



TRANSPORTATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

PRESENTATION TO MUNICIPAL STAFF

MARCH 2024

SOUTHEASTERN CT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

AGENDA

- Transportation Alternatives
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TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES (TA)



TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES

- Federal formula funding, Surface Transportation Block Grant set-aside
- Transportation Alternatives Program Funding Now Available – SCCOG (seccog.org)
- Eligible Project Types:
 - **Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities**
 - Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas
 - Community Improvements such as Historic Preservation and Vegetation Management
 - Environmental Mitigation Related to Stormwater and Habitat Connectivity
 - Recreational Trails
 - Safe Routes to School Projects
 - Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment

PAST PROJECTS

New London - William Street Phase I

\$761,530

sidewalks, pavement markings, raised intersection

New London – Williams Street Phase 2

\$2,845,000*

Street scape from Gorton Court to Huntington Street

Groton – G&S Trolley Trail to Thomas Rd Bike Path Connection

\$1,170,000

Bike lanes and multi-use path, intersection improvements



UPCOMING DEADLINES TA

April 15, 2024 Preliminary applications due to COG

May 1, 2024 COG application comments provided

May 15, 2024 Budget review provided to the towns

May 29, 2024 Final Applications Due to COG

June 4 and June 18, 2024 COG EC prioritization and COG endorsement of prioritization

June 28, 2024 COG priorities due to CTDOT

- Funding Available
 - \$79.4M/FY26-30 statewide, 59% is suballocated by population
 - *\$6.9M Other Urban(50k-200k)/FY26-30
 - Project Cost: \$500,000-\$3,000,000
 - Split: 80/0/20 (or better)
 - Paid on a reimbursement basis
 - Projects on or adjacent to Federal Lands may pay the non-federal portion with other federal funds (Tribal land for example)
- Eligible Entity:
 - Municipalities
 - Tribes*
 - Transit Districts
 - SCCOG
 - Non-profits



COMPETITIVENESS



ADA

Regionally
Significant

Safety

Local Design

Statewide Competitive

High-need areas



SECTION 5310

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- Federal formula funding, Federal Transit Agency
- Funding for services for seniors and disabled folks including:
 - Traditional Capital(Municipality, N-P): Purchase of Accessible Vehicles Mobility Management Programs
 - Non Traditional Capital:
 - Equipment (ITS, routing, scheduling, hardware)
 - Accessible taxis
 - Operating:
 - Operating expenses
 - Volunteer Driver Programs
 - Supporting administration for voucher programs or transportation services

PAST PROJECTS

Traditional:

FY20-21: East Lyme, Groton Senior Center, Horizons, New London Senior Center

FY19: Arc of NLC, Ledyard, Griswold, Colchester, Waterford

Non-Traditional:

ECTC Mobility Manager

ECTC Travel Vouchers

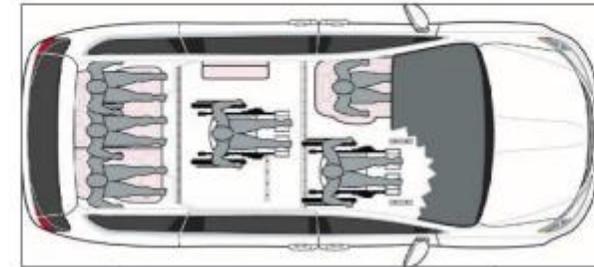
Horizons

3 seats, 2 WC, plus the Driver -or- 4 seats, 1 WC, plus the Driver -or- 6 seats, 0 WC, plus the Driver

(All three seating arrangements are available on these vehicles if the 2nd row 2-passenger foldaway seat is selected)

Current Contract Pricing: \$69,544.00

2024 Estimated Pricing: \$73,000.00-\$75,000.00



UPCOMING DEADLINES 5310

March 22, 2024 Traditional Capital
Public Notice deadline, direct email 1
week prior

April 2, 2024 Applications Due to
COGs

June 2024 Priorities due to CTDOT

September 2024 Notice to
Traditional Applicants

February 2025 Traditional Vehicle
Procurement

Funding Available

- Annual FTA formula funds
- >55% Traditional, <45% Non-Traditional
- \$272,524 for New London UA(>\$149,888T/<\$110,372)
- Split: 80/0/20 Traditional, 50/0/50 Non-Traditional (potentially more)
- Eligible Entity:
 - Municipalities
 - States
 - Operators of public transportation
 - Non-profits

Scoring Section	Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
Legal Notice, Complete Application and Submission Deadline	Application must be submitted prior to the deadline, signed and completed entirely with one Legal Notice published within the required timeframe. Projects must fill a gap identified in the 2007, 2009 and 2021 LOCHSTP plans.	15
Eligibility for Replacement & Service Initiation/Expansion	Vehicles proposed for replacement must be 4 years old for a van (mini-van) or have 100,000 miles, or 5 years old for a bus (mini-bus) or have 150,000 miles, or have documentation of excessive maintenance costs. Equal consideration will be given to applicants that do not have a vehicle to replace but are expanding service or starting a new service.	5
Planning Process	Priority will be given to nonprofit organizations and local municipalities whose project serves the target group by limiting restrictions on access to service. Priority will be given to applicants that performed and demonstrated outreach to local transportation operators regarding their intent to apply for Section 5310 funding to obtain a vehicle.	15
Limited English Proficiency	Priority will be given to applicants that indicate how people with Limited English Proficiency will be informed about the service.	5
Utilization of Equipment	Effective utilization of the equipment should be demonstrated with reliable estimates of the number of individuals that will receive service, and the total number of passenger trips to be provided. Priority will be given to vehicles that will be utilized evenings, weekends, out of region, more than six hours per day, serve a large service area and/or are available for off-peak use by another organization.	20
Degree of Need (in the Applicant's Proposed Service Area for Transportation Services)	Priority will be given to applicants that clearly explain the lack of accessible transportation through existing public and private transportation providers.	10
Coordination	Priority will be given to applicants that propose to coordinate with another municipality or nonprofit organization to provide service and note how other sources of funding or grants complement the request for vehicle funding.	15
Transportation Budget	Priority will be given to applicants that indicate they have sufficient operating income to cover estimated operating expenses and include a vehicle total within the estimated price range for the vehicle classification requested.	15



MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM (MGP)



MUNICIPAL (MATCHING) GRANT PROGRAM

- Program description: Formula funding, State
- State Matching Grant Program (MGP) for Demand Responsive Transportation for Elderly and People with Disabilities (Connecticut General Statutes 13b-38bb).
- Applications for 2025-2028 State Matching Grant Program (MGP) for Demand Responsive Transportation for Elderly and People with Disabilities Due May 15, 2024 – SCCOG (seccog.org)

PAST PROJECTS

Coordinated services:

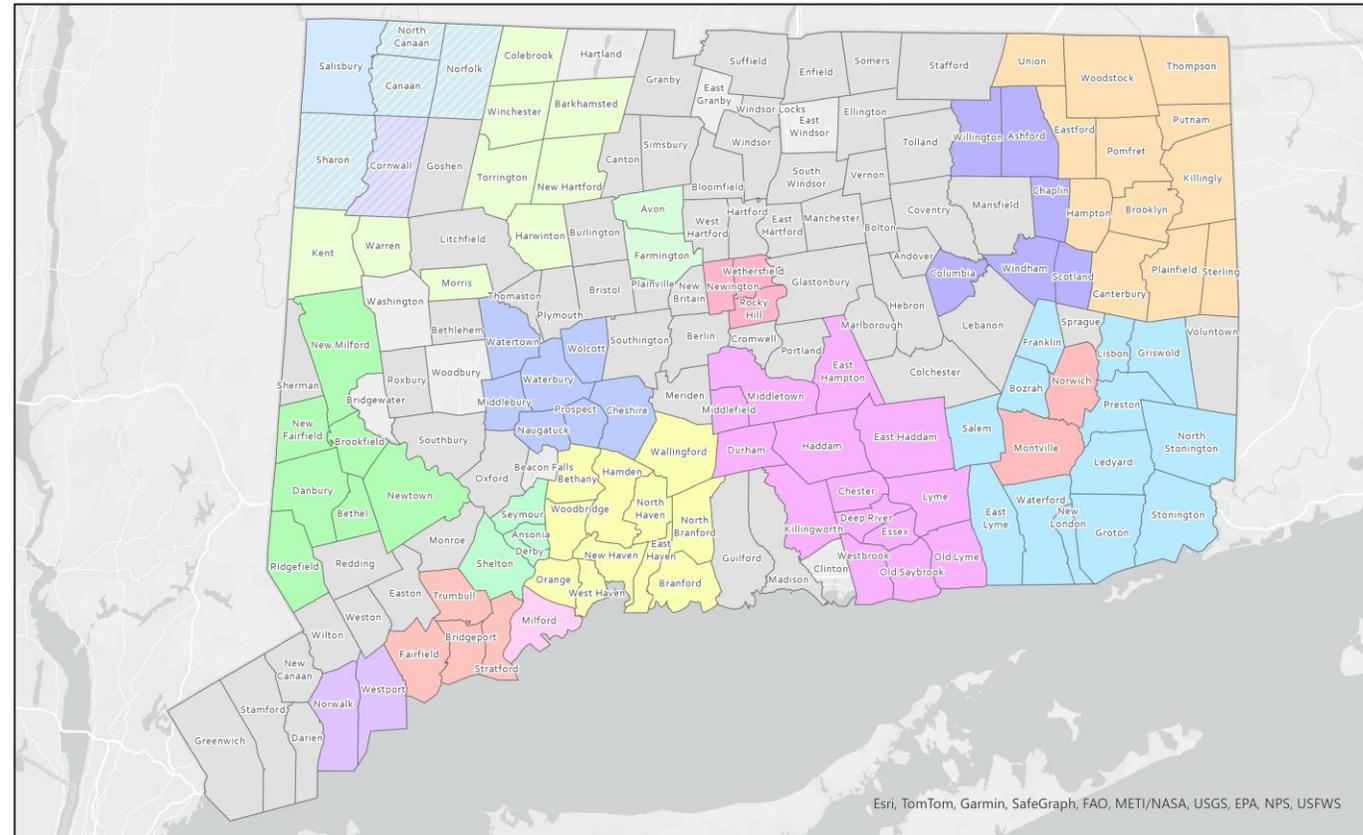
Groton: serving 13 towns with brokered rides ECTC

WRTD: 6 towns

Montville: Serving Norwich

Individual Applicants:

Sprague
Lebanon
Colchester



Coordinating Entity	Greater Waterbury Transit District	Northwest Hills Council of Governments	Gray indicates a town is an individual applicant and does not apply via a coordinating entity.
Estuary Transit District	Groton	Northwestern Connecticut Transit District	
Farmington	Housatonic Area Regional Transit District	Norwalk Transit District	
Greater Bridgeport Transit Authority	Milford Transit District	Valley Transit District	
Greater New Haven Transit District	Montville	Wethersfield	
	Northeastern Connecticut Transit District	Windham Region Transit District	

UPCOMING DEADLINES MGP

May 15, 2024 Application deadline*

- Funding Available:
 - Population based formula funds
 - Split: 50S/50L
- Eligible Projects:
 - Non-Supplanting
- Eligible Entity: Municipalities

Municipality	Apportionment
Sprague	\$8,855
Lisbon	\$11,242
Franklin	\$11,463
Bozrah	\$12,308
New London	\$17,394
Salem	\$18,137
Preston	\$19,167
Griswold	\$26,731
Windham	\$27,135
Ledyard	\$29,908
North Stonington	\$32,759
Lebanon	\$33,679
Colchester	\$34,261
East Lyme	\$34,423
Waterford	\$35,217
Montville	\$35,552
Stonington	\$39,172
Norwich	\$41,620
Groton	\$42,948



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MICRO GRANTS



UPCOMING DEADLINES ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION MICRO GRANTS

Quarterly Due Dates:

March 22, June 22, September 22,
December 22

March 28, 2024 Quarterly
Reporting and Request for Funds

? 2024 COG Disbursement of
Funds

1-year Spend grant funds within
one year, or return unspent funds
to the COG

- Eligible Funding:
 - Program Authorization: \$500,000 for CY2024
 - Grants up to \$5,000
 - Split: 100S/0L (or other awardee)
- Eligible Entities:
 - Schools, school districts, municipalities, and 501 (c)(3) non-profit organizations
 - Applicants are eligible up to 2 times per year
- Active Transportation Microgrant Program for Bike/Ped Activities – SCCOG (seccog.org)



- Bicycle helmets
- Bicycle locks
- Bicycle maintenance training and materials
- Bicycle fleets including adaptive bicycles
- League Cycling Instructor (LCI) training
- Programs, events and materials for pedestrian and bicycle safety education
- Safety vests for pedestrians

**New Active Transportation
Microgrant Program Now Available!**

Schools, school districts, municipalities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for grants up to \$5,000.



 [Learn more at ct.gov/SafeRoutes](https://ct.gov/SafeRoutes) 





ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM



FHWA, BIL, ATIIP ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT PROGRAM

- FY 2023, New program authorized under BIL
- Program Description: A competitive grant program funding construction projects to provide safe and connected active transportation facilities in active transportation networks or active transportation spines. Networks are defined at the community or MPO level, connecting schools, workplaces, residences, businesses, recreation areas, medical facilities, and other community areas. Spines are active transportation facilities that connect between communities, metropolitan regions or States. Projects integrate transit



UPCOMING DEADLINES ATIIP

April 9, 2024, 11 a.m. Webinar

June 17, 2024, 11:59 p.m.
Application due date at
Grants.gov

- Eligible Funding:
 - Program Authorization: \$45,000,000
 - Planning/Design Grants: >\$100,000 (\$3,000,000 set aside)
 - Construction Grants: >\$15,000,000
 - Split: <80F/20L (100F/0L for impoverished census tracts)
 - 30% Networks construction
 - 30% Spines construction
 - Eligible Entities: Municipalities, MPOs, States, Multiple States, Tribes

COMPETITIVENESS

- Substantial additional opportunities for biking and walking
- Connecting residences, schools, employment, community areas, recreation
- Demonstration of support: Public Input, plan development, commitment by community leaders
- Commitment to traffic safety, regulation, financial incentives or community design policies that facilitate increased walking and biking
- Non-federal match commitment(local, state, ROW, eligible federal, in-kind)
- Environmental Justice – addressing income/racial disparity and providing access for disadvantaged communities
- Demonstrate how active transportation will advance safety for pedestrians and cyclists, accessibility to jobs and key destinations, economic competitiveness, environmental protection, and quality of life.

SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A)

WHAT IS SS4A?

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) established the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over 5 years, 2022-2026.
- The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. Over \$3 billion is still available for future funding rounds.
- The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the goal of zero roadway deaths using a Safe System Approach.



Source: U.S. Department of Transportation

TYPES OF SS4A GRANTS

The SS4A program provides funding for two types of grants - Planning and Demonstration Grants and Implementation Grants:

Planning and Demonstration Grants

- develop, complete, or supplement an Action Plan
- supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities in support of an existing Action Plan
- USDOT expects to award hundreds of these grants between \$100k-\$10m

Implementation Grants

- available to applicants with an eligible Action Plan
- implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem (infrastructural, behavioral, and/or operational activities)
- supplemental planning and/or demonstration activities in support of an existing Action Plan
- USDOT expects to award 50 of these grants between \$2.5m-\$25m

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- The FY 2024 NOFO has multiple deadlines, depending on the grant type:

April 4, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #1 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

May 16, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.

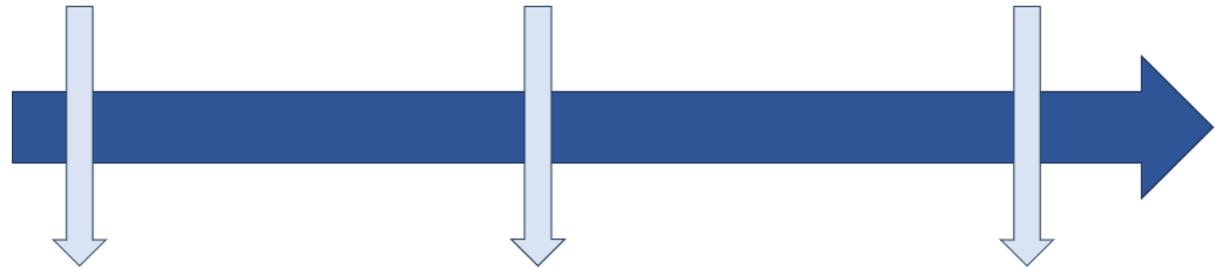
August 29, 2024, 5 p.m. (EDT): Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants. NOFO closes.

CTDOT Requested Materials Receipt Due Date

March 21, 2024

April 25, 2024

August 8, 2024



April 4, 2024

May 16, 2024

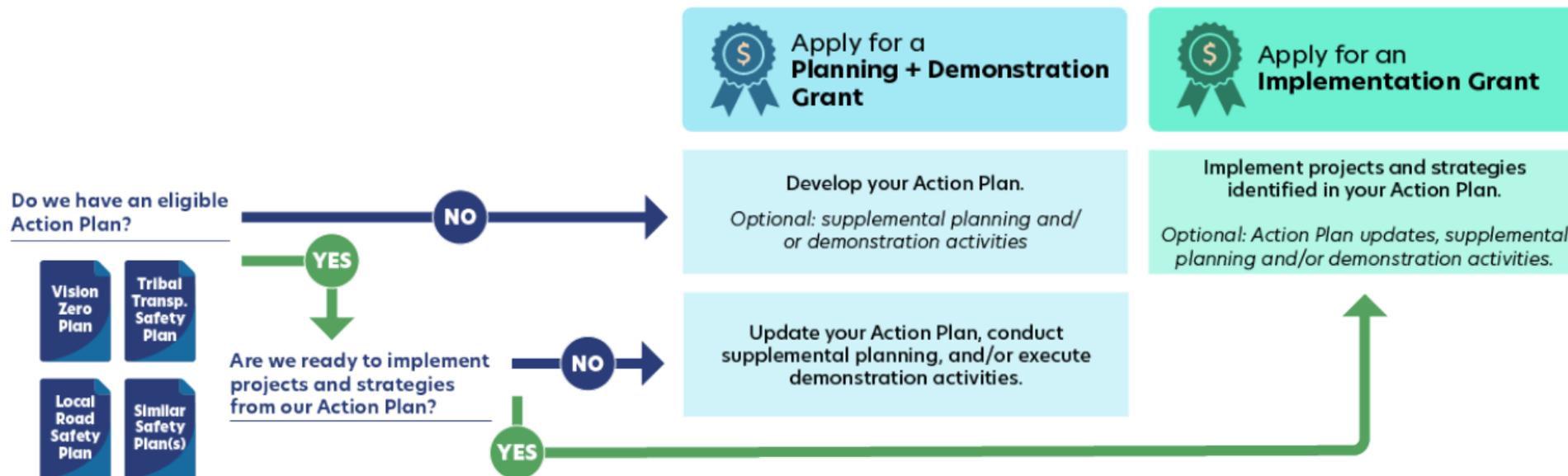
August 29, 2024

SS4A Application Submission Deadline



OTHER SS4A APPLICATION CONSIDERATIONS

- SS4A grants **require a 20% local match** and are reimbursable projects. CTDOT cannot provide funds for a local match.
- Planning and Demonstration Grant applicants may reapply if their application is not initially selected for funding.



Source: U.S. Department of Transportation

SCCOG PRIOR SS4A APPLICATIONS & FUNDING

- 2022 - Applied for Implementation Grant
- 2023 – Applied for Implementation Grant, including supplemental planning and demonstration activities to inform an existing Action Plan and received partial funding (see chart)
- 2024 – Considering applying for the August deadline

2023 SCCOG SS4A Application	
SCCOG – Supplemental planning	\$175,000
Implementation projects in municipalities (Bozrah, Colchester, Griswold, Groton, New London, Preston, Waterford, and Windham)	\$8,450,359
SCCOG - Administrative costs for implementation projects	\$305,000

Q&A

REFERENCES

- SS4A guidance from DOT for Municipalities
<https://seconncog.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/EoT0hFuFD0RGj37FEDDWEMEBmX-CqjvLGnwmjCtXIEgj4Q>
- UCONN BIL Resources | T2 Center (uconn.edu) https://www.cti.uconn.edu/cti/BIL_Resources.asp, [Connecticut Crash Data Repository \(uconn.edu\)](#), [CRSMS \(uconn.edu\)](#) and [CRSMS Tutorials \(uconn.edu\)](#) videos
- DOT Pages [Connecticut DOT ArcGIS Online](#), [Traffic Monitoring \(ct.gov\)](#), [CTDOT Local Bridge Program](#), [Bridge Programs and Reports](#)

OTHER FUNDING OPTIONS

Local Roads

TAR, local bonding, grant, LOTCIP, STP

Bridges

State local bridge (50S/50L)(spring application window)

Federal local bridge(80F/20L)(rolling applications)

National Bridge Program (National Highway System)

STEAP, LoCIP, LOTCIP*, Discretionary grants

Transit

FTA, State Micro Transit Pilot, Other State funds

Pedestrian/Bike

STP, TA, LOTCIP, Community Connectivity, DEEP

RTP, local bonding, discretionary grants (ATIIP, SS4A),
Active Transportation Micro Grant

Safety

LOTCIP, TRIP, Community Connectivity, HSIP

Congestion

CMAQ, STP, State maintenance

BRINGING TRANSPORTATION DOLLARS INTO SCCOG

<p>LOTICIP (Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program)</p>	<p>Local transportation projects Muni pays for design, State pays for construction</p>	<p>\$5.1M in state bonding annually for SCCOG available; 9 projects worth \$13M completed since '14 and 6 more under construction or in design. Solicitation in early '24.</p>
<p>Transportation Alternatives Program</p>	<p>Projects benefiting pedestrians, cyclists (non-motorized users) and transit users</p>	<p>IIJA('22-'26) \$2.37M for SCCOG. Norwich-NL Turnpike \$1M, NL-Williams St \$2.8M, Groton Depot-Thomas \$0.9M</p>
<p>Section 5310/Municipal Grant Program</p>	<p>Senior and Disabled Transportation Vans and operations</p>	<p>\$359,470 in '20-'21 for purchase of 5 vans, '22-'23 funded Operations only. MGP is a matching grant for municipal operations.</p>
<p>Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ)</p>	<p>Transportation projects addressing congestion and air quality. \$10M per federal Transportation bill, competitive statewide.</p>	<p>NPU CNG station funded. '21 WRTD application not awarded. Signal replacements were more likely to be funded than other eligible projects (bike, EV, transit)</p>
<p>Transportation Rural Investment Program (TRIP)</p>	<p>New program for '23 SCCOG prioritizes applications for rural towns only, CTDOT selects projects to be funded.</p>	<p>SCCOG endorsed projects in '23; awaiting CTDOT approval</p>

SCCOG MAJOR TRANSPORTATION PLANS

- SCCOG Regional Transportation Safety Plan adopted in 2021
- SCCOG Regional Bike & Pedestrian Plan adopted in 2019
- SCCOG Congestion Management Process 2019
- SEAT Bus Study (COA) 2015
- Corridor Studies:
 - 2023: Route 32 New London & Route 161 East Lyme
 - Underway: Norwich Downtown study
- Coordination with DOT Studies:
 - I-95 PEL Study
 - Eastern CT Rail and Transit Feasibility Study
- Older Studies:
 - TriTown Master Plan
 - Airline Trail Master Plan
 - Trolley Trail Master Plan

