

MINUTES OF THE 11/6/17
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Ron McDaniel, Deb Hinchey, Art Shilosky, Michael Passero, Mark Nickerson, Tom Sparkman

Staff: James Butler, Kate Rattan

Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

1. Resolution No. 17-8, MPO Planning Certification

The Executive Committee was 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.

MOTION: To recommend to the full COG adoption of Resolution No. 17-8, MPO Planning Certification (Sparkman, Hinchey). So voted unanimously.

2. FY 2016-2017 Audit

The Executive Director reported that the auditors have completed their in-office review of the SCCOG's files, and a draft audit should be available in a couple of weeks.

3. OPM Regional Services Grant (RSG) Update

The Executive Director stated that the budget just signed in to law by the Governor did include funding for the state's COGs, but the formula for its distribution has not yet been announced by OPM. As required by statute, he said he submitted a proposed work plan without dollars attached to OPM before a November 1 deadline.

4. Shared Services Study Update

The Executive Director reported on the status of the municipal response to the consultant's last request for information, and said that invitations have been emailed to all towns for upcoming meetings for staff of municipal Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and Finance/Purchasing/HR departments.

5. Corridor Study Grant Application Solicitation

The Executive Director summarized two municipally submitted and two SCCOG staff generated ideas for corridor study applications to CTDOT. Under CTDOT guidelines, the SCCOG can submit two projects for corridor study funding before their November 30 deadline. Senior Planner Kate Rattan presented a memo outlining the four projects, their cost, information about each corridor, the goals for each project, and the criteria that staff used and that CTDOT will use in evaluating them. The four projects are: East Lyme's proposed Route 161 corridor study, from

Route 1 to Route 156, requesting \$250,000; New London's Route 32 (Mohegan Avenue) study, from the Williams Street Bridge to Benham Road, requesting \$200,000; SCCOG staff's proposed Route 85 study from Salem Four Corners in Salem to Douglas Lane in Waterford, requesting \$300,000; and SCCOG staff's proposed Route 1 study from the Bridge Street ramps in Groton to the Stonington/Westerly town line, requesting \$500,000. 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. A brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: To recommend that the full SCCOG support the submission of the East Lyme Route 161 project and the New London Route 32 project for corridor study funding, and that the SCCOG wishes to see STP funding applied for this purpose (Nickerson, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

6. Update on Storm Damage at SCCOG Office

The Executive Committee heard a report from the Executive Director on the storm damage incurred at the SCCOG office as a result of the October 29th storm. Several large trees had to be removed and the SCCOG sign at the bottom of the driveway was damaged/destroyed. He said he has a call in to the SCCOG's insurance company.

7. Establish Annual Meeting Location

The Executive Committee agreed they would like to once again hold the SCCOG Annual Meeting in December at Flanders Fish Market and Restaurant.

8. FY 2018 TIP/STIP Amendment

MOTION: To recommend to the full SCCOG the approval of the proposed FY 2018 TIP/STIP amendment (Sparkman, Hinchey). So voted unanimously.

9. Other

The Executive Committee received an update on the selection of a consultant to prepare the Regional Community Rating System (CRS) Program/Model.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director