

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, October 22, 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)

3. Featured Presentation:

George Logan Aquarion Director of Community Relations

4. COG Action Items

- a. Approval of September Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 4a, pp. 1-4
- b. 2026-10-22-#01 Regional Freight Study Resolution.....Attachment 4b, p. 5
- c. Quarterly Financial Update.....Handout
- d. Benefits update- Life Insurance.....Attachment 4d, pp. 6-7
- e. 2026-10-22-#02 East-West Trail Study Resolution.....Attachment 4e, p.8
- f. Aspetuck Land Trust LOS.....Attachment 4f, p. 9
- g. 2027 Proposed COG Meeting Dates.....Attachment 4g, pp. 10-11

5. MPO Action Items

- a. Approval of the September 2026 Meeting Minutes.....Attachment 4a, pp. 1-4
- b. FY27-30 Transportation Improvement Program.....Attachment 5b, pp. 12-28
 - i. SWRMPO – 00300-0916CN; Statewide, 0300-2026TK; Statewide, 0102-0379; Norwalk, #0412-2026EQ; Norwalk TD, 0412-2026CN; Norwalk TD, #0412-2026PA; Norwalk TD, #0412-2026RS; Norwalk TD
 - ii. HVMPO – #00300-0916CN; Statewide, #0300-2026TK; Statewide, #0034-0364; Danbury, #0170-3806; Danbury & Newtown, #0170-3818; Bethel, #0416-2026CN; HART, #0416-2026EQ; HART, #0416-2026OP; HART, #0416-2026PA; HART, #0416-2026RA; HART

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- c. 2026-10-22 #03 – HVMPO Self Certification Resolution.....Attachment 5c, pp. 29-30
- d. 2026-10-22 #04 – SWRMPO Self Certification Resolution.....Attachment 5d, pp. 31 -32

6. Information Items

- a. Regional Safety Action Plan.....Attachment 6a, pp. 33-34
- b. Annual Report
- c. SW Waste Management RFI
- d. Legislative Committee Update
- e. LOTCIP Solicitation
- f. Legal Notice Report
- g. CTDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan – WestCOG Area Workshop.....Attachment 6g, p. 35

7. Other Business

8. Adjournment

9. Next meeting

- a. Thursday, November 19, 2026

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WestCOG / HVMPO / SWRMPO Interim Special 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, September 24, 2026 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..... Absent
 Brookfield Absent
 Danbury Absent
 Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky
 Greenwich..... Selectwoman Lauren Rabin
 New Canaan First Selectman Dionna Carlson COG/SWRMPO
 New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
 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..... Absent
 Sherman..... Absent
 Stamford..... Chief of Staff Bridget Fox
 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..... Acting HARTtransit CEO Bob Yastremski HVMPO
 CTDOT Matthew Abbott
 MPO Staff..... Francis Pickering (Non-voting MPO member)

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Others in Attendance: Greenwich Selectwoman Rachel Khanna, Wilton Selectman Ross Tartell, CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott, CTDOT Transportation Planner Kevin Arnold, CTDOT Financial staff Darren Meyers, CTDOT Dir. of Federal Affairs Jennifer Arienti, Sarah Lopez from Sen. Murphy's Office, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, James Westlake, James Root from the Sierra Club, Debra Franceschini-Gatje and Jeanne K.

WestCOG Staff: Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Nick Trabka, Farnaz Kamyab, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Amal Malik, Edward Provitz, Harrison Lewis, Kristin Floberg, Garrett Reed, and Cricket Carpenter.

Call to Order

The COG meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman Dan Carter
The SWRMPO meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairman Jon Zagrodzky
The HVMPO meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Chairwoman Julia Pemberton

Public Comment

No comment was made during the public comment period.

A motion was made by Toni Boucher and seconded by Jon Zagrodzky to amend the agenda to add item: 4b, SWRMPO TIP Amendment 0173-0565 Merritt Parkway Corridor Management Plan to the agenda.

COG Action Items

Approval of July Meeting Minutes

After review and a motion made by Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Dionna Carlson the minutes of the July 2026 meeting were unanimously approved with the following correction. Wilton First Selectman Toni Boucher was recorded as representing Westport. First Selectman Kevin Christie was present and represented Westport.

LOTICIP Adjustment

WestCOG Program Director Kevin Mahoney provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Bruce Walczak the LOTICIP Adjustment was unanimously approved.

2026-09-24-#01 Greenwich Greyfields Resolution

Francis Pickering provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Lauren Rabin the 2026-09-24-#01 Greenwich Greyfields Resolution was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Project Solicitation

Kevin Mahoney provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Dionna Carlson the LOTICIP Project Solicitation was unanimously approved.

MPO Action Items

Approval of the July 2026 Meeting Minutes

After review and on a motion made by Pat Del Monaco and seconded by Dan Carter the minutes of the July 2026 HVMPO meeting were unanimously approved. After review and on a motion made by Dionna Carlson and seconded by Jon Zagrodzky the minutes of the July 2026 SWRMPO meeting were unanimously approved.

SWRMPO TIP Amendment 0173-0565 Merritt Parkway Corridor Management Plan

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Dionna Carlson and Bridget Fox the SWRMPO TIP Amendment 0173-0565 Merritt Parkway Corridor Management Plan was unanimously approved.

Information Items

Legislative Committee update

Francis Pickering provided the update.

Federal Funding (Transportation Reauthorization/CR)

Francis Pickering provided an update.

Housing Update

WestCOG Planner Farnaz Kamyab provided an update.

AMPO 2026 Conference Recap

Francis Pickering provided the recap.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update.

Western CT Regional Trail Project Update

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update.

CT Port Authority SHIPP Grant Program

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update.

USDOT PROTECT Grant Program

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update.

Bridge & Culvert Mapping

WestCOG Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka provided an update.

New Staff – Kathleen Maeder

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle introduced new WestCOG Planner Kathleen Maeder.

Forestry Peer Learning Exchange

Mike Towle provided an overview.

Other Business

No other business was discussed.

8. Adjournment

On a motion duly made the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

9. Next meeting

Thursday, October 22nd 2026 @12:00 pm

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2026/10/22 #01
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Regional Freight Plan

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 October 22, 2026 in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS, WestCOG obtained approval from the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) on May 4, 2026 to commit FHWA-PL funds toward the preparation of a Regional Freight Plan;

WHEREAS, the development of this Plan was programmed in the current HVMPO and SWRMPO Unified Planning Work Programs (UPWPs) under Task 4.4;

WHEREAS, WestCOG is conducting a procurement process to select a qualified consultant to prepare this Plan.

RESOLVED, that WestCOG’s Executive Director is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute an agreement with a selected consultant to perform tasks that will be defined in the final Plan Scope of Work, in accordance with a final budget. Both the Scope of Work and budget will be integral elements of the agreement.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of October 22, 2026.

Julia Pemberton, Secretary
Western Connecticut Council of Governments
October 22, 2026.

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Council Representatives
FROM: Francis R. Pickering, Executive Director
DATE: October 16, 2026
RE: Life Insurance policy conforming changes

Purpose

To align Employee Handbook language with reflect life insurance policy changes.

Background

Since 2015, WestCOG has carried two simultaneous life insurance policies from two carriers:

1. \$50,000 for life insurance, AD&D, Short-Term and Long-Term Disability.
2. \$25,000 for life insurance and AD&D, plus spousal coverage for \$2,500 and Child coverage for \$2,000.

Working with our insurance broker, WestCOG was able to consolidate its life insurance policies from two to one, resulting in monetary and administrative savings to the agency as well as improved benefit levels.

Discussion

Following discussion with the Executive Committee, COG staff propose updating the language in the Employee Handbook effective November 1, 2026 to consolidate our Life and AD&D Policies to one policy and replace a fixed benefit level with a minimum benefit level.

The net impact of this will be:

1. Increase Life Insurance and AD&D Coverage to \$100,000 per staff member
2. Eliminate spousal and child coverage (which is currently minimal)
3. Annual cost savings to the agency of approximately \$1,500 per year.

Next steps

Language for consideration and potential adoption follows.

Current language

Life Insurance AD&D Insurance

Group Term Life and AD&D insurance policies are provided for full-time employees only and the benefit is based on 1x your annual salary to a maximum of \$50,000, of which WESTCOG pays 100% of your premium costs.

WESTCOG also offers an additional Group Term Life and AD&D insurance for you, your spouse, infants and children. This benefit covers the employee at \$25,000, the spouse at \$2,500, an infant child (from 14 days to six months old) at \$250 and children (from six months to 19 years) at \$2,000. WESTCOG pays 100% of your premium costs; however, the employee has a small tax liability according to federal tax law on this policy recorded at the end of the calendar year.

Group Term Life and AD & D coverage and any changes in plans or coverage are explained on an annual basis.

New language (effective November 1, 2026)

Life Insurance AD&D Insurance

Group Term Life and AD&D insurance policies are provided for full-time employees only, and the benefit includes at least \$100,000 of coverage for all full-time staff, of which WESTCOG pays 100% of your premium costs. However, the employee may have a small tax liability according to federal tax law on this policy recorded at the end of the calendar year.

Group Term Life and AD&D coverage and any changes in plans or coverage are explained on an annual basis.

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2026-10-22-#002
CERTIFIED RESOLUTION OF THE
WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE EAST-WEST TRAIL STUDY

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 October 22, 2026, in Ridgefield, Connecticut, a quorum being present:

WHEREAS, the East-West Trail Study will identify a feasible alignment for a multi-use trail linking the planned Maybrook Trail in Danbury to the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail in Cheshire;

WHEREAS, WestCOG has applied for and been notified that the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) has awarded \$500,000 through the Recreational Trails Grant Program, for a \$625,000 project;

WHEREAS, according to the terms and conditions of the grant, a twenty percent non-state match of \$125,000 is required and was programmed under Task 4 of the HVMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP);

RESOLVED, that WestCOG shall enter into an agreement with CTDEEP to receive and expend said grant funds in performance of the project. That WestCOG Chairman Rudolph Marconi, Vice Chairman Dan Carter, or Executive Director Francis Pickering are hereby authorized to act on behalf of WestCOG to negotiate and execute all appropriate and necessary contractual agreements with CTDEEP and any consultant to perform the Project.

This resolution is in full force and effect as of October 22, 2026.

Julia Pemberton, Secretary
Western Connecticut Council of Governments
October 22, 2026

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October 15, 2026

Emma Cimino, Acting Commissioner CT DEEP
Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Acting Commissioner Cimino,

With this letter, I am pleased to report that the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) has voted to support the Newtown Forest Association (NFA) and Aspetuck Land Trust's (ALT) application to the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program (OSWA) for the acquisition and permanent protection of approximately 39.5 acres at 141 Poverty Hollow Road in Newtown. This acquisition will protect wildlife habitat and water resources, preserve rural landscapes, and contribute to the region's and state's conservation goals.

As the regional council of governments for 18 municipalities, WestCOG recognizes the importance of open space and natural resources. Our 2020 – 2030 Regional Plan of Conservation and Development emphasizes the expansion of permanently preserved open space, the protection of wildlife corridors, and collaboration between municipalities and conservation organizations as priorities for the region. The proposed acquisition directly advances these objectives by permanently protecting an environmentally significant property with a diverse mix of forests, fields, wetlands, and a beaver pond.

The property is of high regional conservation value given its location and connectivity to surrounding protected lands. Approximately 87% of the property's boundary adjoins existing protected land, including Aquarion Water Company watershed lands and Town of Newtown open space. Conserved, connected open spaces support climate resilience, biodiversity, and long-term watershed protection.

NFA and ALT's proposed acquisition also aligns with statewide conservation objectives, including Connecticut's goal of preserving 21% of its land area as open space as established in C.G.S. §23-8. WestCOG appreciates the State's continued investment in open space and watershed protection through the OSWA program. We believe this acquisition is well-aligned with local, regional, and state conservation priorities, and we strongly support NFA and ALT's application for funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Proposed Meeting Schedule

***Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted.

The Ridgefield Town Hall Annex- 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT and via Zoom

Annual Legislative Lunch: Will take place at the January 2027 MPO/COG meeting.

<u>Date</u>	<u>MPO/ COG Meeting</u>
Thurs. January 21	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Feb. 18	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Mar. 18	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Apr. 15	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. May 20	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. June 17	12:00 pm – 2:00pm
Thurs. July 15	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Aug. 19	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
*Thurs. Sept. 23-OR Thursday Sept. 30 (HRRRA potential conflict on Sept. 23) (AMPO on Sept. 13- 17)	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Oct. 21 Jewish Holiday Sukkot 10/21	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Nov. 18	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thurs. Dec. 16	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

- HRRRA meeting at the time of this draft: fourth Thursday. Jan 11/28, Feb 02/25, April 04/29, June 06/24, Sept. 09/23. Nov. is the 2nd Thurs. 11/12
- AMPO is scheduled for 09/13 - 09/17 Multiple WestCOG Staff attend
- COST is on 01/27, 2027

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TO: MPO Members
 DATE: September 30, 2026
 SUBJECT: Amendments to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program

SWRMPO FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Background: The FFY2027-2030 South Western Region MPO TIP was endorsed by the MPO on May 21, 2026. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on September 4, 2026.

The following projects have proposed amendments:

1. 0300-0196CN - Scour Rehabilitation 4 NHL Bridges
2. 0300-2026TK - New Haven Line Track Program
3. 0102-0379 - Wall Street Corridor Revitalization
4. 0412-2026EQ - Norwalk TD - Admin Capital/Misc Support FY26
5. 0412-2026CN - Norwalk TD - Facility SGR FY26
6. 0412-2026PA - Norwalk TD - Paratransit Vehicles FY26
7. 0412-2026RS - NorwalkTD - Replace 40FT Buses FY26

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

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

HVMPO FFY 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Background: The FFY2027-2030 Housatonic Valley Region MPO TIP was endorsed by the MPO on May 21, 2026. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on September 4, 2026.

The following projects have proposed amendments:

1. 0300-0196CN - Scour Rehabilitation 4 NHL Bridges
2. 0300-2026TK - New Haven Line Track Program
3. 0034-0364 - Install Flex Lane Between Exits 3 & 7
4. 0170-3806 - Replace Variable Message Signs
5. 0170-3818 - Install New Variable Message Signs
6. 0416-2026CN - HART - Facility Renovations - Replace Bus Wash FY26
7. 0416-2026EQ - HART - Admin Capital/Misc Support FY26

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8. 0416-2026OP - HART - Operating Assistance FY26
9. 0416-2026PA - HART - Paratransit Vehicles FY26
10. 0416-2026RS - HART - Replace 35FT Buses

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

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

0300-0196CN - SCOUR REHABILITATION 4 NHL BRIDGES

SCOUR REHABILITATION 4 NHL BRIDGES

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	78
Town:	VARIOUS
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$12,000,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Construction	5337P	\$0	\$9,600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,600,000
↳ Construction	State Match	\$0	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,400,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$12,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,000,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "June 2026 Action" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0300-2026TK - NEW HAVEN LINE TRACK PROGRAM

NEW HAVEN LINE TRACK PROGRAM

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	78
Town:	VARIOUS
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$8,974,246

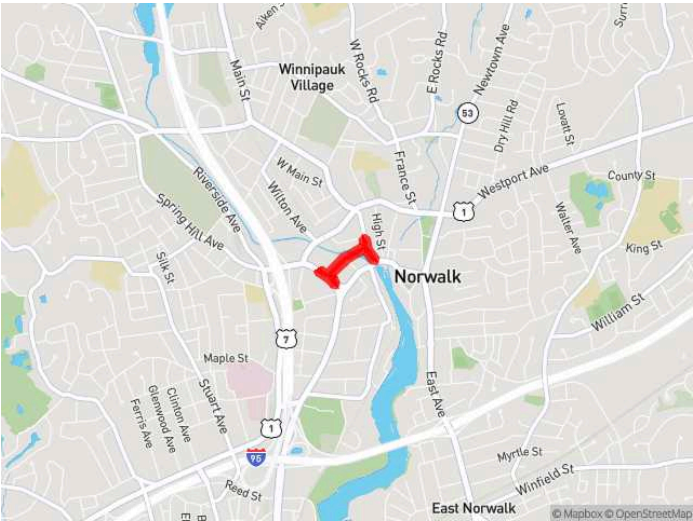
Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
All Phases	5337P	\$0	\$7,179,397	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,179,397
All Phases	State Match	\$0	\$1,794,849	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,794,849
Total All Phases		\$0	\$8,974,246	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,974,246
Total Programmed		\$0	\$8,974,246	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,974,246

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "June 2026 Action" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0102-0379 - WALL STREET CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION

WALL STREET CORRIDOR REVITALIZATION

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	1
Town:	NORWALK
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$7,325,000



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Construction	CPCDH	\$0	\$5,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,500,000
Construction	Local Match	\$0	\$1,825,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,825,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$7,325,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,325,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$7,325,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,325,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	05 - New Project
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "March 2025 Notification" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0412-2026EQ - NORWALK TD - ADMIN CAPITAL/MISC SUPPORT FY 26

NORWALK TD - ADMIN CAPITAL/MISC SUPPORT FY 26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	1
Town:	NORWALK
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$600,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Other Activities	5307P	\$0	\$480,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$480,000
↳ Other Activities	State Match	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000
Total Other Activities		\$0	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP, 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "Adoption" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0412-2026CN - NORWALK TD - FACILITY SGR FY 26

NORWALK TD - FACILITY SGR FY 26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	1
Town:	NORWALK
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$450,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
All Phases	5307P	\$0	\$360,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$360,000
 All Phases	State Match	\$0	\$90,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$90,000
Total All Phases		\$0	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$450,000

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

0412-2026PA - NORWALK TD - PARATRANSIT VEHICLES FY 26

NORWALK TD - PARATRANSIT VEHICLES FY 26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	1
Town:	NORWALK
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$2,145,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Capital Acquisition Activities	5307P	\$0	\$1,716,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,716,000
↳ Capital Acquisition Activities	State Match	\$0	\$429,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$429,000
Total Capital Acquisition Activities		\$0	\$2,145,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,145,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$2,145,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,145,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP, 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "Adoption" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0412-2026RS - NORWALK TD - REPLACE 40FT BUSES FY 26

NORWALK TD - REPLACE 40FT BUSES FY 26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	1
Town:	NORWALK
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$1,400,000

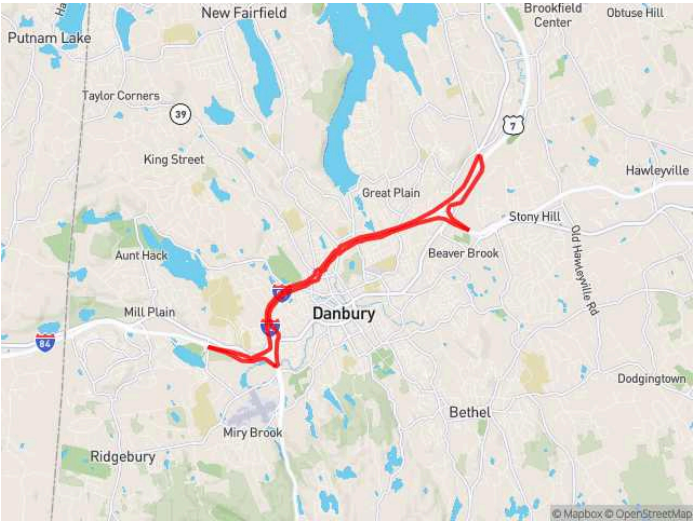
Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Capital Acquisition Activities	5307P	\$0	\$1,120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,120,000
↳ Capital Acquisition Activities	State Match	\$0	\$280,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$280,000
Total Capital Acquisition Activities		\$0	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,400,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,400,000

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

0034-0364 - INSTALL FLEX LANE BETWEEN EXITS 3 & 7

INSTALL FLEX LANE BETWEEN EXITS 3 & 7

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	2
Town:	DANBURY
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$2,866,667



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Final Design	NHPP	\$0	\$2,580,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,580,000
↳ Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$286,667	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$286,667
Total Final Design		\$0	\$2,866,667	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,866,667
-	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Programmed		\$0	\$2,866,667	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,866,667

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	05 - New Project
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "March 2026 Amendment" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0170-3806 - REPLACE VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

REPLACE VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13
Town:	STATEWIDE
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$18,839,600

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Final Design	NHPP	\$0	\$579,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$579,680
↳ Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$144,920	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$144,920
Total Final Design		\$0	\$724,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$724,600
Construction	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,492,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,492,000
↳ Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,623,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,623,000
Construction	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000
↳ Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$8,115,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,115,000
-	NHPP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Programmed		\$0	\$724,600	\$10,000,000	\$8,115,000	\$0	\$0	\$18,839,600

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	05 - New Project
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "July 2026 Amendment" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0170-3818 - INSTALL NEW VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

INSTALL NEW VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15
Town:	STATEWIDE
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$20,046,000



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Final Design	CMAQ	\$0	\$616,800	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$616,800
↳ Final Design	State Match	\$0	\$154,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$154,200
Total Final Design		\$0	\$771,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$771,000
Construction	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,420,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,420,000
↳ Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,605,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,605,000
Construction	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,000,000
↳ Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$2,250,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,250,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$11,250,000	\$8,025,000	\$0	\$0	\$19,275,000
-	CMAQ	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Programmed		\$0	\$771,000	\$11,250,000	\$8,025,000	\$0	\$0	\$20,046,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	05 - New Project
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "July 2026 Amendment" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0416-2026CN - HART - FACILITY RENOVATIONS- REPLACE BUS WASH FY26

HART - FACILITY RENOVATIONS- REPLACE BUS WASH FY26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	2
Town:	DANBURY
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$150,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Construction	5307P	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$120,000
↳ Construction	State Match	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000
Total Construction		\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000

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

0416-2026EQ - HART - ADMIN CAPITAL/MISC SUPPORT FY 26

HART - ADMIN CAPITAL/MISC SUPPORT FY 26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	2
Town:	DANBURY
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$625,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Other Activities	5307P	\$0	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
↳ Other Activities	State Match	\$0	\$125,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$125,000
Total Other Activities		\$0	\$625,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$625,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$625,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$625,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP, 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates
Project Changes:	Title changed from "HART ADMIN CAPITAL/MISC SUPPORT FY 26" to "HART - ADMIN CAPITAL/MISC SUPPORT FY 26"
Project Changes:	Description changed from "HART ADMIN CAPITAL/MISC SUPPORT FY 26" to "HART - ADMIN CAPITAL/MISC SUPPORT FY 26"
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "Adoption" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0416-2026OP - HART - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FY 26

HART - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FY 26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	2
Town:	DANBURY
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$1,523,588

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Other Activities	5307OP	\$0	\$761,794	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$761,794
Other Activities	Local Match	\$0	\$761,794	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$761,794
Total Other Activities		\$0	\$1,523,588	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,523,588
Total Programmed		\$0	\$1,523,588	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,523,588

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP
Project Changes:	Title changed from "HART OPERATING ASSISTANCE FY 26" to "HART - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FY 26"
Project Changes:	Description changed from "HART OPERATING ASSISTANCE FY 26" to "HART - OPERATING ASSISTANCE FY 26"
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "October 2024 Amendment" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0416-2026PA - HART - PARATRANSIT VEHICLES FY 26

HART - PARATRANSIT VEHICLES FY 26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	2
Town:	DANBURY
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$2,560,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Capital Acquisition Activities	5307P	\$0	\$2,048,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,048,000
↳ Capital Acquisition Activities	State Match	\$0	\$512,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$512,000
Total Capital Acquisition Activities		\$0	\$2,560,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,560,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$2,560,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,560,000

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update:
Current Change Reason:	01 - Move projects from one year in the STIP to another year in the STIP, 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates
Project Changes:	Title changed from "HART -PARATRANSIT VEHICLES FY 26" to "HART - PARATRANSIT VEHICLES FY 26"
Project Changes:	Description changed from "HART -PARATRANSIT VEHICLES FY 26" to "HART - PARATRANSIT VEHICLES FY 26"
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "Adoption" to "October 2026 Amendment"

0416-2026RS - HART - REPLACE 35FT BUSES FY26

HART - REPLACE 35FT BUSES FY26

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FTA
Region:	2
Town:	DANBURY
Air Quality Status:	-
Total Cost:	\$7,200,000

Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	Future	Total
Capital Acquisition Activities	5307P	\$0	\$5,760,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,760,000
↳ Capital Acquisition Activities	State Match	\$0	\$1,440,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440,000
Total Capital Acquisition Activities		\$0	\$7,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,200,000
Total Programmed		\$0	\$7,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,200,000

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

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



2026-10-22 #03

HOUSATONIC VALLEY

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

BETHEL•BRIDGEWATER•BROOKFIELD•DANBURY•NEW FAIRFIELD•NEW

MILFORD•NEWTOWN•REDDING•RIDGEFIELD•SHERMAN

Resolution of HVMPO Planning Certification

WHEREAS, the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (HVMPO) has been designated by the Governor of the State Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG); and

WHEREAS, the HVMPO conducts the transportation planning process in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation by preparing a Unified Planning Work Program, preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), preparing and updating the endorsed Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and MTP, and proactively involving the public in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the HVMPO hereby certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) [23 U.S.C. 134](#) and [135](#), [49 U.S.C. 5303](#) and [5304](#), and this part;
- (2) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended ([42 U.S.C. 2000d-1](#)) and [49 CFR part 21](#);
- (3) [49 U.S.C. 5332](#), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, or age in employment or business opportunity;
- (4) Section 1101(b) of the FAST Act ([Pub. L. 114-357](#)) and [49 CFR part 26](#) regarding the involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises in DOT funded projects;
- (5) [23 CFR part 230](#), regarding implementation of an equal employment opportunity program on Federal and Federal-aid highway construction contracts;
- (6) The provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ([42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.](#)) and [49 CFR parts 27, 37, and 38](#);
- (7) In States containing nonattainment and maintenance areas, sections 174 and 176(c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act, as amended ([42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506\(c\)](#) and [\(d\)](#)) and [40 CFR part 93](#);
- (8) The Older Americans Act, as amended ([42 U.S.C. 6101](#)), prohibiting discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving Federal financial assistance;
- (9) [23 U.S.C. 324](#), regarding the prohibition of discrimination based on gender; and
- (10) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ([29 U.S.C. 794](#)) and [49 CFR part 27](#) regarding discrimination against individuals with disabilities;

(11) All other applicable provisions of Federal law ([23 CFR § 630.112 Agreement provisions – Code of Federal Regulations \(ecfr.gov\)](#)).

This resolution is in full force and effect as of October 22, 2026.

Julia Pemberton, Chairman
October 22, 2026

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



2026-10-22 #04
SOUTH WESTERN REGION
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
 DARIEN•GREENWICH•NEW CANAAN•NORWALK•STAMFORD•WESTON•WESTPORT•WILTON

Resolution of SWRMPO Planning Certification

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

WHEREAS, the SWRMPO conducts the transportation planning process in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the US Department of Transportation by preparing a Unified Planning Work Program, preparing, maintaining and amending the endorsed Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), preparing and updating the endorsed Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), assessing the air quality impacts of the proposed transportation improvement projects included in the TIP and MTP, and proactively involving the public in the metropolitan transportation planning process.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the SWRMPO hereby certifies that the metropolitan transportation planning process is being carried out in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

- (1) [23 U.S.C. 134](#) and [135](#), [49 U.S.C. 5303](#) and [5304](#), and this part;
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This resolution is in full force and effect as of October 22, 2026.

Jon Zagrodzky, Chairman
October 22, 2026



Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

TO: COG Members
 DATE: October 6, 2026
 SUBJECT: Regional Safety Action Plan

Background: WestCOG is updating its 2021 Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan to identify transportation safety concerns throughout the region and develop strategies to reduce fatalities and serious injuries.

The updated plan will identify the region's high-risk roadway network and locations through an enhanced analysis of crash and roadway data. The project will combine quantitative data analysis, statistical modeling, municipal and community input, and field observations to better understand existing safety conditions and identify opportunities for improvement.

The plan will also establish a series of data-driven safety recommendations for identified high-risk locations. Recommendations will draw upon the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) proven safety countermeasures and crash modification factors to support effective and evidence-based safety improvements.

Objectives:

- Meet SS4A requirements and support eligibility for future Implementation Grants.
- Identify high-risk locations and networks using updated crash analysis, data modeling, and local knowledge.
- Evaluate priority locations through municipal coordination and site visits.
- Develop data-driven safety recommendations and engage the public through surveys, mapping tools, and review of the draft plan.

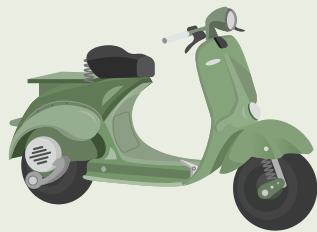
An anonymous, short regional safety survey is currently available to gather public and stakeholder input on transportation safety concerns. The survey was distributed to TAG, MPO, and interested parties, who are encouraged to share it with appropriate municipal staff, organizations, and community members to help broaden participation.

Following the data analysis and stakeholder input, WestCOG will conduct site visits at the highest-ranked locations and develop data-driven safety recommendations using FHWA proven safety countermeasures.

Access the Survey here: <https://westcog.xyz/index.php/611453?lang=en>



REGIONAL SAFETY ACTION PLAN SURVEY



WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR FEEDBACK!

This survey will help identify high-risk roads across Western CT and where safety improvements could reduce fatalities and serious injuries.



Save the Date!

Western Connecticut COG Area Strategic Highway Safety Plan and Vulnerable Roadway Safety Assessment Update Workshop

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) invites you to participate in a **2026 Regional Safety Workshop**, to continue development of the CT Strategic Highway Safety Plan Update and Vulnerable Roadway Safety Assessment. The purpose of the in-person workshop is to review progress towards reducing fatalities and serious injuries on the roadways in your region and discuss priority safety topics and approaches to the 2027 statewide plans. **Registration is required—all are welcome.** Please circulate the invitation and registration to other stakeholders who are invested in improving roadway safety in the Western Connecticut COG area.

Date: Wednesday, November 4

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm (1 hour for lunch on your own).

Location: Danbury Public Library, Farioly Program Room, 170 Main St, Danbury, CT 06810

Who: Transportation planners, engineers, law enforcement, public health, first responders, schools, advocates, policy makers, and any other partner who is passionate about improving roadway safety for all users.

Registration: [Connecticut Strategic Highway Safety Plan: 2026 WestCOG Regional Safety Workshop – Fill out form](#)