

# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



March 27, 2024

The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

## **Re: Support for Stamford's EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Application**

On behalf of Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG), I convey support for the City of Stamford's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) implementation grant application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Stamford seeks CPRG funding to implement transportation measure 1b from WestCOG's *Southwest CT Climate Action Plan*, which encourages mode shift and reduce trips by car.

Motor vehicles are a principal source of regional greenhouse gas emissions. Municipalities in the region have identified the buildout of Complete Streets as a critical "for enabling safe walking and biking instead of driving." CPRG funding will support the upgrade of Bedford and Summer Streets in Stamford to Complete Streets with new pedestrian/bicycle accommodations and improved transit service. Federal investment will improve mobility in a majority-minority community and significantly reduce its carbon footprint.

Stamford's project is consistent with goals in the region's Metropolitan Transportation Plan to preserve and improve transportation infrastructure for safer, efficient, and more complete streets.

Sincerely,

Francis Pickering  
Executive Director