 12:00 at the Ridgefield Town Hall Annex. There is no virtual option for this meeting.

- b. Legislative Priorities

Francis Pickering provided an overview.

Other Business

Adjournment

On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 10:38AM.

Next meeting

- a. COG/MPO/Legislative Reception: Thursday, January 29, 2026 @ 12:00 PM

WestCOG LOTCIP Program
1/29/2026 Adjustment

Municipality	Project	Amount	Cap (Maximum LOTCIP funds)	Status	Expiration Date *
Available funding (FY2014-2027), net of estimated administrative costs		\$160,487,100			
Bethel	TOD Pedestrian and Streetscape, Phase 1	(\$1,500,000)		3. CTF, in final design	4/1/2026
Bethel	Sidewalks, Phase 2	(\$2,000,000)		3. CTF, in final design	8/20/2026
Brookfield	US 202 Streetscape, Phase 1 (Four Corners)	(\$798,351)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Brookfield	US 202 Streetscape, Phase 3	(\$1,152,000)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Brookfield	Streetscape, Phases 5 and 7	(\$1,781,000)		3. CTF, in final design	8/20/2026
Brookfield	Streetscape, Phase 4	(\$2,390,000)		2. Application pending	8/20/2026
Danbury	White Street and Locust Avenue	(\$3,613,000)		4. Under construction	N/A
Danbury	Fiber Optic Trunk Cable, Phase 1	(\$6,900,000)	\$7,000,000	3. CTF, in final design	1/18/2029
Danbury	360 Degree Video Detection	(\$3,948,000)	\$4,000,000	3. CTF, in final design	2/14/2030
Danbury	Downtown Danbury Streetscape Renaissance Project	(\$4,000,000)	\$4,000,000	3. CTF, in final design	1/16/2031
Danbury	Tarrywile Park, Norwalk River Valley Trail	(\$712,000)		3. CTF, in final design	11/29/2028
Darien	Noroton Avenue-West Avenue Intersection	(\$973,000)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Darien	Noroton Avenue-Ledge Avenue Intersection	(\$1,650,000)		2. Application pending	3/20/2026
Greenwich	Sound Beach Avenue over Cider Mill Brook	(\$2,534,677)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Greenwich	Frontage Road and Delavan Avenue	(\$1,375,528)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Greenwich	Davis Avenue over Indian Harbor	(\$2,917,207)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Greenwich	Glenville Corridor Ped and Road Improvements	(\$2,143,000)		4. Under construction	N/A
Greenwich	Replacement of North Street Bridge over West Brothers Brook	(\$4,276,150)		3. CTF, in final design	4/20/2028
Greenwich	US 1 Sidewalk Connectivity & ADA Accessibility	(\$4,521,000)		3. CTF, in final design	4/26/2029
New Canaan	Park Street Sidewalks	(\$980,000)		3. CTF, in final design	10/1/2026
New Canaan	Talmadge Hill Railroad Station	(\$860,000)		3. CTF, in final design	10/1/2027
New Fairfield	Route 39 and Saw Mill Road (Candlewood Corners Drainage)	(\$553,981)		5. Construction complete	N/A
New Fairfield	Downtown Sidewalk and Streetscape Improvements	(\$1,956,000)		3. CTF, in final design	8/20/2026
New Milford	Wellsville Avenue over East Aspetuck River	(\$1,148,534)		5. Construction complete	N/A
New Milford	Still River Drive and Pickett District Road Roundabout	(\$1,219,175)		5. Construction complete	N/A
New Milford	Pumpkin Hill Road-Still River Drive Intersection	(\$1,804,000)		3. CTF, in final design	6/24/2025
New Milford	Wellsville Avenue Road and Sidewalk Improvements	(\$3,243,000)		3. CTF, in final design	8/20/2026
New Milford	Intersection Improvements at Grove Street and Hine Hill Road	(\$532,000)	\$4,000,000	3. CTF, in final design	1/16/2031
New Milford	East Street-Elm Street Intersection	(\$657,000)		3. CTF, in final design	9/9/2026
Newtown	Toddy Hill Road over Curtis Pond Brook	(\$2,247,047)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Norwalk	East Wall St-Landmark Square Streetscape Improvements	(\$2,439,000)		4. Under construction	N/A
Norwalk	Wall Street Corridor	(\$7,000,000)	\$7,000,000	3. CTF, in final design	5/17/2029
Norwalk	Roundabout at Richard Avenue and West Cedar Street	(\$4,000,000)	\$4,000,000	2. Application pending	2/14/2030
Ridgefield	Ligi's Way Combined Use Path	(\$3,060,000)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Ridgefield	Norwalk Valley River Trail, Ridgefield Ramble	(\$3,062,000)		3. CTF, in final design	6/17/2027
Ridgefield	Ridgebury Road Drainage and Pavement Improvements	(\$4,000,000)	\$4,000,000	1. Pre-Application	1/16/2031
Stamford	Fiber Optic Trunk Cable	(\$5,411,892)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Stamford	West Main Street (Route 1) and West Avenue	(\$1,987,496)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Stamford	Greenwich Avenue-Pulaski Street	(\$3,928,312)		4. Under construction	N/A
Stamford	360 Degree Video Detection	(\$2,790,000)		3. CTF, in final design	11/15/2025
Stamford	Atlantic Street-Main Street Intersection	(\$2,841,600)		3. CTF, in final design	4/30/2026
Stamford	Lower Atlantic Street Corridor Improvements	(\$6,955,000)	\$7,000,000	3. CTF, in final design	8/20/2026
Stamford	North State Street Multimodal Gateway	(\$4,600,200)		3. CTF, in final design	8/20/2026
Stamford	Strawberry Hill Avenue-Rock Spring Road Intersection Improvement	(\$1,820,000)		3. CTF, in final design	1/15/2027
Stamford	Shippan-Harbor-Magee Roundabout	(\$2,830,000)		3. CTF, in final design	4/22/2027
Stamford	Bridge Street Corridor Multimodal Safety and Mobility	(\$4,128,000)		3. CTF, in final design	11/18/2027
Stamford	Glenbrook Rd-Church St Intersection and TOD Improvement	(\$4,321,000)		3. CTF, in final design	5/25/2028
Stamford	Citywide Pedestrian Signal Infrastructure and Safety Upgrades	(\$3,114,000)		3. CTF, in final design	11/29/2028
Stamford	Citywide Signal System Upgrade	(\$3,870,000)		3. CTF, in final design	11/29/2028
Stamford	Strawberry Hill/Newfield Ave Corridor Reconstruction	(\$4,284,000)		3. CTF, in final design	11/29/2028
Stamford	Third Street Corridor and Intersection Improvements	(\$5,772,000)		2. Application pending	1/18/2029
Weston	Lyons Plain Road Pavement Rehabilitation	(\$2,715,000)		4. Under construction	N/A
Weston	Pedestrian Safety Improvements	(\$1,956,500)		3. CTF, in final design	10/31/2025
Weston	Valley Forge Road Pavement Rehabilitation, Phases 1 and 2	(\$5,357,000)		3. CTF, in final design	11/29/2028
Westport	Main Street (Route 57) and Compo Road North (Route 136)	(\$1,138,000)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Westport	Riverside Avenue Roadway and Sidewalk Improvements	(\$985,193)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Westport	Compo Road South (Route 136) Sidewalk Improvements	(\$2,040,000)		3. CTF, in final design	10/1/2025
Westport	Replacement of the Hillandale Road over Muddy Brook	(\$2,845,000)	\$4,000,000	3. CTF, in final design	2/14/2030
Westport	Easton Road Pedestrian Safety Improvements	(\$4,000,000)	\$4,000,000	3. CTF, in final design	1/16/2031
Wilton	Pedestrian Walkway, Wilton Train Station	(\$1,416,000)		5. Construction complete	N/A
Wilton	Preservation of Local Bridges (Nos. 4985, 4978, 4980, 4982)	(\$2,365,000)		3. CTF, in final design	8/20/2026
Wilton	Wilton Loop North, Norwalk River Valley Trail	(\$3,020,000)		3. CTF, in final design	11/18/2027
	Total COG-Endorsed Funds (including requested adjustments)	(\$174,437,843)			
	Remaining Balance	(\$13,950,743)			
	Endorsed/Allocated	108.7%			

* COG endorsement expires by this date if CT DOT has not issued Authorization to Advertise

① Increased by \$426,150 from \$3,850,000

TAG: Recommended approval 1/13/2026

COG: To be considered 1/29/2026

Net change in COG-endorsed funds

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TO: MPO Members
DATE: January 5, 2026
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. 0173-0560 – Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations

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

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

HVMPO FFY 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Background: The FFY2025-2028 Housatonic Valley 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. 0096-0212– Drainage Asset Study

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

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

0173-0560 - REPLACE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

REPLACE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	1, 6, 7, 8
Town:	DISTRICT 3
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$3,346,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Preliminary Design	STPA	\$0	\$0	\$2,474,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,474,000
Total Preliminary Design		\$0	\$0	\$2,474,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,474,000
Final Design	STPA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$752,000	\$0	\$0	\$752,000
Total Final Design		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$752,000	\$0	\$0	\$752,000
Right of Way	STPA	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$120,000
Total Right of Way		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$120,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$2,474,000	\$872,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,346,000

Current Change Reason:	New Project
Federal Project Cost:	Stays the same \$3,346,000
Total Project Cost:	Stays the same \$3,346,000
Air Quality Changes:	Air Quality has changed from None to X7

0096-0212 - DRAINAGE ASSET STUDY

DRAINAGE ASSET STUDY

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	2, 5
Town:	MIDDLEBURY, NEWTOWN, SOUTHBURY
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$380,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Planning	PRPL	\$0	\$0	\$304,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$304,000
Planning	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$76,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$76,000
Total Planning		\$0	\$0	\$380,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$380,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$380,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$380,000

Current Change Reason:	New Project
Federal Project Cost:	Stays the same \$304,000
Total Project Cost:	Stays the same \$380,000
Air Quality Changes:	Air Quality has changed from None to X6

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TO: MPO Members
 FROM: Todd Fontanella
 DATE: January 21, 2026
 RE: **Section 5310 Grant Program Solicitation**

Overview: The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has advised WestCOG of the release of the latest (FY 2025) Section 5310 Grant Program.

The Section 5310 Program is intended to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding transportation mobility options. It supports transportation services planned designed and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas of Connecticut-large urbanized (over 200,000); small urbanized (50,000-200,000), and rural (under 50,000).

Eligible Recipients include private nonprofit organizations, states or local government authorities, or operators of public transportation. Taxi companies may participate in the Section 5310 program as contractors and may apply through a coordinating entity.

Traditional Capital (vehicles), Nontraditional Capital (equipment or accessible taxis) and Operating (expenses, voucher programs, mobility management, etc.) applications will be accepted in this round. CTDOT will fund Traditional vehicles at 80% federal share and will attempt to fund Nontraditional Capital projects at 80% or Operating projects at 50% or 80% federal share, according to category in [CTDOT's FFY 2025 Grant Application Instructions](#).

Additional details, including applications and program criteria, may be found at CTDOT's Section 5310 Program webpage, www.ct.gov/dot/5310. See https://portal.ct.gov/dot/publictrans/bureau-of-public-transportation/section-5310-application-materials?language=en_US for the application materials. Applicants are requested to submit their applications to both CTDOT and the Regional Councils of Governments (RCOGs) via email as one (1) PDF attachment.

Important Deadlines:

- **Friday March 6, 2026, for Traditional Capital Projects:** a public notice must be published in a major newspaper in the proposed service area.
- **Tuesday, March 31, 2026 by 4:00 p.m.:** finalized Traditional and Nontraditional applications should be sent electronically to DOT.Section5310@ct.gov for CTDOT, and cc to Todd Fontanella of WestCOG at tfontanella@westcog.org.

CTDOT will provide technical assistance to those interested in applying at DOT.Section5310@ct.gov and WestCOG's Section 5310 Project Review Committee will review and prioritize regional applications. I'm available as well should you have questions, by email at tfontanella@westcog.org or by phone at (475) 323-2076.