

MINUTES OF THE 9 JUNE 2020  
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Via ZOOM

Present: Mark Nickerson, Fred Allyn, III, Mike Urgo, Tom Sparkman, Keith Hedrick, Mike Urgo

Other: Michael Passero

Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan

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

1. Letter from K. Blacker re: DRVN Salt

The Executive Committee discussed an email from Kevin Blacker, requesting that the COG write a letter to CT DEEP urging them to require the CT Port Authority to allow DRVN Salt to remain in operation at State Pier in New London. Mr. Passero provided background on this issue and noted that the City of New London has tried to facilitate DRVN owner Steve Farrelly's relocation of his operation to another site in New London. After discussion it was decided to draft a simple letter to CT DEEP, with a bcc to Mr. Blacker, noting the importance of DRVN to municipalities in southeastern CT, and to ask DEEP's assistance in seeing DRVN relocated in the region. It was also agreed to ask Mr. Farrelly to address the full SCCOG board at their June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

2. LOTCIP 2020 Solicitation Application Status

The Executive Director reported that eight applications for LOTCIP funding had been received by the June 5<sup>th</sup> deadline. He said that SCCOG staff would now review these applications and provide the Executive Committee with information that would allow them to prioritize these at their July meeting.

3. TMA Certification Review Update

The Executive Director reported on the three two-hour sessions staff had with FHWA and FTA officials last week, which is part of the quadrennial review of SCCOG's transportation planning program. He reminded the Executive Committee of the Public Meeting on this process tomorrow at 9:00 a.m.

4. Other CTDOT Funding Update

The Executive Director reported That Ms. Rattan had attended an RPO meeting hosted by CTDOT where CTDOT staff had explained the status of their funding programs, which were declining. He said he would email out a summary of this information prepared by Ms. Rattan.

## 5. Funding for COG Work in COVID Response/Recovery Update

The Executive Director reported that the 9 COGs in the state had been encouraged by OPM to submit a joint application for CARES Act funding to cover COVID related costs incurred from March 1 through December 31, and to also submit an application to the State that will be part of a State application to EDA for funds to cover COVID Recovery work for the two-year period January 1 2021 through December 31 2022. He said he is working on the first part and will have that ready for submission on Friday.

## 6. SCCOG Municipal Long-Term Recovery Planning Update

The Executive Director reported that the 18-person DEMHS Region 4 Long-Term Recovery Steering Committee has been named, and will now have three co-chairs. He said that a teleconference is scheduled for Thursday at 4:00 p.m., at which it is anticipated that Lisa Tepper Bates will provide the framework for and details of how these Recovery Steering Committees will work.

## 7. Re-Opening SCCOG Office Update

The Executive Director said that he, the Deputy Director, and Office Manager have prepared a plan for re-opening the SCCOG office, which will commence next week when he and the Office Manager return for three days in a “soft opening”, then four staff members will be present the following week, and all eight staff invited back the week of June 29. He summarized some of the steps taken to make the office safe, including protocols that staff will take. For now, only staff will be allowed in the office, and meetings will continue to be conducted virtually.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director