

HVMPO/SWRMPO **Special** Meeting Agenda

A Combined Meeting for Housatonic Valley and South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organizations (HVMPO, SWRMPO)

Time. Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @11:00 a.m.

Virtual Option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89531093509>

Meeting ID: 895 3109 3509

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

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

2. Action Item

- a. FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program.....Attachment 3a, pp. 1-3
 - i. SWRMPO – #0170-3795; Various
 - ii. HVMPO - #0170-3795; Various

4. Other Business

5. Adjournment

Next meeting

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

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TO: MPO Members
DATE: March 3, 2026
SUBJECT: Amendments to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

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0170-3795 - INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - PHASE 1A, 1B & 2 (DESIGN-BUILD)

Lead Agency CTDOT	Project Type FHWA	Region 70	Town STATEWIDE
Air Quality Status -	Total Cost \$63,908,172		

Project Description
INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - PHASE 1A, 1B & 2 (DESIGN-BUILD)

PHASE	FUND SOURCE	PRIOR	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FUTURE	TOTAL
Construction	EVFP	\$0	\$0	\$49,776,157	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,776,157
Construction	Local Match	\$0	\$0	\$13,547,080	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,547,080
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$584,935	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$584,935
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$63,908,172	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63,908,172
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$63,908,172	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63,908,172

CURRENT CHANGE REASON	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates - 10 - Correction
AIR QUALITY CHANGES	Air Quality has changed from None to X6



March 3, 2026

Emergency TIP Amendment Request: NEVI EV Charger Design & Construction

Through the passing of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law on November 15, 2021, CTDOT was allotted \$52 million in NEVI formula funding across fiscal years 2022-2026. CTDOT's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) grant program was developed to award funds to public and private partners to design and construct electric vehicle (EV) charging sites across Connecticut. As outlined in 23 CFR 680, all NEVI stations must have at least four (4) direct current fast charging (DCFC) ports with a minimum power level of 150kW. These charging stations will be open to the public 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year. All sites must remain operational for a five-year period. States are required to have a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)-approved NEVI Plan to access funds. Connecticut's FY26 NEVI Plan was approved by FHWA on September 15, 2025.

\$7.2 million of CTDOT's federally apportioned funds have been obligated to date. These funds are being used to support NEVI planning efforts, in addition to funding the design and construction of the eight (8) sites that were conditionally awarded through the program's first RFP, *Phase 1a*. Approximately \$44 million of CTDOT's funds have not yet been obligated.

On February 10, 2026, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) released the [Notice of Proposed Modification of the Waiver of Buy America Requirements for EV Chargers](#). The proposal increases the required domestic content of federally funded EV chargers from 55% to 100% American-made components. This change would become immediately effective for any projects obligated after the changes are finalized. If finalized as proposed, no EV chargers currently available in the U.S. would be eligible to receive federal funding. This would impact the approximately 30 sites currently being conditionally awarded through CTDOT's second NEVI RFP, *Phase 1b*, and would also impact future funding rounds under *Phase 2* that will be focused on community and rural charging locations. Comments on the proposed modification are being accepted through March 16.

In the event the modification is finalized as-written, CTDOT has been coordinating with the FHWA CT Division Office to identify a path forward to obligate funds prior to March 16. The Division Office is prepared to approve CTDOT's obligation request for the remaining \$44 million unobligated NEVI funds provided that the project is accepted as an amendment to the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). FHWA has agreed to obligate the funds based on the funding breakdown shown in CTDOT's approved [NEVI Plan](#).

CTDOT is requesting all nine Councils of Governments hold emergency meetings to add this statewide project to the STIP before Thursday, March 12. This proposed amendment comes as a modification to the existing NEVI Project No. 0170-3795 to expand the scope and add all remaining funds. CTDOT will then prepare the package to submit to FHWA for their approval by Friday, March 13. Doing so will protect the \$52 million of CTDOT's NEVI funds from being impacted by this and any future policy changes. Please refer to the TIP Amendment package for the exact breakdown of federal, state, and local funds that are being added to the project.