

MINUTES OF THE 11/15/17 MEETING OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
SCCOG OFFICE, NORWICH, CT

PRESENT: Council Representatives: Glenn Pianka, Bozrah; Art Shilosky, Colchester; Mark Nickerson, East Lyme; Kevin Skulczyck, Griswold; Keith Hedrick, City of Groton; Fred Allyn, Ledyard; Tom Sparkman, Lisbon; Ron McDaniel, Montville; Michael Passero, New London; Deb Hinchey, Norwich; Cathy Osten, Sprague; Dan Steward, Waterford. Council Alternates: John Salomone, Norwich; Jim Rivers, Windham. Tribal Liaison: Robert Hayward, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. Military Liaison: Captain Mark Schultz, US Naval SUBASE; LT Tony Gregg, USCGA. Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan. Other: Grayson Wright, CTDOT; Catherine Young, CT Airport Authority; Melanie Wilson, seCTer; Merrill Gerber, Preston; Deborah Monahan, TVCCA; Mike Carroll, Al Fritzsche, SEAT; Patricia Johnson, Amalgamated Transit Union; John Rayman, WRTD; Ed Monahan, SCWA; Todd Babbitt, Griswold First Selectman-elect; one reporter.

1. Call to Order: The Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
2. Roll Call: A quorum was present.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: The Chairman led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Act on Minutes 10/18/17:

MOTION: To approve the minutes of 10/18/17 (Sparkman, Skulczyck). So voted unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report:

MOTION: To approve the November Treasurer's Report (Osten, Hinchey). So voted unanimously.

6. Public Comment:

None.

7. Communications:

The Executive Director stated that there was a letter in the agenda packet from USDOT to the Commissioner of CTDOT concerning a finding of conformity for Connecticut's air quality reports.

## 8. Committee and Liaison Reports

### A. Executive Committee

#### 1. Revision to 2017 SCCOG Regional Plan of Conservation and Development

The Executive Director reported on a proposed minor change to the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development Future Land Use Map to designate as urban/high intensity a rail corridor in Windham. He explained why this amendment is being requested so close the new RPOCD having been adopted and said that the modification has already been referred to OPM and a public hearing held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, which no one attended and no comments have been received. The Executive Committee has recommended in favor of this amendment.

MOTION: To adopt the proposed amendment in Windham to the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development Future Land Use Map. (Skulczyck, Steward). So voted unanimously.

#### 2. Resolution No. 17-8, MPO Planning Certification

The Executive Director referred to a letter from USDOT and an email from CTDOT, both in the agenda packet, noting that all MPOs must update their self-certifications to reflect federal law and regulations. This resolution does so, and the Executive Committee has recommended it be approved by the SCCOG.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution No. 17-8, MPO Planning Certification (Sparkman, Osten). So voted unanimously.

#### 3. Corridor Study Grant Application Solicitation

The Executive Director stated that in response to their recent solicitation for corridor study projects, the SCCOG had received two proposals from municipalities and staff generated two projects. He then summarized the two municipally submitted applications and noted that under CTDOT guidelines, the SCCOG can submit two projects for corridor study funding before their November 30 deadline. He said the two municipally submitted projects were recommended by the Executive Committee for advancement to CTDOT were: East Lyme's proposed Route 161 corridor study, from Route 1 to Route 156, requesting \$250,000; and New London's Route 32 (Mohegan Avenue) study, from the Williams Street Bridge to Benham Road, requesting \$200,000. SCCOG staff proposed a Route 85 study from Salem Four Corners in Salem to Douglas Lane in Waterford, requesting \$300,000; and a Route 1 study from the Bridge Street ramps in Groton to the Stonington/Westerly town line, requesting \$500,000. Chairman McDaniel stated that the Executive Committee has

recommended submitting the two municipally submitted projects as the SCCOG's priority, but to also submit the two staff generated projects in the event that there is surplus funding available. The Executive Director explained that staff was recommending that in requesting these funds, that the SCCOG alert CTDOT to the fact that the funds being requested were STP funds, as opposed to LOTCIP and PL funding, which he believes should be used for other purposes.

MOTION: To submit to CTDOT as its two priorities the East Lyme Route 161 project and the New London Route 32 project for corridor study funding, that the SCCOG also make known the staff generated Route 1 project and the Route 85 project in the event that CTDOT can fund additional corridor studies, and that the SCCOG wishes to see STP funding applied for this purpose (Sparkman, Osten). So voted unanimously.

B. Legislative Committee/Legislative Update

Ms. Osten reported on mandate relief in the recently adopted state budget.

C. Tribal Liaison Representatives

Mr. Hayward reported on the Mashantucket recent tribal council elections; and reminded of the MPTN's invitation to SCCOG members to attend their annual holiday gathering at Foxwoods.

D. Military Command Representative

Mr. Schultz sent Captain Whitescarver's regrets for not being able to attend; stated that the final JLUS Policy and Technical Committee meeting was scheduled for December 7<sup>th</sup>.

E. Congressional Offices Report

No report.

F. seCTer

Ms. Wilson stated that seCTer would hold its annual meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

G. Eastern CT Tourism District

No report.

H. SEAT

Mr. Carroll reported that SEAT was waiting to see how the new state budget would impact SEAT funding.

I. SCCOG Regional Water Committee

The Executive Director reported that the WUCC continues to meet monthly at the SCCOG office.

J. Regional Emergency Planning Team

No report.

K. Regional Human Services Coordinating Council

Ms. Monahan stated that the RHSCC had considered a report on the economic impact of non-profits at their last meeting.

9. Executive Director's Report

The Executive Director reported that while the new state budget included funding for the Regional Service Grant (RSG) for COGs, the formula for its distribution had not yet been finalized by OPM so he did not know how much the SCCOG would be receiving; reported on storm damage to the SCCOG sign from the October 29<sup>th</sup> storm; reported on the status of the audit; and reminded of the series of meetings with the consultant for SCCOG's shared services study scheduled this afternoon, Thursday, and Friday.

10. Old Business

None.

11. New Business

A. FY 2018 TIP/STIP Amendment

Mr. McDaniel stated that in addition to the TIP/STIP amendments sent in the agenda packet, there were additional amendments proposed on each member's table which CTDOT has requested action on.

- TAPNL, 0094-0258, Williams Street, New London, Pedestrian/Bike Improvements, **PD**, 2018, \$64,000, new Project
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- STPR, 0120-0095, CT 11, Salem, Rehab/Replace BR 06780 (Culvert) o/Brook, **ROW**, 2019, \$50,000, new Project
- STPR, 0120-0095, CT 11, Salem, Rehab/Replace BR 06780 (Culvert) o/Brook, **CON**, 2021, \$680,000, new Project
- STPR, 0101-0117, CT 49, North Stonington, Replace BR 02967 o/Wyassup Brook, **RW**, 2019, \$50,000, Add to 2018-2021 STIP
- STPR, 0101-0117, CT 49, North Stonington, Replace BR 02967 o/Wyassup Brook, **FD**, 2019, \$300,000, Add to 2018-2021 STIP
- STPR, 0101-0117, CT 49, North Stonington, Replace BR 02967 o/Wyassup Brook, **CN**, 2020, \$1,500,000, Add to 2018-2021 STIP

MOTION: To approve the FY 2018 TIP/STIP Amendment (Sparkman, Hedrick). So voted unanimously.

Ms. Osten state there were meetings today and tomorrow at the LOB regarding Eversource's response during the last storm event.

Mr. McDaniel said that this was Ms. Hinchey's and Mr. Skulczyck's last SCCOG meeting as chief elected officials, and he thanked them for their service to the SCCOG. The SCCOG gave these two departing members a round of applause.

Mr. Gerber reported on the results of the Boy Scout successful food drive in Preston.

12. Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup> at Flanders Fish Market and Restaurant.

13. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 8:57 a.m. (Congdon, Nickerson). So voted unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark Nickerson, Secretary