

WestCOG/HVMPO/SWRMPO Meeting Agenda

A Joint Meeting for Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), Housatonic Valley and South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organizations (HVMPO, SWRMPO)

Time. Thursday, May 21, @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)

3. Featured Presentation

- a. CTDOT Traffic Operations: Greg Palmer, Obesebea Aye-Addo, Joe Lombardi, and Kevin Ng.
- b. I-95 Planning and Environmental Linkages Studies for Greenwich and Stamford – Jonathan Dean, CTDOT

4. COG Action Items

- a. Approval of April Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 4a, pp. 1-4
- b. 2026-05-21-#01 Mason Street Partners, LLC Brownfield ResolutionAttachment 4b, p. 5
- c. Greenwich SS4A Application Letter of Support.....Attachment 4c, p. 6
- d. Appointment of Auditor Selection.....Attachment 4d, p. 7
- e. LOTCIP Adjustment.....Attachment 4e, pp. 8-9
- f. 2026-05-15-#09 Resolution Authorizing Financial Adjustments for Regional Water Planning and State CoordinationAttachment 4f, pp. 10-12

5. MPO Action Items

- a. Approval of the April 2026 Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 4a, pp. 1-4
- b. FY 2025 Section 5310 Application RankingsAttachment 5b, p. 13
- c. FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement ProgramAttachment pp. 4-16
 - i. SWRMPO - #0170-FAREBX; Various, #0400-2026EQ; Various
- d. HVMPO and SWRMPO FY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Programs...
.....Attachment 5d, pp. 17-32
 - i. 2026-05-21-#02 Resolution to Endorse the HVMPO FFY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program

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- ii. 2026-05-21-#06 Resolution to Endorse the SWRMPO FFY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program
- e. HVMPO Air Quality Conformity Resolutions (#03, #04, #05).....Attachment 5d, pp. 17-32
- f. SWRMPO Air Quality Conformity Resolutions (#07, #08).....Attachment 5d, pp. 17-32

6. Information Items

- a. CTDEEP Volkswagen NOx Mitigation Program Round 4Attachment 6a, p. 33
- b. Draft RSG Regional Services Grant Spending Plan.Attachment 6b, 34-35
- c. Agency Budget.Attachment 6c, pp. 36-39
- d. Housing Update.....Attachment 6d, p. 40
- e. Legislative Update
- f. Summer Staff for 2026Attachment 6f, pp. 41-42

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

9. Next meeting

- a. Thurs. June 18, 2026 @12:00 pm

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



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WestCOG / HVMPO / SWRMPO Interim Meeting Minutes

(A Combined Meeting for Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), Housatonic Valley and South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organizations (HVMPO, SWRMPO) 1 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

Scheduled for: Thursday, April 16, 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 Jon Zagrodzky / Vice Chairman Dionna Carlson

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
 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..... Mayor Pete Bass COG/HVMPO
 Newtown First Selectman Bruce Walczak COG/HVMPO
 Norwalk..... Chief of Staff Corey Frate SWRMPO
 Redding..... First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton COG/HVMPO
 Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi COG/HVMPO
 Sherman..... First Selectman Don Lowe COG/HVMPO
 Stamford..... Mayor Caroline Simmons COG/SWRMPO
 Weston..... First Selectman Samantha Nestor COG/SWRMPO
 Westport..... First Selectman Kevin Christie COG/SWRMPO
 Wilton..... First Selectman Toni Boucher COG/SWRMPO
 Transit Representative..... NTD Director of Service Planning Rick Schreiner SWRMPO
 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: Newtown Director of Planning and Land Use Rob Sibley, Jill Soderholm Newtown P&Z, Outreach Manager for Congressman Himes Sophie Khanna, FTA Acting Director of Planning & Program Brandon Burns, Jennine Lupo from Rep. Jahanna Hayes office, Outreach Assistants for Sen. Murphy's office Sarah Lopez and Genevieve Perruccio, FHWA Transportation Specialist Jennifer Brady, FTA Acting Director Planning & Program Development Brandon Burns, COST Executive Director Betsy Gara, and James Root from the Sierra Club.

WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kristin Floberg, Mike Wilson, Amal Malik, 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 Vice Chairman Dan Carter
The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chairman Jon Zagrodzky

Public Comment

No comment was made during the public comment period.

Featured Presentation

Federal Certification Review – Jennifer Brady, FHWA Transportation Specialist and Brandon Burns, FTA Acting Director Planning & Program Development presented on the Federal Certification Review.

COG Action Items

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the March meeting were unanimously approved.

Quarterly Financial Update

WestCOG Financial Director Vicky Ricks provided an update. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky the Quarterly Financials were unanimously approved.

WestCOG lease renewal

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an update. After review and on a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter the WestCOG lease renewal was unanimously approved.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service Procurement

WestCOG's Francis Pickering provided an update. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson seconded by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service Procurement was unanimously approved.

Open Doors Brownfield BAR Grant Resolution 2026-04-16-#01

Francis Pickering provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton the Open Doors Brownfield BAR Grant Resolution 2026-04-16-#01 was unanimously approved.

Amended ADA Project Resolution 2026-04-16-#02

WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the Amended ADA Project Resolution 2026-04-16-#02 was unanimously approved.

CTDOT Transportation Rural Improvement Program – Bridgewater

WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the CTDOT Transportation Rural Improvement Program for Bridgewater was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

Approval of the March 2026 Meeting Minutes

After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson the minutes of the SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved. 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 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

FY25-28 TIP Amendments-SWRMPO - 0135-0346; Stamford

WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos 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 FY25-28 TIP Amendments-SWRMPO - 0135-0346; Stamford was unanimously approved.

Information Items

Draft FY27-30 Transportation Improvement Program

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview.

Connecticut 2055 Long Range Transportation Plan Draft

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. There is a virtual Public Meeting on Weds. April 22nd at 12:00 & 6:00 p.m. The public comment period runs from April 7 - May 22, 2026

FY 2027 MGP 13b Program Announcement

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview.

Safe Streets and Roads for All FY26 Funding Opportunity

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. The deadline is May 26, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. EDT

Resilience Planning and Grants

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided an overview.

Climate POCD Provisions

WestCOG's Mike Towle provided an overview.

Legislative Update.

Francis Pickering provided an update.

Planning Consulting List

Francis Pickering provided an update.

Industrial Zoning Report

Francis Pickering provided an update.

Other Business**Adjournment**

On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Next meeting

Thurs. May 21st, 2026 @12:00 pm



2026-05-21 #01
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF BROWNFIELDS,
REMEDATION GRANTS

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 March 20, 2025 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

RESOLVED, that WestCOG executed and delivered to the Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Brownfields ("DECD") a grant(s) agreement (the "Agreement") in the amount of \$8,000,000 under the Brownfield Municipal Grant Program, round 21, with Mason Street Partners, LLC for two properties located at 279 Mason Street and 290 Mason Street, \$4,000,000 remediation funding for each building.

RESOLVED, that Franics R. Pickering, as Executive Director of the Organization, is directed to execute and deliver the Agreement on behalf of the Organization and to do all things necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of the Agreement and by any previously executed agreements between WestCOG and DECD under the Brownfield Municipal Grant Program.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of May 21, 2026.

Julia Pemberton, Secretary
Western Connecticut Council of Governments
May 21, 2026

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Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



May 12, 2026

The Honorable Sean Duffy, Secretary
U. S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Town of Greenwich (Connecticut) USDOT 2026 Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Application

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), I write to express our support for the Town of Greenwich's application for a Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant. Greenwich's application is consistent with and will advance the goals set forth in WestCOG's Regional Plan of Conservation and Development and in the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization's Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Greenwich is a unique community in the state, with a diverse mix of populations and range of built environments. These traits underline the need for a context-sensitive approach to road safety that addresses the town's and its neighborhoods' specific needs. The Town is aware of and committed to Vision Zero and USDOT's Safe Systems Approach. The proposed project will advance proven safety countermeasures across Greenwich, with a particular focus on vulnerable road users. These investments directly align with SS4A goals to reduce roadway fatalities and serious injuries for all users.

We are confident that Greenwich is well positioned to successfully implement this project and steward Federal funds responsibly. I endorse Greenwich's SS4A application and look forward to collaborative efforts to improve transportation safety and efficiency in our region.

Sincerely,

Francis Pickering
Executive Director

Cc: Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camillo
Public Works Commissioner James Michel
Kristin Hadjstylianos, WestCOG

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

Please complete this fillable form and return by e-mail attachment to OPM.mfsforms@ct.gov

Entity Name: _____

Entity Address: _____

Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN): _____

Chief Fiscal Officer: _____

Executive Director/CEO: _____

Telephone (w/ area code): _____ **Email Address:** _____

The following information is furnished in compliance with CT General Statutes 7-396 and/or 4-232

Audit Firm Name: _____

Audit Firm Address: _____

State of CT CPA Firm Permit: _____ **Audit Firm FEIN:** _____

Contact Person: _____ **Title:** _____

Telephone (w/ area code): _____ **Email Address:** _____

Fiscal Period of Audit: **From:** _____ **To:** _____
(beginning of fiscal year) (end of fiscal year)

Note: C.G.S. 7-396 and 4-232 require this form to be submitted on an annual basis no later than 30 days prior to the fiscal year end of the entity to be audited. This form will not be accepted without a complete and accurate federal employer identification number of the entity and its auditor.

WestCOG LOTCIP Program
5/21/2026 Adjustments

Attachment 4e

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 Pedestrian Improvements	(\$1,063,200)	\$4,000,000	2. Application pending	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)		4. Under construction	N/A
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	(\$556,800)	\$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	(\$3,094,000)		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 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

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WestCOG LOTCIP Program
5/21/2026 Adjustments

Municipality	Project	Amount	Cap (Maximum LOTCIP funds)	Status	Expiration Date *
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
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	N/A
Westport	Replacement of the Hillendale 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)	(\$186,201,546)			
	Remaining Balance	(\$25,714,446)			
	Endorsed/Allocated	116.0%			

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

- ① Increase by \$24,800 from \$532,000
- ② Support the Town of Ridgefield request for supplemental grant funds and increase LOTCIP funds by \$34,000 from \$3,060,000

TAG: Recommended approval 5/12/2026

COG: To be considered 5/21/2026

Net change in COG-endorsed funds

Increase

\$58,800

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Council Representatives
 FROM: Francis R. Pickering, Executive Director
 DATE: May 15, 2026
 RE: Regional Water Coordination

Discussion

WestCOG previously directed WestCOG to participate in ongoing coordination activities on regional water issues, including matters associated with proceedings concerning the ownership, control, governance, or operation of public water utilities. To avoid duplication, these activities were coordinated with the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments (“MetroCOG”) and other participating municipalities.

In furtherance of these activities, MetroCOG retained representation and advisory support that has formally served both MetroCOG and WestCOG in connection with these activities, which have also involved coordination with several participating municipalities. To date, the costs associated with these activities have been borne by MetroCOG and four municipalities (Ridgefield, New Canaan, Westport, and Fairfield).

At a prior meeting, the COG considered providing funding support to MetroCOG for regional planning, coordination, and state coordination activities related to regional water programs and public water service delivery. During discussion, municipalities noted that they had also borne costs associated with participation in these activities and suggested that any approach should recognize those expenditures as well.

Funding is currently available within WestCOG’s FY 2026 budget for activities of this nature. Because these funds are associated with the current fiscal year, any allocation must be authorized prior to fiscal year end. Following further discussion, the Executive Committee recommends the following approach:

1. Provide \$100,000 to MetroCOG to support regional planning, coordination, and state coordination activities related to regional water issues and public water service delivery; and
2. Adjust FY 2027 municipal dues for the following municipalities to recognize the contribution of the named municipalities toward these same regional issues:
 - Town of Ridgefield: adjustment of -\$13,176
 - Town of New Canaan: adjustment of -\$13,176
 - Town of Westport: adjustment of -\$13,176

The actions described above, which can be accommodated in WestCOG's budget, are intended to address costs associated with current activities only and do not establish an ongoing commitment. Any additional expenditure related to these matters would require further COG authorization.

Next steps

An implementing resolution is attached for discussion and potential action.

**2026-05-15 #09 CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENTS
FOR REGIONAL WATER PLANNING
AND STATE COORDINATION 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 May 21, 2026 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

For the purposes of regional planning and coordination related to water programs and to achieve efficiencies in the delivery of public water services provided to municipalities through coordinated regional participation and coordination with state government in regulatory and judicial proceedings addressing matters of common regional concern, be it resolved, that:

- WestCOG Chairman Rudolph Marconi, Vice Chairman Dan Carter, or Executive Director Francis Pickering are hereby authorized to provide \$100,000 in state fiscal year 2026 funds to the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments, including the negotiation and execution of all agreements necessary and appropriate to effectuate this conveyance; and
- WestCOG municipal dues for state fiscal year 2027 be adjusted with a credit of -\$13,176 for the Towns of New Canaan, Ridgefield, and Westport each.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of May 21, 2026.

Julia Pemberton, Secretary
Western Connecticut Council of Governments
May 21, 2026.

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: MPO Members
 FROM: Todd Fontanella
 DATE: April 30, 2026

RE: **Prioritization of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Applications**

Action: Endorsement of recommended prioritizations for FTA Section 5310 applications.

Background: Each year CTDOT announces the release of the FTA-funded Section 5310 grant program, which was established in 1975 to enhance the mobility of seniors and individuals with disabilities. As in prior rounds, eligible recipients of Program funding include qualifying non-profit organizations, state, and local government entities. For this round, Traditional and Nontraditional applications were solicited.

CTDOT requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to prioritize Section 5310 grant program applications affecting their respective regions. In this round, nine (9) applications from WestCOG's two MPO regions were submitted – down from thirteen (13) last year.

All eligible applications were independently reviewed and then collectively prioritized by staff from HARTransit, NTD and WestCOG, using application scoring criteria provided by CTDOT. Based upon this review, the following is the recommended prioritization of FTA Section 5310 applications for your consideration:

Housatonic Valley MPO

Traditional Projects

Rank	Applicant
1	Town of Bethel

Nontraditional Projects

Rank	Applicant
1	WHEELS of New Milford
2	The Kennedy Collective
3	Estuary Transit District
4	Town of Redding
5	Town of Newtown

South Western Region MPO

Traditional Projects

Rank	Applicant
1	TAG
2	Ability Beyond Disability

Nontraditional Projects

Rank	Applicant
1	Abilis

Comment: Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.



Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TO: MPO Members
DATE: April 30, 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. 0170-FAREBX – CTtransit – Fare Collection System
2. 2026-EQ - CTtransit – Misc Admin Capital/Fac Improvements FY26

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

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

0170-FAREBX - CTTRANSIT - FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM

CTTRANSIT - FARE COLLECTION SYSTEM

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	79
Town:	VARIOUS
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$15,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Other Activities	5339P	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000
Other Activities	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000
Total Other Activities		\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000,000

Current Change Reason:	New Project
Air Quality Changes:	Air Quality has changed from None to X6

0400-2026EQ - CTTRANSIT - MISC ADMIN CAPITAL/ FAC IMPROVEMENTS FY 26

CTTRANSIT - MISC ADMIN CAPITAL/ FAC IMPROVEMENTS FY 26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	79
Town:	VARIOUS
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$1,500,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
All Phases	5307C	\$0	\$0	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000
All Phases	5339P	\$0	\$0	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
All Phases	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$300,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$300,000
Total All Phases		\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "Adoption" to "May 2026 Amendment"

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



DATE: May 14, 2026

MPO Endorsement of Draft HVMPO & SWRMPO FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Programs (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 2027-2030. The TIP includes projects using federal funding and/or requiring federal approval, typically containing projects of all transportation modes.

The TIP is developed in cooperation with CTDOT and public transit providers. 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.

HVMPO and SWRMPO have separate TIPs, requiring similar but separate processes and action. The TIP approval process is a multi-step process requiring public involvement, consistency with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and conformity with air quality regulations. The WestCOG schedule has been developed in coordination with the CTDOT STIP Unit.

Public Involvement: All materials for the draft 2027-2030 HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP were posted on the WestCOG website at noon on April 1, 2026. In accordance with the WestCOG Public Involvement Plan, the required public comment period for the draft TIP is a minimum of 30 days. Announcement of document availability and public comment period was legally noticed in local papers, including translations. Media releases were also issued to enhance public outreach efforts, as well as newsletter postings. The HVMPO Public Information Meeting was held on April 21, 2026 and the SWRMPO Public Information Meeting was held on April 22, 2026. The virtual Public Information Meeting for both HVMPO and SWRMPO was held on April 23, 2026. The presentation used was posted to the WestCOG YouTube with the availability of closed captioning and translations. Comments received and aggregated by MPO are documented as part of the public record. In accordance with MPO procedures, this information will be shared with TAG and MPO members in advance of their respective meetings. A summary on the disposition of comments received will be included in the final TIP for each MPO.

Air Quality Conformity: In accordance with the Federal Clean Air Act, each state has a State Implementation Plan (SIP) that outlines a path towards attainment of air quality goals. The EPA administers these efforts, which is why the agency is involved in STIP endorsement. CTDOT performs the modeling for their Air Quality Conformity Reports and have issued their conformity determinations for Particulate Matter under 2.5 microns (PM 2.5) and Ozone. CTDOT's March 2026 Air Quality Conformity determinations demonstrate that the transportation projects in the STIP are consistent with national air quality goals and standards. Also considered for endorsement will be the CTDOT draft

Air Quality Conformity Determinations for Ozone and PM 2.5. This draft document was also posted on the WestCOG website on April 1, 2026. For the complete report, please visit the air quality conformity page on the Connecticut Department of Transportation's website.

All updated draft TIP documents for both HVMPO and SWRMPO were made available to the TAG and MPO members ahead of their respective meetings.

At the May 12th TAG meeting, the TAG members present voted to recommend that the HVMPO and SWRMPO endorse their respective FFY2027-2030 TIPs as well as the CTDOT Air Quality Conformity Determinations for Ozone and PM 2.5.

Next Steps: The draft HVMPO and SWRMPO 2027-2030 TIPs will be considered for endorsement at the May 21, 2026 MPO meeting. Also considered for endorsement will be the CTDOT draft Air Quality Conformity Determinations for Ozone and PM 2.5.

Following MPO TIP endorsement statewide, the full STIP is endorsed by the United States Department of Transportation and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Upon federal endorsement, the 2027-2030 TIP would then supersede the 2025-2028 TIP.

2026/05/21 #02

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Resolution To Endorse the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning
Organization (HVMPO) FFY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement
Program**

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Julia Pemberton, Chairman of the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter "HVMPO") certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the HVMPO at its meeting on May 21st, 2026 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS: Present federal regulations governing federal transportation assistance in urban areas prescribe that a Transportation Improvement Program be structured for each urban area which realistically balances need and financial resources over a four year period; and

WHEREAS: The Housatonic Valley FFY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) has been reviewed by the transportation technical and policy boards as well as the public.

WHEREAS: The projects are consistent with the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2023-2050, and are financially constrained.

WHEREAS: The projects meet the conformity requirements of the Clean Air Act

- Connecticut Department of Transportation Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination; of the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island (NY-NJ-LI) Moderate Ozone Non-Attainment Area and the Greater CT Moderate Ozone Non-Attainment Area, March 2026.
- Connecticut Department of Transportation PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination; of the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Attainment and Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-LI Attainment/Maintenance Area for PM2.5, March 2026.

WHEREAS: The TIP is based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation process carried on cooperatively by the State, MPO, and transit operators in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49) U.S.C. app. 1607.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby:

Endorses the HVMPO FFY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Resolved that the HVMPO endorsed the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (HVMPO) FFY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of May 21, 2026.

Julia Pemberton, Chairman
Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
May 21, 2026

2026/05/21 #03

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act PM 2.5**

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Julia Pemberton, Chairman of the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter “HVMPO”) certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the HVMPO at its meeting on May 21st, 2026 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS,
the HVMPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS,
Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,
It is the opinion of the HVMPO that the plans and programs approved on May 12, 2026 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,
The Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-LI area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and

WHEREAS,
The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and

WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 TIP and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM_{2.5} in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the HVMPO finds that the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 TIP and Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM_{2.5} Air Quality Conformity Determination dated March 2026, contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Chairman of the HVMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the HVMPO on May 12, 2026.

Resolved that the HVMPO endorsed the Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act PM 2.5.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of May 21, 2026.

Julia Pemberton, Chairman
Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
May 21, 2026

2026/05/21 #04

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone**

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Julia Pemberton, Chairman of the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter “HVMPO”) certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the HVMPO at its meeting on May 21st, 2026 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS,

the HVMPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

it is the opinion of the HVMPO that the plans and programs approved today, May 21, 2026 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Greater Connecticut Ozone Nonattainment area (Litchfield, Hartford, Tolland, New London and Windham Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in this Ozone Nonattainment area (Ozone and PM_{2.5} Air Quality Conformity Determination March 2026); and

WHEREAS,

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the HVMPO

That the HVMPO finds that the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 TIP and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination dated March 2026, contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Chairman of the HVMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the HVMPO on May 21, 2026.

Resolved that the HVMPO endorsed the Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of May 21, 2026.

Julia Pemberton, Chairman
Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
May 21, 2026

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2026/05/21 #05

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone**

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Julia Pemberton, Chairman of the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter “HVMPO”) certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the HVMPO at its meeting on May 21st, 2026 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS,

The HVMPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

it is the opinion of the HVMPO that the plans and programs approved today, May 21, 2026 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-LI Ozone Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in this Nonattainment area (Ozone and PM_{2.5} Air Quality Conformity Determination March 2026); and

WHEREAS,

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the HVMPO

That the HVMPO finds that the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 TIP and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination, dated March 2026, contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Chairman of the HVMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the HVMPO on May 21, 2026.

Resolved that the HVMPO endorsed the Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of May 21, 2026.

Julia Pemberton, Chairman
Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
May 21, 2026

2026/05/21 #06

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**Resolution to Endorse the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning
Organization**

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Jon Zagrodzky, Chairman of the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter “SWRMPO”) certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the SWRMPO at its meeting on May 21st, 2026 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS: Present federal regulations governing federal transportation assistance in urban areas prescribe that a Transportation Improvement Program be structured for each urban area which realistically balances need and financial resources over a four year period; and

WHEREAS: The *South Western Region FFY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* has been reviewed by the transportation technical and policy boards as well as the public.

WHEREAS: The projects are consistent with the *South Western Region Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) 2023-2050*, and are financially constrained.

WHEREAS: The projects meet the conformity requirements of the Clean Air Act

- *Connecticut Department of Transportation Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination; of the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island (NY-NJ-LI) Moderate Ozone Non-Attainment Area, March 2026.*
- *Connecticut Department of Transportation PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination; of the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program for the Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-LI Attainment/Maintenance Area for PM 2.5, March 2026.*

WHEREAS: The TIP is based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation process carried on cooperatively by the State, MPO, and transit operators in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49) U.S.C. app. 1607.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby:

Resolved that the SWRMPO endorsed the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (SWRMPO) FFY2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of May 21, 2026.

Jon Zagrodzky, Chairman
South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
May 21, 2026

2026/05/21 #07

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act PM 2.5**

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Jon Zagrodzky, Chairman of the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter “SWRMPO”) certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the SWRMPO at its meeting on May 21, 2026 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS,

The SWRMPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

1. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
2. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
3. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

It is the opinion of the SWRMPO that the plans and programs approved on May 21, 2026 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-LI area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and

WHEREAS,

The results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 TIP and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM_{2.5} in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year; and

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the SWRMPO finds that the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 TIP and Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM_{2.5} Air Quality Conformity Determination dated March 2026, contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Chairman of the SWRMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the SWRMPO on May 21, 2026.

Resolved that the SWRMPO endorsed the Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act PM 2.5.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of May 21, 2026.

Jon Zagrodzky, Chairman
South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
May 21, 2026

2026/05/21 #08

**CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone**

Ridgefield, Connecticut

I, Jon Zagrodzky, Chairman of the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (hereinafter “SWRMPO”) certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the SWRMPO at its meeting on May 21st, 2026 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS,

The SWRMPO is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) or when effecting a significant revision of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP); and

WHEREAS,

Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if:

4. the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions;
5. the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures;
6. the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS,

it is the opinion of the SWRMPO that the plans and programs approved today, May 21, 2026 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

WHEREAS,

The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-LI Ozone Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in this Nonattainment area (Ozone and PM_{2.5} Air Quality Conformity Determination March 2026); and

WHEREAS,

The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment (above) has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

Now, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the HVMPO

That the SWRMPO finds that the 2023-2050 MTP and the FFY 2027-2030 TIP and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the existing Ozone and PM2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination, dated March 2026, contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during said period.

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Chairman of the SWRMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the SWRMPO on May 21, 2026.

Resolved that the SWRMPO endorsed the Resolution on Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of May 21, 2026.

Jon Zagrodzky, Chairman
South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization
May 21, 2026

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Council Members
 FROM: Todd Fontanella
 DATE: April 28, 2026
 RE: CTDEEP Volkswagen NOx Mitigation Program

On April 14, CTDEEP announced a \$15 million fourth round of this Program, which is being funded by the Volkswagen Settlement's Environmental Mitigation Trust and in accordance with the State of Connecticut's Mitigation Plan.

As in prior rounds, this Program is an opportunity to leverage federal funds to replace older diesel vehicles and equipment with electric equivalents, and marine and ports projects. A complete list of eligible projects is provided in the [CTDEEP Application Form and Instructions](#).

The following actions are eligible for this program:

- Replacement or repowering (engine replacement) of onroad heavy duty vehicles;
- Replacement or repowering of nonroad equipment;
- Engine upgrades (rebuids) of on-highway, nonroad, marine or locomotive engines;
- Replacement or repowering of commercial vessels (marine engine funding under the VW Program is limited to tugboats and ferries);
- Replacement or repowering of long-haul locomotives;
- Shore power for ocean-going vessels, and
- EV charging infrastructure (if replacing vehicles, engines or equipment with electric equivalent).

Proposed projects will be evaluated based on diesel emission reductions and cost effectiveness. This is a reimbursement program; award recipients will be required to demonstrate payment for the project before receiving awarded funds. Eligible funding percentages include: up to 65% for a government-owned entity, and up to 60% for a privately-owned entity.

Interested parties are encouraged to apply by submitting their proposal using the form provided by DEEP on its [Diesel Grants & Funding](#) page. Completed forms and inquiries should be directed to the attention of CTDEEP at DEEP.MobileSources@ct.gov; **proposals must be submitted no later than June 11, 2026.**

Also feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Representatives
 FROM: Francis R. Pickering, Executive Director
 DATE: May 21, 2026
 RE: **SFY 2027 WestCOG Regional Services Grant spending plan - Draft**

Background

Following the U.S. Department of Transportation, WestCOG's largest funder is the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM). WestCOG's OPM funding comes in the form of a Regional Services Grant (RSG) to be used for the provision of regional services, particularly those that result in cost savings to municipalities and local taxpayers.

To receive these funds, WestCOG must:

- Submit an RSG spending plan to OPM for the use of these funds by July 1. (The plan may be adjusted by the Executive Committee throughout the year as needed, for instance, should funding or project costs, scope, priorities, or viability change, with OPM approval.) *A proposed spending plan is on the next page.*
- Execute a contract with OPM to receive funds. RSG supports COG activities in the OPM-approved areas of regional services, comprehensive planning, and municipal technical support.

For state fiscal year 2027, WestCOG's unrestricted RSG is estimated to total \$998,828. In addition, SS PA 25-1 also provides additional, restricted funding for every COG in Connecticut:

- \$200,000 for the planning and development of additional housing; and
- \$200,000 for stormwater management and flood mitigation *or* a municipal solid waste and recycling.

Historically, RSG has funded a mixture of COG staff in the provision of planning assistance and technical assistance, with the rest used for consultant projects. The split proposed for FY2027 is 50% for staff time.

With respect to consultant projects, the following are proposed for FY27:

- Municipal ADA Transition Plans
- EDA Partnership Planning nonfederal cost share
- Flood program assistance
- Planning/zoning and housing assistance
- Nonfederal cost share for federal grants (e.g., SS4A)

Next steps

Review the RSG spending plan.

RSG Spending Plan

Activity	Description	Amount
Municipal technical support	Data collection, research, analysis, reporting, and presentation, including accessibility, transition, and operations analysis and planning; development of/enhancement to digital systems (including GIS, communications, and records, online services, cybersecurity, IT/IS); pollution prevention and control; energy management; financial operations and management.	\$141,000
Regional services	Economic development and initiatives, including the WCEDD and CEDS; infrastructure (physical and digital); water quality programs/projects; access/mobility including for disabled/elderly; brownfield programs; capital projects; intergovernmental coordination; grant/program assistance/management; municipal training.	\$628,82
Comprehensive planning	Land use referrals, planning/zoning/design assistance, including transportation systems; agriculture planning; sustainability planning, including for climate change, renewable energy, waste, and environmental quality; emergency/disaster planning and preparedness.	\$229,00
Housing	Comprehensive regional housing planning, including local assistance	\$200,000
Stormwater management and flood mitigation	Flood adaptation/mitigation; water programs	\$200,000
TOTAL		\$1,398,828

FY2026-2027 DRAFT BUDGET

		2024-2025	2025-2026	2025-2026	2026-2027
		Actual	Budget	Projected	Draft Budget
Operating Revenue					
FEDERAL					
1	FHWA Federal Highway Admin PL-SWR (80%)	\$ 903,404	\$ 1,379,036	\$ 923,600	\$ 1,379,036
	FHWA Federal Highway Admin PL-HV (80%)	\$ 464,573	\$ 778,176	\$ 532,865	\$ 778,176
	FHWA Route 1 Corridor Study	\$ 164,385	\$ 42,972	\$ 50,041	\$ -
	FTA BUILD Grant (funds obligated by 9/30/22)	\$ 233,288	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2	DHS State and Local Cybersecurity Grant	\$ 1,230	\$ 49,298	\$ 31,179	\$ 22,230
3	OPM Data Improvement Grant	\$ 2,647	\$ 163,350	\$ 145,000	\$ 70,000
	EPA Georgetown Branchville Sewer Grant	\$ 18,128	\$ 170,000	\$ 163,500	\$ -
4	EDA Planning Partnership Grant	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
5	FHWA RAISE Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,264,000	\$ 112,042	\$ 2,000,000
6	FTA Neighborhood Access and Equity	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000
7	USDA Vacant Lot & Urban Farmer Grant (NIFA)	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
8	EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant	\$ 48,630	\$ 70,000	\$ 28,000	\$ 123,000
	DHS DEMHS Reg 5 (fee for service)	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total Federal		\$ 1,918,284	\$ 5,503,832	\$ 2,061,227	\$ 4,947,442
STATE					
	CTDOT CT Department of Transportation (10%)	\$ 151,997	\$ 178,140	\$ 149,400	\$ 178,140
	SWRMPO	\$ 100,378	\$ 113,131	\$ 94,900	\$ 113,131
	HVMPO	\$ 51,619	\$ 65,009	\$ 54,500	\$ 65,009
	CTDOT Route 1 Corridor Study	\$ 20,548	\$ 5,372	\$ 6,178	\$ -
9	CTDOT LOTCIP Administration	\$ 211,312	\$ 230,000	\$ 230,000	\$ 245,000
	CTDOAG Farm Viability Study	\$ 27,223	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	CTDEEP Regional Waste	\$ 12,603	\$ 139,000	\$ 51,913	\$ -
10	CTDEEP Recreational Trails Grant	\$ -	\$ 283,000	\$ 14,005	\$ 250,000
11	OPM Water and Waste	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
11	OPM Housing	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
	OPM Regional Services Grant FY23-24	\$ 384,818	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	OPM Regional Services Grant FY24-25	\$ 840,017	\$ 149,824	\$ 158,811	\$ -
	OPM Regional Services Grant FY25-26	\$ -	\$ 998,828	\$ 849,004	\$ 149,824
11	OPM Regional Services Grant FY26-27	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 998,828
Total State		\$ 1,648,518	\$ 2,384,164	\$ 1,859,311	\$ 2,221,792
LOCAL					
	Annual Dues Assessment (18 Municipalities)	\$ 328,928	\$ 339,076	\$ 200,000	\$ 349,248
	Route 1 Corridor Study - Norwalk	\$ 20,548	\$ 5,372	\$ 6,178	\$ -
	Georgetown Branchville Sewer - Ridgefield/Redding	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -
	RAISE Grant Town Match	\$ -	\$ 283,000	\$ -	\$ 283,000
	Misc. Income/Interest Income	\$ 111,205	\$ 120,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 90,000
Total WestCOG Local		\$ 460,681	\$ 797,448	\$ 306,178	\$ 722,248
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		\$ 4,027,484	\$ 8,685,444	\$ 4,226,715	\$ 7,891,482
CAPITAL PROJECTS					
12	FHWA SS4A Grant	\$ -	\$ 1,979,673	\$ -	\$ 1,979,673
	SS4A Grant Town Match	\$ -	\$ 494,919	\$ -	\$ 494,919
13	DOJ Justice Assistance Grant - Training Facility	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 951,000
	OPM Firing Range - RPIP	\$ -	\$ 1,650,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Firing Range Match needed	\$ -	\$ 1,500,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total WestCOG Capital Projects		\$ -	\$ 5,624,592	\$ -	\$ 3,425,592
PASS THROUGH					
	Health Directors Fund (multiple towns)	\$ 6,150	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
DECD	650 Atlantic St - Stamford	\$ -	\$ 950,000	\$ -	\$ -
DECD	Woodland Pacific - Stamford	\$ -	\$ 950,000	\$ -	\$ -
DECD	279 Mason St - Greenwich	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000
DECD	290 Mason St - Greenwich	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000
DECD	Open Doors - Norwalk	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
DECD	16 & 40 Railroad Pl. - Westport Brownfields	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000
DECD	601 & 609 Riverside Ave. - Westport Brownfields	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000,000
EPA	Community Wide Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000
FEMA	Flood Mitigation	\$ -	\$ 1,567,980	\$ -	\$ 1,493,430
CTDOT	Microgrant Program	\$ 56,506	\$ 50,000	\$ 56,500	\$ 70,000
Total WestCOG Pass Through		\$ 62,656	\$ 7,525,980	\$ 63,500	\$ 18,270,430
Total Revenue with Pass Through & Capital Exp		\$ 4,090,140	\$ 21,836,016	\$ 4,290,215	\$ 29,587,504

WestCOG is presenting a balanced budget for FY2026-2027 with Expenses equal to Revenues.

WestCOG Operating Expenditure Detail

FY2026-2027 *DRAFT* BUDGET

	2024-2025 Actual	2025-2026 Budget	2025-2026 <i>Projected</i>	2025-2026 Draft Budget
Expenditure Summary				
Expenditures				
Personnel - Salary	\$ 1,491,889	\$ 1,826,000	\$ 1,665,000	\$ 2,001,000
Acct # 7000	\$ 1,468,399	\$ 1,799,750		\$ 1,956,500
Acct # 7015	\$ 23,490	\$ 26,250		\$ 44,500
Employer Payroll Taxes	\$ 118,977	\$ 147,000	\$ 122,654	\$ 155,000
Fringes	\$ 311,947	\$ 400,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 400,000
Retirement Plan 401a	\$ 115,159	\$ 135,000	\$ 133,000	\$ 143,500
Consultants	\$ 1,400,266	\$ 5,765,219	\$ 1,665,127	\$ 4,705,982
Payroll Services	\$ 4,790	\$ 5,400	\$ 6,122	\$ 6,000
Audit	\$ 21,100	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 25,000
Legal Services	\$ 62,078	\$ 39,575	\$ 12,337	\$ 20,000
Other Purchased Services	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 529	\$ 5,000
Rent	\$ 110,543	\$ 121,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 121,000
Utilities	\$ 29,986	\$ 32,500	\$ 33,000	\$ 38,000
IT Service/Maint/Software/Equip	\$ 60,175	\$ 69,800	\$ 46,892	\$ 90,000
Reproduction	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 250	\$ 2,000
Supplies	\$ 5,631	\$ 12,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000
Meetings/Travel	\$ 25,439	\$ 40,000	\$ 26,000	\$ 40,000
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 13,775	\$ 17,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 17,000
Liability Insurance	\$ 23,524	\$ 26,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 27,000
Postage	\$ 324	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
Equipment Leasing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Legal/Public Notices	\$ 1,000	\$ 18,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 12,000
Recruitment	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Misc.	\$ 4,623	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,800	\$ 10,000
Depreciation	\$ 8,101	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,000
Interest Expense	\$ 5,685	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Capital Expense	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 15,000
Contingency*		\$ 15,000		\$ 15,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,815,011	\$ 8,759,993	\$ 4,224,210	\$ 7,891,482
Capital Projects				
Safe Streets for All (SS4A)		\$ 2,474,592		\$ 2,474,592
Consultant or Pass Through - Training Facility		\$ 3,150,000		\$ 951,000
Total WestCOG Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 5,624,592	\$ -	\$ 3,425,592
PASS THROUGH				
Health Directors Fund (multiple towns)	\$ 6,150	\$ 8,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
650 Atlantic St - Stamford		\$ 950,000		\$ - * year 1 of 2
Woodland Pacific - Stamford		\$ 950,000		\$ -
279 Mason St - Greenwich				\$ 4,000,000 * year 1 of 2
290 Mason St - Greenwich				\$ 4,000,000
Open Doors - Norwalk				\$ 200,000
16 & 40 Railroad Pl. - Westport Brownfields		\$ 4,000,000		\$ 4,000,000
601 & 609 Riverside Ave. - Westport Brownfields				\$ 4,000,000
Community Wide Assessment				\$ 500,000
Flood Mitigation		\$ 1,493,430		\$ 1,493,430
CTDOT Microgrant Program	\$ 56,526	\$ 50,000	\$ 56,500	\$ 70,000
Total WestCOG Pass Through	\$ 62,676	\$ 7,451,430	\$ 63,500	\$ 18,270,430
Total Expenditures with Pass Through & Capital Exp	\$ 3,877,687	\$ 21,836,016	\$ 4,287,710	\$ 29,587,504

* Contingency is amount in budget to correspond to unprogrammed project revenue/unforeseen expenses, but available for such through Annual Dues.

1. **Federal Highway (FHWA) Metropolitan Planning:** annual funding for regional transportation planning via HVMPO and SWRMPO. For FY27, planned activities include: New Milford Trail Study, East/West Trail Study, the Merritt Parkway ITS, and the Regional Freight Study. Funding is programmed biennially.
2. **DEMHS State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP):** FEMA/CISA fund to upgrade to WestCOG's IT systems to reduce vulnerability. This project will be completed by November 30, 2026.
3. **OPM Data Improvement Grant:** American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to enhance local parcel and CAMA data. This project will be completed by December 31, 2026.
4. **EDA (Economic Development Administration) Planning Partnership** funds activities of the Western Connecticut Economic Development District (WCEDD), including updates to the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and brownfields redevelopment.
5. **FHWA RAISE** funds the Western CT Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Project. This project has begun and will run into FY26-27.
6. **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Neighborhood Access and Equity** funds the Regional Transit Study.
7. **USDA Vacant Lot and Urban Farm Grant** is funding for work around urban farms.
8. **EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant** supports development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan.
9. **Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LoTCIP)** covers administrative costs associated with LoTCIP.
10. **CTDEEP Recreations Trails Grant** covers 50% of the nonfederal cost share required for the Western CT Bicycle and Pedestrian Trail Project (RAISE).

11. **OPM Regional Services Grant (RSG)** provides funding to cover staff costs inhouse work on Flood projects, Housing projects, the ADA Transition Plan, and various other regional service projects.
12. **FHWA Safe Streets and Roads For All (SS4A)** funds safety improvements at intersections and road segments in Western CT. This project has not yet started.
13. **DOJ Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)** funds training facility equipment (TBD).

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Council Representatives
 FROM: Farnaz Kamyab, WestCOG Housing Planner
 DATE: May 15, 2026
 RE: Housing Update for May COG Meeting

Background

Public Act 25-1, *An Act Concerning Housing Growth*, was designed to align development practices with regional and statewide housing needs, promoting more equitable and sustainable growth. WestCOG will assist municipalities in meeting these requirements. PA 25-1 requires:

- **Zoning changes** which are required to be in place by July 1, 2026.
- **Municipal Housing Growth Plan (MHGP)**, to be completed by June 2028, unless the municipality opts into a Regional Housing Growth Plan (RHGP), effective June 2029.

Next Steps

The July 1 Deadline for zoning changes is fast approaching. WestCOG staff encourage municipalities to leverage pre-selected planning consultants for the development of these zoning provisions and to coordinate with WestCOG's housing planner to address any questions on the process.

Regarding Housing Growth Plans, WestCOG is preparing an RHGP in direct coordination with member municipalities. Updates on the status of the development of the RHGP will be offered in regular COG briefings, WestCOG's monthly newsletter, and WestCOG's Housing Growth Plan project page.

Municipalities can direct questions to WestCOG's Housing Planner, Farnaz Kamyab at fkamyab@westcog.org or 475-323-2058.

WestCOG Housing Program Page: <https://westcog.org/housing/>

Preselected Planning Firms: <https://westcog.org/planning-consulting-services/>

PA 25-1 CT COG Summary:

<https://westcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/PA-25-1-CT-COG-Summary.pdf>

Housing Growth Plan Flow Chart (DRAFT):

<https://westcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Housing-Growth-Plan-Flowchart-DRAFT.pdf>

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Council Representatives
 FROM: Michael Towle, WestCOG Deputy Director
 DATE: May 14, 2026
 RE: Summer Staff for 2026

Background

WestCOG is hosting a total of six temporary staff for the 2026 Summer Session working across three separate initiatives. A summary of the projects and the associated staff work on them is provided below.

Culvert and Bridge Mapping

Connecticut Public Act 25-33 requires all municipalities to catalog all their culvert and bridge data in a GIS and provide it to their respective COGs by May 1, 2028. The intention of this data collection is to evaluate flood exposure. WestCOG intends to capture this data requirement on behalf of their member municipalities. Mapping has already initiated and will continue through August.

- Julianne Thibault, Planning Aide. B.S. Student at Rowan University, 2028
- Julia Kaiser, Planning Aide. M.S. Student at Clark University, 2027
- Howard Truax, Planning Aide. B.S. UConn, 2026

Sustainable CT

Sustainable CT is a voluntary statewide initiative that supports municipalities in advancing sustainability, resilience, and community well-being through a structured certification framework. Participation helps towns access funding, technical assistance, and recognition while implementing practical actions that improve environmental performance and quality of life.

Gold Certified: Norwalk★ **Silver Certified:** Darien, Greenwich★, Ridgefield, Stamford
Bronze Certified: Bethel. **Registered:** Brookfield, Danbury, New Canaan, Newtown, Redding, Weston, Westport, Wilton, New Milford. (★ = Climate Leader Status)

This summer, Sustainable CT's statewide project will examine how municipalities manage trees, including local policies, programs, and best practices to support canopy health and expansion.

- Brianna Jackson, Sustainable CT Fellow. B.A. Boston University
- Lyah Muktavaram, Sustainable CT Fellow. B.A. Wesleyan University, 2026

Princeton Internship Program

Princeton provides funding for an interested Princeton Student to work in WestCOG for the Summer. WestCOG is still working out the scope of work for this summer's Princeton placement but considering assisting UConn, Land Trusts, and municipalities to identify land suitable for

agriculture sites (Building off of our agriculture viability study), as well as a cost and process assessment of municipal legal notices across our member municipalities (attempting to identify a streamlined and cost saving approach while meeting required standards).

- Kameil Crane, Princeton Intern, A.B. Princeton, 2028