

MINUTES OF THE 7 JANUARY 2019
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Tom Sparkman, Michael Passero, Art Shilosky, Jim Rivers, Mark Nickerson, Fred Allyn III
Staff: James Butler

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

1. Update of Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The Executive Director reviewed with the Executive Committee the schedule for the update of and public review process for SCCOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (previously called the Long Range Transportation Plan).

2. Jefferson Avenue (New London) LOTCIP Project

The Executive Director explained to the Executive Committee that the project has increased in cost since the original application due to changes requested by CTDOT and the City's consulting engineer's response to address those requests. The new Preliminary Design is estimated to cost 14% more than New London's application estimate. He referred to a memo explaining these cost increases prepared by SCCOG Senior Planner Kate Rattan. Once this cost increase is approved by the SCCOG, CTDOT will issue the commitment to fund letter.

MOTION: That the SCCOG approve of the cost increase from \$2,207,205 to \$2,515,600 (Shilosky, Allyn). So voted unanimously.

3. CREC Purchasing Group Request to Address SCCOG

The Executive Committee scheduled staff of the CREC Cooperative Purchasing group to address the SCCOG at the February meeting. Also presenting at that meeting will be representatives of Sustainable CT.

4. Other

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed TIP/STIP amendments received from CTDOT.

MOTION: That the SCCOG approve the TIP/STIP amendments (Passero, Nickerson). So voted unanimously.

The Executive Director briefed the Executive Committee on the completion of the Human Services Providers Shared Services Study, difficulty with the consultant in having that study fully completed per the scope in the contract, and the consultant's request for an additional payment of remaining funds after they had submitted their final invoice.

The Executive Committee heard from New London Mayor Passero about the selection of the new operator for State Pier in New London, which was scheduled to be announced at a press conference later that day. Mr. Passero expressed his concern that the operator of State Pier was chosen by the CT Port Authority without any input from New London, and noted that the operator pays no property taxes to the City. The Executive Committee asked staff to place this issue on the January meeting agenda of the full SCCOG for further discussion and possible action.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director