Housatonic Valley & South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organizations

July 21st @ 12:00 p.m.
Ridgefield Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Agenda

1. Meeting Call to Order
2. Public Participation:
3. Information Items:
   a. CT OPM TOD Grant Program
   b. USDOT RCP Grant Program
   c. Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program
4. Action Items: Public Participation:
   a. Approval of the June 16th Meeting Minutes (HV & SWR)
   b. 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (HV & SWR):
   c. Regional Transportation Safety Plan Addendum & Resolutions
5. Other Business:
6. Next Meeting: August 18th 2022
7. Adjournment:

*Separate votes are taken by HV and SWR MPOs

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TO: MPO Members  
FROM: Todd Fontanella  
DATE: July 15, 2022  
RE: CT OPM TOD Grant Program

On June 28 the CT Office of Policy and Management (OPM) announced a Request for Applications (RFA) for the 2022 Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program. Municipalities are invited to apply for grants ranging between $200,000 and $2,000,000, for a wide range of planning and construction projects to advance State, regional, and local goals for transit-oriented development. This program provides grants for shovel-ready capital projects located within one-half (1/2) mile of existing public transportation facilities including rail, bus rapid transit (BRT) and/or a high-frequency, seven day per week local transit stop. The municipality must either own the property or hold a long-term lease on the property.

Shovel-ready capital projects or certain activities to directly support such projects, including but not limited to the following:

- new construction, expansion, renovation, or replacement of existing facility/facilities
- site improvements to support an eligible capital project
- upgrades to existing public infrastructure to support an eligible capital project
- land acquisition in support of an eligible capital project

Please note that preference will be given to shovel-ready projects that include a minimum 20% match of the total project cost.

Interested applicants must meet the project eligibility requirements as detailed in the RFA and submit a completed Application Form directly to OPM. Applications will be evaluated by OPM, in consultation with other agencies, and awards will be made at the discretion of the OPM Secretary and subject to availability of funding approved by the Bond Commission.

Program information and forms are available at [2022 TOD (ct.gov)](http://2022 TOD (ct.gov)).

All correspondence relating to this program shall be directed to the Official State Contact, Martin Heft, Undersecretary for the Intergovernmental Policy and Planning Division at Martin.Heft@ct.gov, in accordance with the requirements of the RFA.

Applications must be submitted electronically to [OPM-TOD2022@ct.gov](mailto:OPM-TOD2022@ct.gov) by 5:00pm on September 1, 2022.

If you have any questions, contact Todd Fontanella at WestCOG, (475) 323-2076 or tfontanella@westcog.org.
TO: MPO Members
FROM: WestCOG staff
DATE: July 15, 2022
RE: Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program

On June 29 the US Department of Transportation announced the release of the FFY 2022 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program (RCP). Under this Program, grant funds are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development. The variety of transformative solutions to reconnect communities can include public transportation, infrastructure removal, pedestrian walkways and overpasses, capping highways, linear parks and trail connectors, roadway redesigns and Complete Streets conversions, and main street revitalization projects.

Eligible applicants for RCP planning grants are states, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Federally recognized Tribal Governments, units of local government, and nonprofit organizations. Eligible applicants for RCP capital construction grants are owners of the transportation facility. Facility owners may submit joint applications with those entities eligible for planning grants.

Up to $195 million is available to for competitive grants through the RCP Program in FY 2022 ($50 million is dedicated to planning grants and $145 million is dedicated to capital construction grants). The Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available at https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-06/RCP_NOFO_FY22.pdf. The RCP Program grant applications are due on October 13, 2022 and must be submitted through grants.gov. Award winners are expected to be announced in early 2023.

Preference will be given to applications serving economically disadvantaged communities, especially applications that address equity and environmental justice, have strong community engagement and stewardship, and a commitment to shared prosperity and local workforce development.

Due to USDOT’s emphasis on larger-scale, regional and multi-jurisdictional projects, WestCOG will be coordinating a meeting with MPO members to develop a competitive and regional application.

WestCOG encourages its member communities to review the NOFO and to consider projects that may fulfill the RCP’s goals. If your municipality is interested in applying to this program, please let Todd Fontanella know. Thanks!
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Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization
INTERIM HVMPO MINUTES
For the 06/16/2022 Meeting
Held at: The Ridgefield Town Hall Annex
66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE
Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater Absent
Brookfield First Selectman Tara Carr
Danbury Absent
New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Redding Absent
Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe
Transit Representative Rick Schreiner
CTDOT CTDOT Transportation Planner Sara Radacsi (non-voting)
MPO Staff Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Darien First Selectman Monica McNally, Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Stamford Chief of Staff Bridget Fox, Weston First Selectman Samantha Nestor, Westport First Selectman Jennifer Tooker, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, Norwalk Transit CEO Kimberlee Morton, Paige Lawrence from CTRides, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were: WestCOG Fellow Jen Melo.

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CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No member of the public identified themselves or offered comment when invited to do so.

INFORMATION ITEMS:
Metropolitan Transportation Plan: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjystylianos provided an update. Projects are due by June 28th, 2022.

Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjystylianos provided an update. Applications are due by September 15th, 2022.

CTDOT LLEAN Event Update: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjystylianos and WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided an overview.

EPA Clean Bus Technologies Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjystylianos provided an update. Applications are due by August 18th, 2022.

ACTION ITEMS
HVMPO Approval of the May 31st 2022 Special Meeting minutes: After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the May 31st, 2022 Special meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Resolution to Amend FY 22 & 23 UPWP (HV & SWR): WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjystylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the Resolution to Amend the HVMPO FY 22 & 23 UPWP was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:
Next Meeting: Thursday July 21st 2022

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m.
South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

INTERIM SWRMPO MINUTES
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Greenwich  Selectman Lauren Rabin
New Canaan  First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk  Absent
Stamford  Chief of Staff Bridget Fox
Weston  First Selectman Samantha Nestor
Westport  First Selectman Jennifer Tooker
Wilton  First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
CTDOT  CTDOT Transportation Planner- Sara Radacsi (non-voting)
Transit Representative Kimberlee Morton
MPO Staff  Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Brookfield First Selectman Tara Carr, New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, New Milford Mayor Pete Bass, Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, HARTTransit CEO Rick Schreiner, Paige Lawrence from CTRides, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were: WestCOG Fellow Jen Melo.
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ACTION ITEMS:
SWRMPO Approval of April 21st 2022 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Transit CEO Kim Morton and seconded by Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin the minutes of the May 31st 2022 Special meeting were unanimously approved.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin and seconded by Stamford Chief of Staff Bridget Fox, the SWRMPO TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

Resolution to Amend FY 22 & 23 UPWP (HV & SWR): WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjestylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Transit CEO Kim Morton and seconded by Weston First Selectman Samantha Nestor the Resolution to Amend the SWRMPO FY 22 & 23 UPWP was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:
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SWRMPO FFY 2021–2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**Background:** The FFY 2021-2024 South Western Region TIP was endorsed by the MPO on October 15, 2020. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on January 26, 2021.

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

**Amendments **#2022–0721

0056–0316: I-95 Improvements from NY State Line to Exit 6

The CTDOT requested amendment would delete the first 10 line items and add the last 4 line items shaded in gray below. This is due to the newly scoped project and change in description. The result would be the previous $205 million project being deleted, and an approximately $50 million new pavement preservation project being initiated in its place.

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**0056-0323: Install Adaptive Signal Control Technology at Various Intersections in Greenwich**
The CTDOT requested amendment would install adaptive signal control technology at approximately 29 intersections along the entire Route 1 Corridor in Greenwich. This is a new
project that was selected by CTDOT in 2022, through a COG solicitation, for funding under CMAQ. This installation is intended to improve air quality and reduce congestion.

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0102-0369: Traffic Signal System Upgrades at Various Intersections- Phase 5, Norwalk

The CTDOT requested amendment would add a new project to the TIP that would continue to upgrade signals, adaptive traffic control systems, and add concurrent pedestrian phases in Norwalk. This project was selected by CTDOT in 2022, through a COG solicitation, for funding under CMAQ.

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0161-0145: Rehabilitation of Bridge 04981 over the Norwalk River in Wilton

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0157-0089: Pedestrian Improvements at Various Locations in Weston

The CTDOT requested amendment would move the construction phase to Fiscal Year Illustrative on the TIP. There is no change to the total project cost.
**0170-5031: I-95 Bridges Concrete Sealing Program**

The CTDOT requested amendment would increase the total project cost to 10.88 million. This is reflective of the cost submitted with the 90% design. The project will extend the service life of the existing concrete structural elements of the bridges that carry I-95 North and Southbound from the NY to Rhode Island state border.

**HVMPO FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

**Background:** The FFY2021-2024 Housatonic Valley TIP was endorsed by the MPO on October 15, 2020. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on January 26, 2021.

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

**Amendments #2022-0721 0096-0208: Climbing Lane Extension & Exit 9 On-Ramp Reconfiguration**

The CTDOT-requested amendment would add the right of way, final design, and construction phases to the TIP for the Town of Newtown. The project intends to improve peak hour congestion that is localized around the I-84 Exit 9 on-ramp in Newtown. Extension of the truck climbing lane and reconfiguration of the on-ramp will help to alleviate existing PM congestion.
Regional Transportation Safety Plan Addendum

The Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) was endorsed June 17, 2021 in order to reduce fatalities and injuries by outlining effective safety countermeasures to reduce potential future crashes. The RTSP serves as a road map and strategy to save lives, as well as an Action Plan under Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Opportunity. This addendum provides additional information to clarify the engagement and analysis that was completed during the RTSP planning process.

Engagement
Municipal representatives were charged with overseeing the RTSPs development. This can be found in Appendix A: Municipal Reports of the plan. At the October 8, 2019 meeting a kick-off presentation was provided to the TAG with an opportunity for public participation. Over the course of 2019 and 2020, WestCOG and the consultants held discussions with municipal staff members to review the data analysis and discuss the site visit(s) taking place within the municipality. A public comment period was held from March 30, 2021 to May 7, 2021 to review the draft RTSP. The draft plan was posted on the WestCOG website and made publicly available. The draft was also presented at the April 13, 2021 TAG and April 22, 2021 MPO meetings with an opportunity for public participation. WestCOG received 4 comments on the plan; after review and incorporation the final version was endorsed at the June 17, 2021 HVMPO and SWRMPO meetings.

Analysis
At the July 21, 2022 meetings of the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (HVMPO) and South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (SWRMPO) the MPOs committed to an eventual goal of zero highway fatalities and serious injuries via resolution endorsement. This resolution re-affirmed CTDOT’s annual Safety Targets to achieve significant declines in highway fatalities and serious injuries. The voting members committed to achieve an 80% reduction in highway fatalities and serious injuries over the next 25 years. WestCOG will measure this reduction by monitoring the outcome data of fatalities and serious injuries in the Region through the UConn Crash Repository.
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WHEREAS: The Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) purpose being to reduce fatalities and injuries by outlining effective safety countermeasures to reduce potential future crashes; and

WHEREAS: The data-driven, multimodal, multidisciplinary approach has identified collaborative partners while focusing on regional data and local roads; and,

WHEREAS: The RTSP serves as a road map and strategy to save lives, as well as an Action Plan under Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Opportunity; and,

WHEREAS: The Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (HVMPO) commits to an eventual goal of zero highway fatalities and serious injuries; and,

WHEREAS: The HVMPO commitment includes setting annual targets to achieve significant declines in highway fatalities and serious injuries by endorsing the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) established targets for five performance measures using both a 5-year moving average trendline and annual trendline; and,

WHEREAS: The HVMPO voting members commit to achieve an 80% reduction in highway fatalities and serious injuries over the next 25 years.

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

Endorses RESOLUTION #2022-0721

This resolution is effective July 21, 2022.

Date: July 21, 2022.

Rudolph Marconi, Chairman
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WHEREAS: The Regional Transportation Safety Plan (RTSP) purpose being to reduce fatalities and injuries by outlining effective safety countermeasures to reduce potential future crashes; and

WHEREAS: The data-driven, multimodal, multidisciplinary approach has identified collaborative partners while focusing on regional data and local roads; and,

WHEREAS: The RTSP serves as a road map and strategy to save lives, as well as an Action Plan under Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Opportunity; and,

WHEREAS: The South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (SWRMPO) commits to an eventual goal of zero highway fatalities and serious injuries; and,

WHEREAS: The SWRMPO commitment includes setting annual targets to achieve significant declines in highway fatalities and serious injuries by endorsing the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) established targets for five performance measures using both a 5-year moving average trendline and annual trendline; and,

WHEREAS: The SWRMPO voting members commit to achieve an 80% reduction in highway fatalities and serious injuries over the next 25 years.

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

Endorses RESOLUTION #2022-0721

This resolution is effective July 21, 2022.

Date: July 21, 2022.

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Lynne Vanderslice, Chairman