



RIVERCOG QUARTERLY

LOWER CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



WELCOME ELIZABETH!

Elizabeth Rolison was hired in September as RiverCOG’s new Administrative & Financial Assistant. She will be COG members’ first contact moving forward. Elizabeth comes to us by way of MA & NY and has extensive experience in the hospitality, banking, and consulting industries. We are so happy she is here! Reach out to her at erolison@rivercog.org or 860-581-8554, ext. 701



LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Thank you to Tony & the Town of Cromwell for hosting us this year! [Click here to access the 2025 legislative agenda](#)



THRIVE

We have made significant strides in the USDOT Thriving Communities Program. RiverCOG is developing a Transit Oriented Development (TOD) VisionPlan in collaboration with the towns of Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Clinton, and the city of Middletown. The first round of public engagement occurred over the summer and the second round is expected in February. Look for updates on our website!

<https://www.rivercog.org/plans/tod/>

CENTRAL CT LOOP TRAIL

The CCLT study is coming along - the consultants have identified preferred alternatives to route the Air Line Trail over the Arrigoni bridge into Middletown to connect with Meriden. A draft study should be ready for January

[Click here to read a Middletown Press article about the trail connection](#)

DIGITIZATION

SCRCOG & CRCOG are joining RiverCOG & MetrCOG in our document digitization efforts. This multi-COG approach will make the software less expensive in the future. *RiverCOG still has funding to on-board more towns in a trial run for digitizing a department or for creating online public-use forms.*

If you would like to participate, reach out to Kevin at karmstrong@rivercog.org or 860-581-8554, ext. 710.

TRANSPORTATION

- Applications to the [Transportation Rural Improvement Program](#) (TRIP) are due to RiverCOG at the end of January.
- CT DOT’s microgrant program has been renewed for 2025, guidance on this will be coming your way shortly
- Development is beginning on the 26-27 UPWP

COMING IN 2025

The 2025 legislative session will begin on January 8, 2025. RiverCOG will once again be tracking bills of interest to our communities. Please alert Eliza or Susie to legislation you’d like followed

Continued grant tracking - access the grant list on our website at <https://www.rivercog.org/regionalservices/grants/>