

MINUTES OF THE 1/8/18
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Michael Passero, Tom Sparkman, Art Shilosky, Mark Nickerson, Ron McDaniel, Jim Rivers
Staff: James Butler

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

1. Agenda for January 17th SCCOG Meeting

The Executive Director reminded that the next COG meeting would begin at 8:00 a.m., due to a presentation by the COG's Shared Services Study consultant and by CTDOT Commissioner Redeker, in what will be a joint meeting with the SEAT Board at 9:30. The Executive Committee agreed that the monthly presentations by SCCOG committees and outside groups will be suspended this month due to the time required for these two presentations.

2. Request by SE CT Cultural Coalition to be added to SCCOG Meeting Agendas

The Executive Director stated that Wendy Bury from the SE CT Cultural Coalition had asked Mayor McDaniel to add her organization to the agencies that provide reports to the COG at the monthly meetings. Mr. McDaniel stated he felt this agency is important to the region especially when you consider the impact of tourism, and said he supported adding them to the agenda. Mr. Passero asked where this agency receives their funding from, but qualified that had no bearing on his decision to support this request. The Executive Director stated he would ask Ms. Bury for that information.

MOTION: To add the SE CT Cultural Coalition to the monthly COG meeting agenda under liaison reports (Sparkman, Shilosky). So voted unanimously.

3. Resolution No. 18-1, Endorsement of CTDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures

The Executive Director explained that CTDOT had requested that all the state's MPOs adopt CTDOT Performance Safety Measures or their own in order to comply with the requirements of FAST Act. He distributed a memo outlining these requirements prepared by SCCOG Senior Planner Kate Rattan. The proposed resolution will adopt the state's performance safety measures.

MOTION: To recommend to the full COG the adoption of Resolution No. 18-1, Endorsement of CTDOT Targets for Safety Performance Measures (McDaniel, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

4. Resolution of Appreciation for Richard Serra

The Executive Director read a draft of a Resolution of Appreciation for Richard Serra, who is retiring at the end of the month, which will be presented at the January 17th COG meeting.

5. SCCOG Appointment to EWIB CEO Council

The Executive Director and Mr. Sparkman discussed with the Executive Committee the need for the SCCOG to name a replacement for Mr. Matters to the EWIB CEO Council. Mr. Sparkman and Mr. McDaniel, along with two CEOs from the NECCOG, are currently on the Council. After discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Rivers would ask Windham Mayor Funderburk if he would be interesting in serving on the CEO Council.

6. SCCOG Staffing Update

The Executive Director reported that he had been informed that OPM would be going ahead in providing a FY 2017-2018 Regional Service Grant (RSG) to the state's COGs, so he had gone ahead with the recruitment and hiring process. He stated that he has hired two new Planner IIs: Carly Meyers, AICP, who last worked for Milone & MacBroom, and Justin LaFountain, who previously was a Planner in Kansas, and who currently works ZEO/Blight Officer/WEO for the Town of Wethersfield. Ms. Meyers will begin work at the SCCOG January 16, and Mr. LaFountain will begin on January 22nd.

7. OPM TOD Responsible Growth Grant

The Executive Director reported that he had learned first from a reporter and then from a press announcement from the Governor's office that the SCCOG had been approved to receive a TOD Responsible Growth Grant to prepare a regional bike/pedestrian plan. The SCCOG will receive \$239,000, and was the only COG in the state to receive funds from this grant program.

8. OTHER

MOTION: To recommend to the full SCCOG the approval of 2018 TIP/STIP amendments (McDaniel, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

The Executive Committee briefly discussed the draft of CTDOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan.

The Executive Committee approved of the Executive Director writing a letter of support for the Eastern CT Conservation District in support of their application to the Community Foundation of Eastern CT to create a stormwater collaborative for the region.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director