

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, February 19, 2026 @12:00 p.m.

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

Virtual Option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88222966740> Meeting ID: 882 2296 6740

1. Call to Order

- a. COG Meeting: Hon. Rudy Marconi
- b. HVMPO Meeting: Hon. Julia Pemberton
- c. SWRMPO Meeting: Hon. Jon Zagrodzky

2. Public Participation (Limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

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

3. Featured Presentation

- a. Congressman Jim Himes on the Build America Caucus
- b. Toole Design Group – Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox Presentation.
- c. CT Tire Stewardship

4. COG Action Items

- a. Approval of the January 2026 Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 4a, pp. 1-3
- b. Election of Officers
- c. Resolution 2026-02-19 #01 Regional Services Grant Contracted Services.....Attachment 4c, pp. 4-6
- d. LOTCIP AdjustmentsAttachment 4d, pp. 7-10
- e. Financial Update

5. MPO Action Items

- a. Approval of the January 29, 2026 HVMPO Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 4a, pp. 1-3
- b. Approval of the January 08, 2026 SWRMPO Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 5b, pp. 11-13
- c. Election of Officers
- d. FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program.....Attachment 5c, pp. 14-17
 - i. SWRMPO - #0173-0560, Various; #0499-2024BS, Various
 - ii. HVMPO - #0499-2024UR, Various

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6. Information Items

- a. Transit Safety Measures and TargetsAttachment 6a, pp. 18-23
- b. FY 2027-2030 Draft Transportation Improvement Program
- c. 2026 Active Transportation Microgrants Program.....Attachment 6c, p. 24
- d. 2027-2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Project Solicitation
- e. Noise Ordinances of CT – Report and InventoryAttachment 6e, p. 25
- f. Legislative Update

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

Next meeting

- a. Thurs. March 19, 2026 @12:00 pm

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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Scheduled for: Thursday, January 29 , 12:00 p.m.

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

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 Eric Gsell COG/HVMPO
 Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn COG/HVMPO
 Danbury Absent COG/HVMPO
 Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky COG/SWRMPO
 Greenwich..... Selectman Lauren Rabin COG/SWRMPO
 New Canaan..... First Selectman Dionna Carlson COG/SWRMPO
 New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco COG/HVMPO
 New Milford..... AbsentCOG/HVMPO
 Newtown First Selectman Bruce Walczak COG/HVMPO
 Norwalk..... Absent
 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..... Absent
 Westport..... First Selectman Kevin Christie COG/SWRMPO
 Wilton..... Absent
 Transit Representative..... Absent
 Transit Representative..... HARTransit CEO Bob Yastremski HVMPO
 CTDOT CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott
 MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

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Others in Attendance: Senator Julie Kushner, State Representative Jonathan Steinberg, State Rep. Raghil Allie-Brennan, State Rep. Mitch Bolinsky, State Rep. Anne Hughes, State Rep. Steve Meskers, State Rep. Hector Arzeno, State Rep. Savet Constantine, State Rep. Lucy Dathan, State Rep. Ken Gucker, State Rep. Tracy Marra, Greenwich Selectwoman Rachel Khanna, Sarah Lopez from Senator Murhy's office, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Genevieve Perruccio from Senator Murphy's office, Wendy Moore from Habitat for Humanity, PACE member Patrice Gillespie, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Kristin Floberg, Todd Fontanella, Betsy Paynter, Kristin Floberg, Nicholas Trabka, Amal Malik, Sagnik Chand, Eddie Provitz, Garrett Reed, Vicky Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter.

Call to Order

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Rudy Marconi
The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Julia Pemberton
The SWRMPO meeting did not have quorum.

Public Comment

A member of the public spoke out against the Margerie Trail project.

COG Action Items

Approval of the January 8th 2026 meeting minutes

After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn the minutes of the January 8, 2026 meeting were unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustment

WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the LOTICIP adjustment was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

Approval of the January 8, 2026 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 January 8, 2026 HVMPO meeting minutes were unanimously approved. The minutes of the January 8 2026 SWRMPO meeting were not approved because quorum was not met.

FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program

SWRMPO - #0173-0560, Various

SWRMPO quorum was not present.

HVMPO - #0096-0212

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco the HVMPO - #0096-0212, Newtown amendment was unanimously approved.

Information Items

CTDOT FY2025 Section 5310 Program Release

WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided an update.

Other Business

Adjournment

On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Next meeting

Thursday February 19th @ 12:00p.m.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE COG MEMBERS

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Council Representatives
 FROM: Francis Pickering, Executive Director
 DATE: February 17, 2026
 RE: Regional Services Grant (RSG) FY2026 Contracted Services

Purpose

Expenditure of additional RSG funds to meet new regional and local requirements.

Background

Pursuant to November Special Session Public Act 25-1 (SS PA 25-1) *An Act Concerning Housing Growth*, WestCOG is receiving an additional \$400,000 annually in RSG funds. Per the PA, \$200,000 may be used for the planning and development of additional housing, and the remaining \$200,000 may be used for *either* flood and stormwater services *or* municipal solid waste and recycling coordination, where the COG must select one of these two service areas. However, because SS PA 25-1 was passed mid-year, the initial \$400,000 (for state fiscal year 2026) may only be expended during the period from January 1 through June 30, 2026. WestCOG's agreement with OPM has been addended to reflect these additional funds.

In conjunction with the Executive Committee, WestCOG has developed a plan to fully expend these funds in service of the activities identified in SS PA 25-1. Expenditure of these funds will occur through the filling of vacant positions (for housing planning and data collection), as well as through the engagement of consultants to provide technical assistance to the region and its member municipalities. Listed activities include:

Housing

These activities will support compliance with and implementation of new planning and zoning requirements under the PA (e.g., residential/mixed use of commercially zoned parcels via summary review, development of a regional housing growth plan).

1. Regional Housing Coordinator
2. Housing growth plan development
3. Staff municipal housing assistance
4. Planning/zoning consultants
5. Transit-oriented development planning

Flood/Stormwater

These activities will support compliance with the new requirements in PA 25-33 (e.g., the incorporation of climate change into local Plans of Conservation and Development, inventory and reporting on culverts and small bridges).

1. Regional Stormwater Management/Flood Mitigation Coordinator
2. Stormwater/flood-related hazard planning
3. Municipal stormwater management technical assistance
4. Regional flood mitigation program

Discussion

Adoption of a resolution (attached) authorizing the execution of agreements for regional housing and flood/stormwater services, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, would:

- Enable WestCOG staff to fully leverage the state fiscal year (SFY) 2026 RSG award;
- Provide support to members in complying with new statutory mandates; and
- Enable the acceleration of existing work.

Note that this memo and attached pertains only to the current SFY. The programming and, as applicable, authorization to expend future fiscal year installments of this additional funding is expected to follow WestCOG's annual process, which includes presentation of a draft RSG Spending Plan to the COG in May, with its approval and submission to OPM in June.

Next steps

Upon COG approval, a motion may be made to adopt the proposed resolution authorizing the execution of contracts for SFY 2026 housing and flood/stormwater services.

[2026/02/19 #01]
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL SERVICES GRANT FY2026 CONTRACTED SERVICES

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Julia Pemberton, Secretary of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (hereinafter “WestCOG”) certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by WestCOG at its meeting on February 19th, 2026, in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS each regional Council of Governments receives an annual Regional Services Grant (RSG) to provide regional services, via the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM);

WHEREAS the November 2025 Special Session Public Act 25-1 (SS PA 25-1) increased WestCOG’s RSG by \$400,000 annually; and

WHEREAS SS PA 25-1 provides for \$200,000 of these funds to be used for providing technical support and legal services for the planning and development of additional housing and \$200,000 of these funds to be used for *either* stormwater management and flood mitigation *or* municipal solid waste and recycling coordination;

WHEREAS the mid-year passage of SS PA 25-1 has compressed the expenditure period for the first state fiscal year (SFY 2026) of this additional \$400,000 to a six-month period, beginning January 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS these funds may only be expended in accordance with WestCOG’s RSG contract with OPM, which includes non-supplanting requirements and may not provide for the carryover of these funds into a future state fiscal year; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that WestCOG’s Chairman, Vice Chairman, or Executive Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute all appropriate and necessary agreements to expend these additional SFY 2026 funds in accordance with SS PA 25-1 and the conditions of WestCOG’s RSG contract with OPM, in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, provided that any agreements entered into pursuant to this resolution shall be functionally phased by funding year and shall provide WestCOG with the right to terminate such agreements, for any cause, including but not limited to the failure to receive anticipated future RSG Spending Plan approval or RSG funding, upon thirty (30) days’ written notice; and further provided that WestCOG retains the authority to apply for grants or other funding sources to defray the costs of the program.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of February 19th, 2026.

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Julia Pemberton, Secretary
Western Connecticut Council of Governments
February 19th, 2026. [

2025 LOTCIP Project Proposals

WestCOG Staff Recommendations

Attachment 4d

| Municipality | Short Description/Title | Estimated Total Cost | Requested LOTCIP funds | LOTCIP Funds Recommended | Suitability for COG Commitment |
|--------------|--|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Brookfield | Town Hall Campus Master Plan - Phase 2 | \$1,063,200 | \$1,063,200 | \$1,063,200 | Recommended for funding - 1st priority |
| Greenwich | Replacement of the Fairfield Road Culvert No. 2 over Brother Brook | \$1,432,400 | \$1,432,400 | \$1,432,400 | Recommended for funding - 1st priority |
| New Canaan | Route 106-Farm Road Intersection Improvement | \$1,420,000 | \$1,420,000 | \$1,420,000 | Recommended for funding - 1st priority |
| Ridgefield | Ridgebury Road Pavement Restoration, Phase I | \$3,924,000 | \$3,924,000 | \$3,924,000 | Recommended for funding - 1st priority |
| Stamford | Bull's Head Pedestrian Safety Improvements | \$8,309,018 | \$4,000,000 | \$4,000,000 | Recommended for funding - 1st priority |
| Danbury | Citywide Pedestrian Safety & Traffic Controller Improvements | \$3,960,000 | \$3,960,000 | | Suitable for initiation, subject to available funding |
| Weston | Old Hyde Road | \$1,273,200 | \$1,273,200 | | Suitable for initiation, subject to available funding |
| Wilton | NRVT Ridge Route (length of 4,682 feet) | \$3,087,600 | \$3,087,600 | | Suitable for initiation, subject to available funding |
| Wilton | NRVT Ridge Route (length of 1,550 feet) | \$706,800 | \$706,800 | | Suitable but redundant to larger/longer project |
| Greenwich | Route 1-Bryan Road Traffic Control Signal | \$806,400 | \$806,400 | | Refinement needed |
| Greenwich | Replacement of the River Road Bridge over Strickland Brook | \$6,876,000 | \$4,000,000 | | Refinement needed |
| New Milford | Old Boardman Bridge Rehabilitation | \$4,000,000 | \$4,000,000 | | Refinement needed |
| Norwalk | Ward Street Corridor Safety Improvement Project | \$3,867,093 | \$3,867,093 | | Refinement needed |
| Stamford | Long Ridge Road Corridor Improvements | \$5,488,800 | \$4,678,400 | | Refinement needed |
| TOTAL | | \$45,507,711 | \$37,512,293 | \$11,839,600 | |

WestCOG LOTCIP Program
02/19/2026 Adjustments

| 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 | (\$1,017,303) | | 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 |
| Brookfield | Town Hall Campus Master Plan - Phase 2 | (\$1,063,200) | \$4,000,000 | 1. Pre-Application | 2/19/2032 |
| 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 |
| Greenwich | Replacement of the Fairfield Road Culvert No. 2 over Brother Brook | (\$1,432,400) | \$4,000,000 | 1. Pre-Application | 2/19/2032 |
| 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 Canaan | Route 106-Farm Road Intersection Improvement | (\$1,420,000) | \$4,000,000 | 1. Pre-Application | 2/19/2032 |
| 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 |
| Ridgefield | Ridgebury Road Pavement Restoration, Phase I | (\$3,924,000) | \$4,000,000 | 1. Pre-Application | 2/19/2032 |
| 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 | (\$4,430,200) | | 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 |
| Stamford | Bull's Head Pedestrian Safety Improvements | (\$4,000,000) | \$4,000,000 | 1. Pre-Application | 2/19/2032 |
| Weston | Lyons Plain Road Pavement Rehabilitation | (\$2,715,000) | | 4. Under construction | N/A |
| Weston | Pedestrian Safety Improvements | (\$1,956,500) | | 4. Under construction | N/A |
| 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 |

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| Stamford | Bull's Head Pedestrian Safety Improvements | (\$4,000,000) | \$4,000,000 | 1. Pre-Application | 2/19/2032 |
| | | | | | |
| | Total COG-Endorsed Funds (including requested adjustments) | (\$186,142,746) | | | |
| | Remaining Balance | (\$25,655,646) | | | |
| | Endorsed/Allocated | 116.0% | | | |

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

- ① Reduced by \$134,697 from \$1,152,000
- ② New project added

TAG: Recommended approval 02/10/2026
COG: To be considered 02/19/2026

Net change in COG-endorsed funds Increase **\$11,704,903**

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 Transit Representative..... Absent
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 CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott (Non-voting MPO member)
 MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

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 Hadjstylianos, 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



Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TO: MPO Members
DATE: February 2, 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
2. 0499-2024BS – Sec 5310 Program-Enhanced Mobility of Seniors/Individuals w/ Disabilities-Bridgeport/Stamford FY24

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. 0499-2024UR – Sec 5310 Program-Enhanced Mobility of Seniors/Individuals w/ Disabilities/Other Urban FY24

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

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| 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 |

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| 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 |

0499-2024BS - SEC 5310 PRGRM-ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS/INDIVIDUALS w/DISABILITIES-BRDGPT/STMFY24

SEC 5310 PRGRM-ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS/INDIVIDUALS w/DISABILITIES-BRDGPT/STMFY24

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|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Lead Agency: | CTDOT |
| Project Type: | FTA |
| Region: | 1, 7 |
| Town: | BRPT/STFD URBAN AREA |
| Air Quality Status: | - |
| Total Cost: | \$1,541,955 |

| Phase | Fund Source | Prior | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | Future | Total |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Other Activities | 5310P | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,113,920 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,113,920 |
| Other Activities | Local Match | \$0 | \$0 | \$428,035 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$428,035 |
| Total Other Activities | | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,541,955 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,541,955 |
| Total Programmed | | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,541,955 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,541,955 |

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| Current Change Reason: | Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP - 02 - Fiscal constraint issues - 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates |
| Air Quality Changes: | Air Quality has changed from None to X6 |

0499-2024UR - SEC 5310 PRGRM-ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS/INDIVIDUALS w/DISABILITIES-OTHER URBAN FY24

SEC 5310 PRGRM-ENHANCED MOBILITY OF SENIORS/INDIVIDUALS w/DISABILITIES-OTHER URBAN FY24

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|----------------------------|------------------|
| Lead Agency: | CTDOT |
| Project Type: | FTA |
| Region: | 2, 5 |
| Town: | OTHER URBAN AREA |
| Air Quality Status: | - |
| Total Cost: | \$1,980,464 |

| Phase | Fund Source | Prior | FY2025 | FY2026 | FY2027 | FY2028 | Future | Total |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Other Activities | 5310P | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,461,743 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,461,743 |
| Other Activities | Local Match | \$0 | \$0 | \$518,721 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$518,721 |
| Total Other Activities | | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,980,464 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,980,464 |
| Total Programmed | | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,980,464 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$1,980,464 |

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| Current Change Reason: | Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP - 02 - Fiscal constraint issues - 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates |
| Air Quality Changes: | Air Quality has changed from None to X6 |

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: HVMPO and SWRMPO members
 FROM: Todd Fontanella
 DATE: February 11, 2026
 RE: Transit Safety Performance Measures and Targets

Action Requested: review of updated HVMPO and SWRMPO transit safety performance targets.

Background: The Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regulation, at 49 C.F.R. Part 673, requires covered public transportation providers, State Departments of Transportation (DOT) and MPOs to establish transit safety performance targets to address Safety Performance Measures (SPMs) identified in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan (49 C.F.R. § 673.11(a)(3)). A safety performance measure is a quantifiable indicator of performance or condition that is used to establish targets related to safety management activities, and to assess progress toward meeting the established targets. Transit providers may also choose to establish additional targets for the purpose of safety performance monitoring and measurement.¹

In 2020, transit authorities and regional transit authorities were required to establish a total of seven targets pertaining to the following four safety performance management measures:

- Fatalities: Total number of fatalities reported to the National Transit Database and rate per total Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM) by mode.
- Injuries: Total number of injuries reported to the National Transit Database and rate per total VRM by mode.
- Safety Events: Total number of safety events reported to the National Transit Database and rate per total VRM by mode.
- System Reliability: Mean distance between major mechanical failures by mode.

On April 9, 2024, FTA published an updated version of the National Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (NPTASP). This update included a list of seven additional safety measures required in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Figure 1 on the next page provides the complete list of measures as of 2026.

Figure 1

¹ [Safety Performance Targets Guide | FTA \(dot.gov\)](#)

| Safety Performance Measures for All Agencies Subject to PTASP Regulation ⁸ | | |
|---|----------------|---|
| 1 | Measure 1a: | Major Events |
| 2 | Measure 1b: | Major Event Rate |
| 3 | Measure 1.1: | Collision Rate (new) |
| 4 | Measure 1.1.1: | Pedestrian Collision Rate (new) |
| 5 | Measure 1.1.2: | Vehicular Collision Rate (new) |
| 6 | Measure 2a: | Fatalities |
| 7 | Measure 2b: | Fatality Rate |
| 8 | Measure 2.1: | Transit Worker Fatality Rate (new) |
| 9 | Measure 3a: | Injuries |
| 10 | Measure 3b: | Injury Rate |
| 11 | Measure 3.1: | Transit Worker Injury Rate (new) |
| 12 | Measure 4a: | Assaults on Transit Workers (new) |
| 13 | Measure 4b: | Rate of Assaults on Transit Workers (new) |
| 14 | Measure 5: | System Reliability |

Role of MPOs in Establishing Transit Performance Measures: It is each MPO’s responsibility to endorse regional transit targets in consultation with the transit operators in its region. For the HVMPO region, WestCOG staff consulted with HARTransit. For the SWRMPO region, staff consulted with both CTDOT (on behalf of CTtransit) and the Norwalk Transit District (NTD). Note that CTDOT/CTtransit and NTD each submitted individual targets. Several years ago, CTtransit provided safety performance targets for services operated from Stamford Garage; for this update, targets provided by CTDOT in its PTASP are for all Divisions. Taken together, the Safety Performance Targets adopted by the transit agencies are intended to guide each MPO’s development of transit performance targets (23 CFR § [450.306\(d\)\(3\)](#) of the [FTA/FHWA joint planning rule](#)); each MPO can choose to adopt a transit authority’s targets or set its own.

Timeline for MPOs to Establish Transit Performance Targets: the MPOs must adopt the latest safety targets no more than one hundred eight (180) days after receipt of the Public Transit Agency Safety Plan from public transportation providers.

- CTDOT transmitted the updated CTtransit PTASP to the MPOs on September 8, 2025.
- HARTransit’s original PTASP was adopted in 2020 and targets were updated in October 2022. Those targets were endorsed by the HVMPO in 2023. An update was approved on January 14, 2026.
- NTD provided an updated PTASP to the SWRMPO on September 18, 2025.

Action: for this meeting, the staff is asking the HVMPO and SWRMPO members to review the following:

- 1) The HVMPO, to review Table 1: Public Transit Agency Safety Performance Targets, which were formally adopted by HARTransit as part of their Transit Agency Safety Plan on September 16, 2020 and carried forward – and, Table 2 with the updated targets:

| Mode of Transit Service | Fatalities | | Injuries | | Safety Events | | System Reliability – Mean Distance Between Failures |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| | Total | Per 100,000 VRM | Total | Per 100,000 VRM | Total | Per 100,000 VRM | VRM/Mechanical Failures |
| MB | 0 | 0 | 7 | .6 | 5 | .5 | 25,800 |
| DR | 0 | 0 | 3 | .6 | 3 | .6 | 10,775 |

MB = Motorbus, e.g. fixed-route service

DR = Demand Response, e.g. paratransit services

| | Motorbus (MB) | Demand Response (DR) |
|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Major Events | 4 | 2 |
| Major Event Rate | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Collisions+ | 14 | 10 |
| Collision Rate* | 1.47 | 2.94 |
| Pedestrian Collision Rate* | 0 | 0 |
| Vehicular Collision Rate* | 1.41 | 2.1 |
| Fatalities | 0 | 0 |
| Fatalities Rate | 0 | 0 |
| Fatalities Transit Worker* | 0 | 0 |
| Injuries | 5 | 2 |
| Injury Rate | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| Transit Worker Injury Rate* | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Assault on Transit Worker* | 20 | 30 |
| Assault on Transit Worker Rate* | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| System Reliability (MDBF) | 25,800 | 25,000 |

*New, NPTASP (2024)

+Tracked by HARTransit in PTASP; not officially included in federal requirements

Note: rates are per 100,000 Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)

- 2) The SWRMPO, to review Table 3, which were the previous Public Transit Agency Safety Performance Targets covering CTtransit and Norwalk Transit District operations, and Tables 4-6 which are the new targets separated by operator:

| Table 3: SWRMPO Safety Performance Targets – CTtransit Stamford Division (2023) | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| Mode of Transit Service | Fatalities | | Injuries | | Safety Events | | System Reliability – Mean Distance Between Failures |
| | Total | Per 100,000 VRM | Total | Per 100,000 VRM | Total | Per 100,000 VRM | VRM/Mechanical Failures |
| MB | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.8 | 45 | 3.0 | 22,044 |

MB = Motorbus, e.g. fixed-route service

| Table 4: SWRMPO Safety Performance Targets – CTtransit (Hartford, New Haven, Stamford Divisions - 2025) | |
|--|----------------------|
| | Motorbus (MB) |
| Major Events | 64 |
| Major Event Rate | .433 |
| Collision Rate* | 4.6 |
| Pedestrian Collision Rate* | .051 |
| Vehicular Collision Rate* | 2.92 |
| Fatalities | 0 |
| Fatalities Rate | 0 |
| Fatalities Transit Worker* | 0 |
| Injuries | 73 |
| Injury Rate | .50 |
| Transit Worker Injury Rate* | .297 |
| Assault on Transit Worker* | 31 |
| Assault on Transit Worker Rate* | .21 |
| System Reliability (MDBF) | 37,102 |

*New, NPTASP (2024)

Note: rates are per 100,000 Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)

| Mode of Transit Service | Fatalities | | Injuries | | Safety Events | | System Reliability – Mean Distance Between Failures |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| | Total | Per 100,000 VRM | Total | Per 100,000 VRM | Total | Per 100,000 VRM | VRM/Mechanical Failures |
| MB | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.8 | 45 | 3.0 | 22,044 |
| DR-DO | 0 | 0 | N/A | 0.75 | N/A | 0.2 | 125,000 |
| DR-PT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | N/A | 0.3 | 55,000 |

MB = Motorbus

DR-DO = Demand Response, Directly Operated e.g. paratransit services

DR-PT = Demand Response, Purchased Transportation

| | Motorbus (MB) | Demand Response (DR)- Directly Operated | Demand Response (DR) - Purchased Transportation |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Major Events | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Major Event Rate | 0.64 | 0 | 0 |
| Collision Rate* | 3.5 | 2 | 0.75 |
| Pedestrian Collision Rate* | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vehicular Collision Rate* | 3.5 | 2 | .75 |
| Fatalities | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fatalities Rate | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fatalities Transit Worker* | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Injuries | 8 | 0 | 0 |
| Injury Rate | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Transit Worker Injury Rate* | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0 |
| Assault on Transit Worker* | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assault on Transit Worker Rate* | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| System Reliability (MDBF) | 20,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |

*New, NPTASP (2024)

Note: rates are per 100,000 Vehicle Revenue Miles (VRM)

Next Steps:

- 1) Pending HVMPO and SWRMPO endorsements of their respective targets in March, each MPO will be asked to sign a resolution documenting this endorsement.
- 2) The HVMPO and SWRMPO are both required to reference Safety Performance Targets in their Transportation Improvement Programs and Metropolitan (Long-Range) Transportation Plans updated or amended after July 20, 2021. Accordingly, the WestCOG staff is preparing to accomplish this in the upcoming TIP and MTP development cycles.
- 3) The MPOs staff will review performance trends using data provided by the transit operators in upcoming documents, i.e. MTP as required.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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TO: COG Representatives
 FROM: Kristin Floberg, Senior Planner
 DATE: February 2, 2026
 RE: 2026 CTDOT's Active Transportation Microgrant Program

Background

The Connecticut Department of Transportation, in coordination with the Councils of Governments, provide grants for non-infrastructure projects up to \$5,000 that support walking, biking, and rolling in Connecticut. The goal of the Active Transportation Microgrant Program is to provide equitable, safe, accessible, and sustainable access to transportation by making conditions safer for people of all ages to walk, bike and roll, thereby encouraging more people to use these healthy and environmentally sustainable modes of travel. The program is contingent upon available funding and applications will be accepted on a quarterly basis. The program does not require a match from the eligible entity.

Eligible Entities:

- Public or Private Schools (K-12)
- School Districts
- Municipalities
- Health Districts
- Non-Profit Organizations (501c3)

Eligible Activities:

- Bicycle Helmets
- Bicycle Locks
- Bicycle Lights
- Bicycle Maintenance Training and Materials (non- infrastructure only)
- Rental of Bicycle Fleets and/or Purchase of Bicycles Including Adaptive Bicycles
- League Cycling Instructor Training (LCI)
- Materials for Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Education
- Safety Vests or high visibility attire/gear
- Scooters (non- e-assist)
- Bicycle and Scooter Racks (rack only)
- Bike Repair Kits or Stations (not including cost of construction or installation of kit)
- Reflective Stickers, Cones, Bike Wheel Spoke Reflectors

Next steps

Please share with any eligible entities who may be interested. Complete applications are to be sent to Kristin Floberg at kfloberg@westcog.org by the following deadlines:

- Quarter 1: March 13, 2026
- Quarter 2: June 12, 2026
- Quarter 3: September 11, 2026
- Quarter 4: December 4, 2026

2026 Program guidelines and blank applications can be found on CTDOT's Safe Routes to School Program [webpage](#).

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TO: WestCOG Council Representatives
 FROM: Michael Towle, WestCOG Deputy Director
 DATE: February 11, 2026
 RE: Noise Ordinances of CT Report and Inventory – PUBLISHED

Purpose

The report is intended to serve as a baseline for municipalities considering updates to their noise ordinances and for regional planning organizations providing technical assistance.

Background

Fewer than half of Connecticut's municipalities have adopted local noise ordinances, and almost none meet the state's minimum noise control standards, according to a new statewide inventory released Tuesday by the Western Connecticut Council of Governments, or WestCOG.

The Noise Ordinances of Connecticut Inventory and Initial Report is the first comprehensive review of noise ordinances across all 169 Connecticut communities. It evaluates local regulations against the state noise control plan adopted under Connecticut General Statute §22a-69.

The review found that only 78 municipalities, or 46%, have a local noise ordinance. Of those, just one town fully meets the state's minimum standards. No municipality exceeds them.

Noise pollution — unwanted or disruptive sound — has been linked to sleep disruption, cardiovascular disease and other health impacts, as well as harm to wildlife and ecosystems.

Connecticut adopted statewide noise regulations in the late 1970s, but enforcement and oversight have diminished over time. In 2022, the state ended its practice of reviewing and approving municipal noise ordinances, leaving local governments to develop regulations without formal state guidance.

The project was developed in partnership with Sustainable CT and the Summer 2025 Sustainable CT Fellows Cohort, with technical support from acoustician Amy Ziffer and input from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

Accessing the Report

The full report, dataset and methodology are available at: <https://westcog.org/noise-pollution/>