

WestCOG/HVMPO/SWRMPO Special 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 8, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

3. Featured Presentation

- a. WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering on the Housing Bill.

4. COG Action Items

- a. Approval of the December 2025 meeting minutes.....Attachment 4a, pp. 1-4
- b. Election of Officers

5. MPO Action Items

- a. Approval of the December 2025 HVMPO Meeting minutes.....Attachment 4a, pp. 1-4
- b. Approval of the November 2025 SWRMPO meeting minutes.....Attachment 5b, pp. 5-8
- c. FY25-FY28 SWR December Transportation Improvement ProgramAttachment 5c, pp. 9-15
SWRMPO - #0301-0509CN, Stamford; #0301-0189CN, Norwalk; #0301-0187CN,
Norwalk; #0301-0176CN, Norwalk; #0300-2026TK, Various; #0102-0380, Norwalk
- d. 2026-0108-#01-December SWRMPO Resolution for Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance
Measures Established by CTDOT.....Attachment 5d, pp. 16-19

6. Information Items

- a. Legislative Reception- Save the Date.....Attachment 6a, p. 20
- b. Legislative Priorities

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7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

9. Next meeting

a. MPO-COG-Legislative Reception: Thursday, January 29, 2026

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Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TO: MPO Members
DATE: December 29, 2025
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. 0301-0509CN: NHL-Stamford Maintenance of Equipment Facility
2. 0301-0189CN: NHL-Fort Point Street Bridge
3. 0301-0187CN: NHL-Replacement-East Avenue Bridge
4. 0301-0176CN: NHL-Walk Movable Bridge Program
5. 0300-2026TK: New Haven Line Track Program
6. 0102-0380: Mill and Pave Various Bridges

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

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

0301-0509CN - NHL - STAMFORD MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT FACILITY

NHL - STAMFORD MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT FACILITY

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	1
Town:	STAMFORD
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$56,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	5307P	-	-	\$44,800,000	-	-	-	\$44,800,000
Construction	State Match	-	-	\$11,200,000	-	-	-	\$11,200,000
Total Construction		-	-	\$56,000,000	-	-	-	\$56,000,000
Total Programmed		-	-	\$56,000,000	-	-	-	\$56,000,000

Current Change Reason:	New Project
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "October 2024 Amendment" to "December 2025 Amendment"
Funding Changes:	5307C
Funding Changes:	- Decrease funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$30,000,000 to \$0
Funding Changes:	State Match
Funding Changes:	- Decrease funds in FY 2025 in CON from \$7,500,000 to \$0
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$0 to \$11,200,000
Funding Changes:	5307P
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$0 to \$44,800,000
Federal Project Cost:	Increased from \$30,000,000 to \$44,800,000 (49.33%)
Total Project Cost:	Increased from \$37,500,000 to \$56,000,000 (49.33%)

0301-0189CN - NHL - FORT POINT STREET BRIDGE

NHL - FORT POINT STREET BRIDGE

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	1
Town:	NORWALK
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$85,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	5307P	-	-	\$68,000,000	-	-	-	\$68,000,000
Construction	State Match	-	-	\$17,000,000	-	-	-	\$17,000,000
Total Construction		-	-	\$85,000,000	-	-	-	\$85,000,000
Total Programmed		-	-	\$85,000,000	-	-	-	\$85,000,000

Current Change Reason:	New Project
Federal Project Cost:	Stays the same \$68,000,000
Total Project Cost:	Stays the same \$85,000,000
Air Quality Changes:	Air Quality has changed from None to X6

0301-0187CN - NHL - REPLACEMENT- EAST AVENUE BRIDGE

NHL-REPLACEMENT- EAST AVENUE BRIDGE

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	1
Town:	NORWALK
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$40,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	5307P	-	-	\$32,000,000	-	-	-	\$32,000,000
Construction	State Match	-	-	\$8,000,000	-	-	-	\$8,000,000
Total Construction		-	-	\$40,000,000	-	-	-	\$40,000,000
Total Programmed		-	-	\$40,000,000	-	-	-	\$40,000,000

Current Change Reason:	New Project
Federal Project Cost:	Stays the same \$32,000,000
Total Project Cost:	Stays the same \$40,000,000
Air Quality Changes:	Air Quality has changed from None to X6

0301-0176CN - NHL - WALK MOVABLE BRIDGE PROGRAM

NHL - WALK MOVABLE BRIDGE PROGRAM

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	1
Town:	VARIOUS
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$100,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	5307P	-	-	\$80,000,000	-	-	-	\$80,000,000
Construction	State Match	-	-	\$20,000,000	-	-	-	\$20,000,000
Total Construction		-	-	\$100,000,000	-	-	-	\$100,000,000
Total Programmed		-	-	\$100,000,000	-	-	-	\$100,000,000

Current Change Reason:	New Project
Federal Project Cost:	Stays the same \$80,000,000
Total Project Cost:	Stays the same \$100,000,000
Air Quality Changes:	Air Quality has changed from None to X6

0300-2026TK - NEW HAVEN LINE TRACK PROGRAM

NEW HAVEN LINE TRACK PROGRAM

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	78
Town:	VARIOUS
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$30,224,246

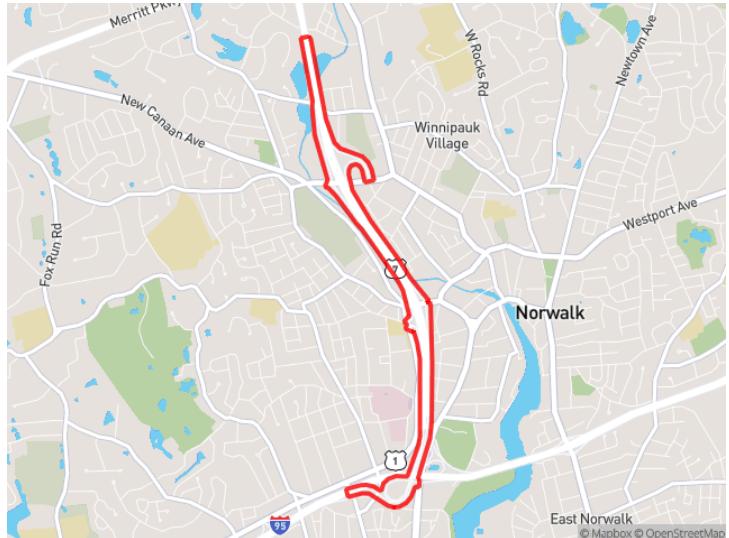
Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
All Phases	5307C	-	-	\$9,000,000	-	-	-	\$9,000,000
All Phases	5307P	-	-	\$8,000,000	-	-	-	\$8,000,000
All Phases	5337	-	-	\$7,179,397	-	-	-	\$7,179,397
All Phases	State Match	-	-	\$6,044,849	-	-	-	\$6,044,849
Total All Phases		-	-	\$30,224,246	-	-	-	\$30,224,246
Total Programmed		-	-	\$30,224,246	-	-	-	\$30,224,246

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "October 2024 Amendment" to "December 2025 Amendment"
Funding Changes:	State Match
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in ALL from \$0 to \$2,000,000
Funding Changes:	5307P
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in ALL from \$0 to \$8,000,000
Federal Project Cost:	Increased from \$16,179,397 to \$24,179,397 (49.45%)
Total Project Cost:	Increased from \$20,224,246 to \$30,224,246 (49.45%)

0102-0380 - MILL & PAVE VARIOUS BRIDGES

MILL & PAVE VARIOUS BRIDGES

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	1
Town:	NORWALK
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$14,500,000



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	BRFP	\$0	\$0	\$9,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,900,000
Construction	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,000
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$2,900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,900,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$14,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,500,000
-	BRFP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
-	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$14,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,500,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "November 2025 Amendment" to "December 2025 Amendment"
Funding Changes:	BRFP
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$5,100,000 to \$9,900,000
Funding Changes:	State Match
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$1,275,000 to \$2,475,000
Federal Project Cost:	Increased from \$6,800,000 to \$11,600,000 (70.59%)
Total Project Cost:	Increased from \$8,500,000 to \$14,500,000 (70.59%)

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



2026-01-8 #01 RESOLUTION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF TARGETS FOR SAFETY PERFORMANCE MEASURES ESTABLISHED BY CTDOT

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

WHEREAS the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures by August 31, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established targets for five performance measures using both a 5-year moving average trendline and an annual trendline to guide the selection of targets for:

- (1) Number of Fatalities,
- (2) Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
- (3) Number of Serious Injuries,
- (4) Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and
- (5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries, and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Connecticut at the August 2025 COG Coordination meeting, and

WHEREAS, the CTDOT has officially adopted the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report dated August 31, 2025, and the Triennial Highway Safety Plan (24/25/26) dated July 2023 and

WHEREAS the SWRMPO may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the aforementioned State's targets, or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board has agreed to support CTDOT's 2026 targets for the five safety performance targets as attached herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the MPO Policy Board will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

CERTIFICATE: The undersigned duly qualified Secretary of the SWRMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the voting members of the SWRMPO on December 18, 2025.

Date: January 8, 2026

By: _____

Toni Boucher

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



DATE: October 30, 2025

Safety Performance Measures – 2026 CT DOT Safety Targets

Background: On March 15, 2016, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published a final rule to establish performance measures for State departments of transportation to carry out the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The HSIP is a federal-aid program which seeks to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. There are five safety performance management measures for the purpose of carrying out the HSIP:

- Number of Fatalities
- Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
- Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-Motorized Serious Injuries

CT DOT Statement on Target Setting: As stated in the following document, it is important to note that the term “Target” used in this technical memo is in accordance with the Federal Register, but CT DOT disagrees with the use of the term “Target” as it implies that a specific number of deaths or serious injuries are acceptable. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determines whether a State has met its Safety Performance Targets based on the 5-year moving average. The use of 5-year moving averages smooths out what can sometimes be significant fluctuations in data from one year to the next. Since large annual fluctuations in data are relatively common, basing performance targets on “annual” data alone can result in the selection of faulty targets and an inability to achieve the selected performance targets. CT DOT is committed to setting “aggressive” safety targets and then developing a strong program to achieve the targets. This aggressive target setting increases the risks of not achieving targets, but it is consistent with the high priority that CT DOT has given to advancing its safety program. Additionally, FHWA recognizes states may choose to set aggressive targets as part of their strong commitment to safety. CT DOT is actively working to decrease the traffic fatalities on Connecticut roadways, developing non-receding or improving data driven targets, with the ultimate goal of zero fatalities.

CT DOT 2026 Safety Targets:

A summary of the targets and data analysis are included in the following document provided by CT DOT. The proposed targets established for 2026 are as follows:

- Number of Fatalities: 270
- Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT): 0.850
- Number of Serious Injuries: 1,300
- Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT: 4.300

- Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 280

Next Steps: Both CTDOT and the Connecticut MPOs are required to establish and report safety targets, but at different times. CTDOT set their targets for the five categories referenced above in August 2025. Following the establishment of State targets, MPOs have 180 days to either support CTDOT targets or establish other targets. Targets may be adjusted annually. If HVMPO and SWRMPO set their own targets, they then take on the responsibility of developing a methodology, reporting on targets, and meeting the targets. WestCOG is unable to calculate Rate of Fatalities per 100 million VMT and Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT due to the lack of VMT data available for the Region. Historically, the TAG and MPOs have voted to support the State's targets.

The 180-day window for setting MPO targets closes February of 2026 and requires action. The MPO's have two options, they may support the CTDOT targets or develop their own quantifiable targets. The TAG can consider recommending the MPO Policy Boards endorse resolutions supporting the 2026 State Targets.

Role of MPO in Supporting Performance Measures: In 2022, the HVMPO and SWRMPO signed resolutions to endorse the eventual goal of zero highway fatalities and serious injuries. The voting members committed to achieving an 80% reduction in highway fatalities and serious injuries over the next 25 years. The MPOs work to achieve this goal by:

- Supporting countermeasures from the Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP), which identifies high crash locations and determines if infrastructure, behavioral education and/or enforcement improvements are needed. WestCOG will be updating the RTSP in 2026.
- Submitting grant applications to implement data-driven, multimodal, multidisciplinary roadway safety solutions in the Region. This includes WestCOG's 2023 grant award from the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program. The funding will be used to implement systemic safety improvements at 93 locations throughout the Region; these improvements were based on the recommendations from the RTSP.
- Identifying and potentially including safety to aid in the solicitation process for transportation programs such as LOTCIP and TAP.
- Active membership on the CTDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan Committee.
- Active membership on the Safety Circuit Rider Advisory Committee, Connecticut Transportation Institute.
- Evaluating safety as part of ongoing transportation planning projects and corridor studies.

SAVE THE DATE



LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION



29 JANUARY 2026
AT 12:00 PM

The Ridgefield Town Hall
Annex

A hot lunch will be
provided
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