

CRCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 12:00 NOON

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1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. [Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2026](#)
4. Staff Reports (oral)
5. Business Items
 - a. ACTION: [Emergency TIP Amendment for NEVI Program](#)
 - b. DISCUSSION: Legislative Update
 - c. DISCUSSION: [Strategic Visioning Session for Policy Board](#)
6. Correspondence/Handouts
 - a. Finance Report dated February 28, 2026
7. Adjournment

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A voluntary Council of Governments formed to initiate and implement regional programs of benefit to the towns and the region.

CRCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at 12noon

This was a virtual meeting.

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Name

Jon Colman
Tony Harrington
Jim Rupert
Rodney Fournier
Mark Walter
Jim Drumm
Lisa Thomas
Connor Martin
Jason Bowsza
Brian Connolly
Jeff Auker
Raúl De Jesús Jr.
Ryan Ayelsworth
Toni Moran
David Porter
Bobbie Sanchez
Jessica Gerratana
Jonathan Altshul
Wendy Mackstutis
Shari Cantor
Fred Presley
Ken Lesser
Nuchette Black-Burke
Peter Souza

Town/Organization

Bloomfield
Bloomfield
Bolton
Bolton
Columbia
Coventry
Coventry
East Hartford
East Windsor
Farmington
Hartford
Hartford
Mansfield
Mansfield
Marlborough
New Britain
New Britain
Newington
Simsbury
West Hartford
Wethersfield
Wethersfield
Windsor
Windsor

CRCOG Staff

Caitlin Palmer
Cheryl Assis
Lily Schneider
Laura Frankowski
Matt Hart
Pauline Yoder
Rob Aloise
Tracey Malenfant
Nick Lanza

Doreen Hemme

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Bowsza called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM.

2. **Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

3. **Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2025**

Mr. Colman motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Black-Burke seconded. Ms. Moran abstained.

4. **Staff Reports**

Mr. Hart opened the staff reports highlighting CRCOG's activities, including orientation sessions for new chief elected officials, a social media workshop featuring Sam Toles, and an upcoming legislative breakfast on March 5th. He also announced his appointment to the board of Sustainable CT and as incoming chair of the state's Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

5. **Business Items**

a. **ACTION: Disbursement Check Signature Policy**

Ms. Yoder presented an updated Check Signature Policy to ensure that CRCOG can issue disbursement checks in a timely and efficiently, CRCOG management requested Executive Committee approval of an updated proposed Disbursements and Check Signature Policy. Mr. Colman motioned to approve. Mr. Auker seconded. Motion carried.

b. **ACTION: Regional Fund for Economic Development**

Mr. Hart and Ms. Yoder presented a proposal to use \$70,000 annually from the regional fund to support economic development initiatives, which the committee endorsed for further discussion at the policy board meeting. Mr. Colman motioned to approve. Ms. Mackstutis seconded. Motion carried.

c. **ACTION: Appointment of Legislative Committee Chair and Vice Chair**

Mr. Colman motioned and Mr. Lesser seconded approval of Ms. Thomas as chair and Mr. Martin as vice-chair of CRCOG's Legislative Committee for the duration of the 2025-2027 municipal term. Motion passed unanimously.

d. **Discussion: Strategic Vision & Priorities**

Mr. Hart discussed with the Executive Committee the possibility of conducting an in-person strategic visioning with the Policy Board. The Committee was interested in this and recommended a doodle poll to determine the best times.

6. **Correspondence and Handouts**

Ms. Yoder reviewed the Finance Report. Mr. Bowsza requested that the Finance Report be sent out prior to the meeting. Ms. Yoder stated the report would be in the future and will be re-sent after the meeting as a follow-up.

7. **Adjournment**

Mr. Colman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Harrington seconded. The meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Agenda Item Summary

To: Executive Committee

From: Rob Aloise, Director of Transportation Planning
Cara Radzins, Deputy Director of Transportation Planning

CC: Matt Hart, Executive Director

Meeting Date: March 11, 2026

Subject: Emergency TIP Amendment for NEVI Program

Background: Each Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to maintain a four-year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), detailing all federal surface transportation funding. As part of maintaining this document, the MPO approves amendments as needed. While the Policy Board usually approves amendments following a recommendation from the Transportation Committee, CRCOG staff have received a time-sensitive amendment request from CTDOT for funding awarded under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Program.

CTDOT has been awarded \$44 million in NEVI Program funding that has not yet been obligated. An impending Buy America waiver modification will require 100% domestic content for electric vehicle (EV) chargers, which currently are not available on the market and will therefore put unobligated NEVI Program projects on hold indefinitely. In order for FHWA to obligate Connecticut's NEVI Program funding, each MPO must pass the attached TIP amendment.

Benefit to Member Towns/CRCOG: The following project is included:

1. Statewide – Various – Install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - Phase 1a, 1b & 2

Financial/Operational Impact: Approval of this amendment will allow for the obligation of an additional \$44 million in NEVI funding for EV charging infrastructure across the State, for a total project cost of \$63.9 million.

Project Schedule: This amendment needs to be approved by each MPO by March 12, 2026 in order for it to be incorporated into the STIP and obligated before the Buy America waiver modification is finalized.

Recommendation: CRCOG Staff recommend approval of the TIP Amendment.

Attachments:

- TIP Amendment Summary Sheet
- Project Overview Sheet
- CTDOT Memo and Project Backup Materials

TIP Amendment Summary Sheet

ID #	Project #	Funding Source(s)	Phase	Municipality	Route	Project Name	Change Summary	Project Cost
1	0170-3795	EVFP, State, Local	CON	Statewide	Various	Install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations - Phase 1a, 1b & 2 (Design-Build)	Expands the project scope to include Phases 1b and 2 in addition to Phase 1a, design/build. Total cost increase from \$8,883,496 to \$63,908,172	\$63,908,172

March 3, 2026

Emergency TIP Amendment Request: NEVI EV Charger Design & Construction

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

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

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

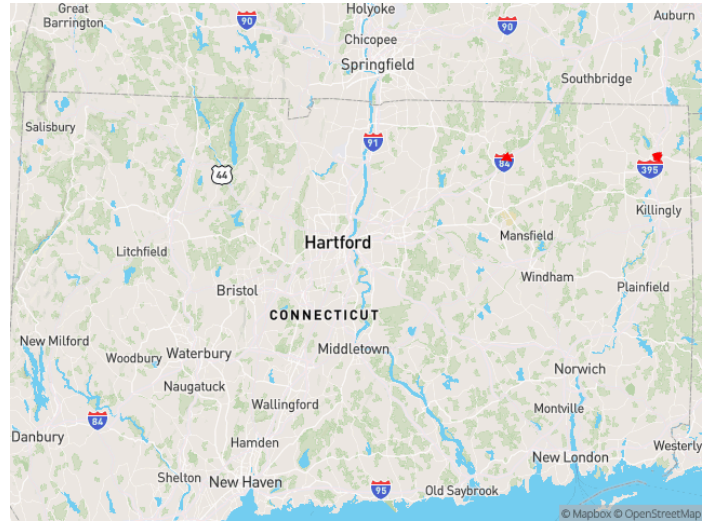
In the event the modification is finalized as-written, CTDOT has been coordinating with the FHWA CT Division Office to identify a path forward to obligate funds prior to March 16. The Division Office is prepared to approve CTDOT's obligation request for the remaining \$44 million unobligated NEVI funds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

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

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

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

Lead Agency:	CTDOT
Project Type:	FHWA
Region:	70
Town:	STATEWIDE
Air Quality Status:	X6
Total Cost:	\$63,908,172



Phase	Fund Source	Prior	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	Future	Total
Construction	EVFP	\$0	\$0	\$49,776,157	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$49,776,157
Construction	Local Match	\$0	\$0	\$13,547,080	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$13,547,080
Construction	State Match	\$0	\$0	\$584,935	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$584,935
Total Construction		\$0	\$0	\$63,908,172	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63,908,172
Total Programmed		\$0	\$0	\$63,908,172	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$63,908,172

Current Change Reason:	Schedule / Funding / Scope- Update 04 - Adjust existing projects for revised cost estimates - 10 - Correction
Project Changes:	Title changed from "INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - PHASE 1A (DESIGN-BUILD)" to "INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - PHASE 1A, 1B & 2 (DESIGN-BUILD)"
Project Changes:	Description changed from "INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - PHASE 1A (DESIGN-BUILD)" to "INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - PHASE 1A, 1B & 2 (DESIGN-BUILD)"
Project Changes:	Plan Revision Name changed from "December 2025 Amendments" to "3/2/2026 Emergency Amendment"
Funding Changes:	EVFP
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$5,756,416 to \$49,776,157
Funding Changes:	State Match
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$80,000 to \$584,935
Funding Changes:	Local Match
Funding Changes:	+ Increase funds in FY 2026 in CON from \$3,047,080 to \$13,547,080
Federal Project Cost:	Increased from \$5,756,416 to \$49,776,157 (764.71%)
Total Project Cost:	Increased from \$8,883,496 to \$63,908,172 (619.40%)



To: **Darren E. Meyers**
Director of Capital Services
Bureau of Finance & Administration

MOD # _____ RPM _____
(Revised from Original RPM Processed in CY25)

DATE: 3/2/2026
From: K. Cain / J. Trio / J. Adams for R. Andreucci
PE or PL Project ID: _____
FD Project ID: _____
RW Project ID: _____
CN Project ID: **DOT01703795CN**

Please Review Project Information and Estimate for Approval:

Project Description (short): 23 (30 Characters)	NEVI DB Phases 1a, b, 2
Project Description (long): 245 (254 Characters)	Design-Build NEVI Program project for Phases 1a, b, and 2 installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations by vendors at various locations along CT's federally designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs) and community charging locations.

Long Description/Justification: 1561 (1333 Characters)	EV charging stations will be installed under Phases 1a and 1b at various locations not more than one mile from exit ramps along I-84, I-91, I-95, I-395, and U.S. Route 7. Each location will contain Level 3 EV charging stations with a minimum of four Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) ports. Phase 2 will fund Level 2 and/or Level 3 chargers at more flexible community charging locations. The FHWA-approved FY26 National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Plan acts as the Work Plan for this project. One Design-Build project, Federally participating with 80% Federal share using NEVI Program funds, is being established to address all locations under Phase 1a, 1b, and 2, and control reimbursements for individual locations through purchase orders. Vendors will be reimbursed under the CT0000 activity for both design and construction related activities with payments not to exceed maximum award amounts identified in Award Letters. Vendors will fund the 20% non-Federal match and additional eligible non-participating costs above the capped Federal amounts. Vendors will own, maintain, and operate the EV chargers following installation. CTDOT and CTDOT's consultant expenses for administration and oversight activities will be funded under the IN0000 activity with the 20% non-Federal match State funded. CTDOT will execute grant agreements with vendors following project solicitation, conditional award, and the conclusion of the NEPA/Design Approval process. PAED to be established based on the estimated completion date for the last EV installation.
Project Manager: Raquel Ocasio	Additional Notes: This RPM documents a scope change from the original RPM processed in calendar year 2025 to include Phases 1b and 2 in addition to Phase 1a. A Statewide STIP amendment is required to add Phases 1b and 2 to the scope to ensure that EV charging stations can be installed at various locations across the State. This project is being expedited to obligate Federal NEVI funds by 3/16/26.
Project Engineer: Rebecca Andreucci	

Scope Code: **CI 3** **CI 3 - Miscellaneous System Improvements** (Scope Code is only for a project w/CN phase)

Requested Schedule (Project Manager):		
<input type="checkbox"/> State ADV		PE(PD) or PL Start
<input type="checkbox"/> Town ADV		Design Approval/FD/RW
		FDP
	ASAP *	DCD for DB
		ADV

*Requires Statewide TIP/STIP Amendment to include in STIP.

Estimates Summary:		Project Type CN	
Project Type	EST Amount Requested	Activity	EST Amount Requested
PE or PL	\$0	CT	\$60,983,496.17
FD	\$0	CG	\$0
		IN	\$2,924,676.50
Total	\$0	NI	\$0
		NF	\$0
		UT	\$0
Project Type	EST Amount Requested	RF	\$0
RW	\$0	SF	\$0
		TF	\$0
Total	\$0	CM	\$0
		Total	\$63,908,172.67

Project Grand Total (Sum of Project Types) = \$63,908,172.67

Submitted by: (sign & date)	Approved by: (sign & date)
Assistant Planning Director - Craig J. Babowicz	Interim Bureau Chief - Laoise King
Planning Director - Kevin F. Carifa	Director of Capital Services - Darren E. Meyers

			Budget (FY 2025-2026)		Actual 2024-2025 (Full year)		2/28/2026		Net
			Revenue	Expenses	Revenue	Expenses	Revenue	Expenses	
Administration / Agency Wide									
Regional Programs Fund	35500	355910	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ 43,945	\$ -	\$ 83,883	\$ (83,883)
Local Assessment and Other Income	39000	900000/43000	\$ 882,730	\$ 213,500	\$ 877,774	\$ 193,869	\$ 733,927	\$ 103,959	\$ 629,968
Local Assessment towards required matches	39000	900000/43000	\$ (625,949)		\$ (683,905)	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -
Regional Services Grant	31000	TBA	\$ 1,356,407	\$ 1,356,407	\$ 1,437,823	\$ 1,437,823	\$ 1,756,407	\$ 486,207	\$ 1,270,201
Municipal Services									
Crumbling Foundations	35100	351001	\$ 272,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 173,448	\$ 173,448	\$ 89,324	\$ 177,675	\$ (88,351)
RPIP	38012		\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 80,845	\$ 80,845	\$ 39,754	\$ 62,634	\$ (22,880)
OPM Parcel and CAMA Improvement Grant	38013		\$ 225,000	\$ 225,000			\$ 153,190	\$ 224,795	\$ (71,605)
DEEP RWA	31210		\$ 220,000	\$ 220,000	\$ 46,849	\$ 46,849	\$ 115,143	\$ 121,541	\$ (6,398)
DEEP Trails Grant	931200		\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 19,662	\$ 19,662	\$ 296,722	\$ 286,819	\$ 9,903
Municipal Services	35000	350013/49051	\$ 254,000	\$ 251,162	\$ 716,500	\$ 546,966	\$ 374,956	\$ 192,919	\$ 182,038
Transportation Planning									
MPO (FHWA Planning and Studies)	30300	303100	\$ 3,125,773	\$ 3,125,773	\$ 3,206,758	\$ 3,206,758	\$ 1,314,735	\$ 1,820,594	\$ (505,859)
FHWA Projects (SS4A + RAISE)	30310		\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 731,303	\$ 731,303	\$ 578,825	\$ 266,699	\$ 312,127
LOTICIP, MicroGrants, Other Transportation	30100	301014	\$ 753,370	\$ 753,370	\$ 760,299	\$ 760,299	\$ 885,609	\$ 372,858	\$ 512,750
Regional Planning and Development									
Planning	32000	320100	\$ 66,273	\$ 66,273	\$ 11,291	\$ 11,291	\$ -	\$ 4,098	\$ (4,098)
DEEP Stormwater	31200		\$ 119,542	\$ 119,542	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 89,102	\$ 92,020	\$ (2,918)
Regional Housing Strategy and Housing Analyses	822501		\$ 119,340	\$ 119,340	\$ 59,959	\$ 59,959	\$ 67,225	\$ 66,834	\$ 391
NHMP and CPRG	30410		\$ 111,816	\$ 111,816	\$ 372,301	\$ 372,301	\$ 56,379	\$ 59,113	\$ (2,734)
Brownfields	32200	322411	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,327,183	\$ 1,327,183	\$ 67,668	\$ 53,901	\$ 13,768
Public Safety and Homeland Security									
Citizen Corps/CERT and MRC	36000	360300	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000	\$ 83,397	\$ 83,397	\$ 18,131	\$ 42,923	\$ (24,793)
Public Safety Department & CAPTAIN	31600	316000	\$ 10,150	\$ 10,150	\$ 125,215	\$ 125,215	\$ 25,070	\$ 46,037	\$ (20,967)
Public Safety Training Coordinator	862501			\$ -			\$ -	\$ 41,855	\$ (41,855)
DPH HCC CRI/PHP 2021-2022	36100	TBA	\$ 862,729	\$ 862,729	\$ 834,653	\$ 834,653	\$ 752,596	\$ 411,258	\$ 341,338
Homeland Security Grant Program 2020	37021			\$ -	\$ 16,324	\$ 16,324	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Homeland Security Grant Program 2021	37022		\$ 229,831	\$ 229,831	\$ 354,026	\$ 354,026	\$ 6,244	\$ -	\$ 6,244
Homeland Security Grant Program 2022	37023		\$ 420,956	\$ 420,956	\$ 92,144	\$ 92,144	\$ 386,812	\$ 395,385	\$ (8,573)
Homeland Security Grant Program 2023	37024		\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 33,407	\$ 33,407	\$ 93,383	\$ 121,831	\$ (28,449)
MMRS	37097		\$ 61,142	\$ 61,142	\$ 73,523	\$ 25,060	\$ 21,676	\$ 26,410	\$ (4,733)
EMPG Hazmat	37099		\$ 20,107	\$ 20,107	\$ 39,923	\$ 24,204	\$ 38,512	\$ 38,512	\$ -
TOTALS			\$ 10,660,217	\$ 10,492,098	\$ 10,890,702	\$ 10,600,933	\$ 7,961,390	\$ 5,600,757	

Balance Sheet

CAPITOL REGION COUNCIL OF GOVTS

Run Date:

3/2/2026

Assets:

10000	REGULAR CHECKING- WEBSTER	1,706,886.94
10001	INVESTMENT -WEBSTER	2,125,583.12
10011	BROWNFIELDS RLF PROGRAM - WEBSTER	2,730.31
10100	STIF - PS ACCOUNT	671,267.11
10600	STIF - CCSWA ACCOUNT	191,339.53
10700	STIF - GENERAL FUND	2,787,620.04
12000	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	1,953,684.08
12100	ACCRUED INTEREST RECEIVABLE	2,893.42
12210	LOAN RECEIVABLE	901,844.67
14000	PREPAID EXPENSES	172,779.78

Total Assets:

10,516,629.00

Liabilities:

20000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	755,208.66
20200	ACCRUED SALARIES	67,274.28
25100	DEFERRED INFLOW	901,844.67

Total Liabilities:

1,724,327.61

Projects

30100	TRANSPORTATION STUDIES	632,808.67
30300	MPO PLANNING (FORMERLY TRANSP)	85,765.95
30310	FHWA PROJECTS	172,051.03
31000	REGIONAL SERVICES GRANT	835,463.08
31200	DEEP PROJECTS (fund 12052)	-41,281.05
31210	DEEP WASTE PROJECTS (fund 11000)	-30,396.34
31600	PUBLIC SAFETY	499,399.12
32000	PLANNING	-950.47
32200	PLANNING -SPEC PROJECTS	-12,970.61
32220	BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM FUND	5,623.73
35000	MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT	774,871.71
35100	CRUMBLING FOUNDATIONS	-19,082.73
35500	REGIONAL PROGRAM FUNDS	1,730,948.51
35501	ALLOCATED REGIONAL FUND PROJECTS	217,415.04
36000	PSC SPECIAL PROJECTS	138,708.10
36100	DPH - DEPT OF HEALTH (MRC)	389,753.53
37022	SHSGP 2021	6,243.63
37023	SHSGP 2022	-638.62