

MINUTES OF THE 1 JULY 2019
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

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

Chairman Sparkman opened the meeting at 8:02 a.m. As he anticipated that some of the members might have to leave early, he asked for a motion to consider agenda item #6, FY 2018 STIP-TIP amendments, as the first item on the meeting's agenda.

MOTION: To consider agenda item #6, FY 2018 STIP-TIP amendments, as the first item on the meeting's agenda (Nickerson, Allyn). So voted unanimously.

1. FY 2018 STIP/TIP Amendments

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

2. Regional Wastewater Management Plan

The Executive Director briefly summarized the plan, which was prepared by Milone & MacBroom for the SCCOG, funded by RSG funds from OPM. He credited SCCOG Planner Sam Alexander for the good job he did in managing this project.

MOTION: To recommend approval of the Regional Wastewater Management Plan to the full SCCOG (Nickerson, Passero). So voted unanimously.

3. Discussion of DRVN Relocation from State Pier

The Executive Director said as he had been requested, he had notified the region's Public Works Directors and CTDOT about the anticipated relocation of the DRVN road salt operation from State Pier due to the CT Port Authority's contract with Gateway. Mr. Passero commented on his discussions with both DRVN and the Post Authority. He said he would keep the SCCOG informed if he learned of any new information.

4. Regional Ethics Commission

The Executive Director stated he had emailed the Executive Committee previous materials prepared on this subject as requested by the Executive Committee at the last meeting. The members of the Executive Committee discussed how a regional commission might work in southeastern Connecticut. The Executive Committee asked that this item be placed on the next

SCCOG agenda, in order to gage the interest of other SCCOG members before pursuing it any further.

5. Invitation to Lisa Tepper Bates to address SCCOG re: Housing Task Force

The Executive Director explained that he and Assistant Director Kennedy had met with Ms. Tepper Bates, who now was Governor Lamont's TOD-Housing point person. He said she informed them she is interested in forming a regional housing task force in this region, and that after discussing this issue with her, he thought it best she address the SCCOG directly on this topic. The Executive Committee agreed to invite Ms. Tepper Bates to address the SCCOG at their July 17th meeting.

6. Request by VN Engineers to address SCCOG re: Regional Transportation Safety Plan

The Executive Director said that VN Engineers has been retained by CTDOT to prepare regional transportation safety plans at no cost to the state's COGs. VN has asked to address the SCCOG at the July meeting. The Executive Committee agreed to have VN Engineers address the SCCOG at the July 17th meeting.

7. Other

The Executive Director said he has been notified by OPM of the formula to distribute Regional Service Grant funds this fiscal year which will provide each COG a \$125,000 base payment, \$0.50 per capita, and a supplemental payment, which would result in the SCCOG receiving slightly more funds than last year. He said in addition, the five COGs that merged prior to 2014, will receive an additional \$125,000 base payment due to the funding bill's reference to the statutory formula.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director