

MINUTES OF THE 7/10/17
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Ron McDaniel, Deb Hinchey, Art Shilosky, Michael Passero
Staff: James Butler

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

1. Local Road Accident Reduction Program Application

The Executive Director stated that staff solicited projects for Local Road Accident funds on behalf of CTDOT from member towns back in April, with applications due at the end of June. Only one application was received and that was from New London, which proposes to replace three traffic signals in the vicinity of Fire Headquarters on Bank Street. CTDOT requires projects to have a minimum cost of \$50,000 and suggests a soft cap of \$500,000, though application costs can exceed that figure. New London's application is for \$936,360. Staff has been working with New London staff to improve their application in an attempt to make it successful, including asking for more detail about the project, more information about how the proposed cost will generate benefits in terms of crash reduction, a refined cost estimate, and demonstration of the commitment from New London for the required 10% local match. Staff intends to continue to seek this information, if the Executive Committee forwards this application to the full SCCOG for recommendation to CTDOT. The region's recommended applications are due to CTDOT by July 28th. Mr. Passero explained that this project was part of a larger downtown circulation improvement project for which the City is also seeking grant funding. He said that the City could not split one of the three traffic signals out of this proposal because they functioned together and because the City does not have the funds available to pay for it. He said he would discuss SCCOG staff's comments with his staff.

MOTION: To forward this application to the full COG to consider for recommendation to CTDOT the funding of New London's intersection improvement program (Hinchey, Shilosky). So voted unanimously.

2. State Budget Impacts on SCCOG

The Executive Director briefed the Executive Committee about how the next State budget might impact the SCCOG. The proposed House Democratic budget, which they hope to have voted on July 18, does not contain a line item for OPM Regional Service Grants to COGs. This could mean a loss of \$235,948 planned for in SCCOG's FY 2017-2018 adopted budget. He said he has been forwarded an email from the House Speaker's office which says there are funds for COGs in the MRSA. The Executive Director has stated that like the COG's cities and towns, the COG could be severely impacted depending upon the budget the State adopts. If the OPM funds are eliminated or significantly reduced, like they were at the end of this past year, he will have to bring budget adjustments to the COG board, including changes to staffing levels.

3. FY 2015 TIP/STIP Amendments

MOTION: To recommend to the full SCCOG the approval of the proposed FY 2105 TIP/STIP amendments (Hinchey, Shilosky). So voted unanimously.

4. United Way Request to Address SCCOG at September Meeting

The Executive Committee scheduled United Way to address the SCCOG regarding human service programs at the September meeting.

5. Other

The Executive Director stated that Mr. Guggenheim's last day in the office will be July 27th, then he will take vacation leave to reduce his leave to the maximum allowed to be accrued upon termination (140 hours), for which he will be compensated.

The Executive Director reported that the new Auditors spent a day in the office last week reviewing the SCCOG's financial records.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director