

MEETING NOTES OF 6/10/20 TMA CERTIFICATION REVIEW PUBLIC MEETING
SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
HELD VIA ZOOM

SCCOG MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, East Lyme; Todd Babbitt, Griswold; Fred Allyn, III, Ledyard; Tom Sparkman, Lisbon; Ron McDaniel, Montville; Michael Passero, New London; Mike Urgo, North Stonington; Sandra Allyn Gauthier, Preston; Kevin Lyden, Salem; Cheryl Blanchard, Sprague; Jeff Callahan, Borough of Stonington; Danielle Chesebrough, Town of Stonington; Rob Brule, Waterford. Council Alternates: John Salomone, Norwich. Tribal Representative: Robert Hayward, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation. Military Liaison: Captain Todd Moore, Adam Wight, U.S. Naval SUBASE; LCDR Dan Stepler, USCGA. Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan, Liz Crutcher. Other: Kurt Salmoiraghi, Jennifer Carrier, FHWA; Leah Sirmin, Margaret Griffin, FTA; Maribeth Wojenski, Kathryn Faraci, Rose Etuka, Tiffany Garcia, Grayson Wright, CTDOT.

Chairman Nickerson called the public meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Butler stated the purpose of the meeting and thanked SCCOG's federal partners for their thorough review of SCCOG's transportation planning process.

Mr. Salmoiraghi introduced FHWA and FTA officials. He then provided a Power Point presentation on the purpose of this TMA Certification Review (copy attached).

Ms. Sirmin then said that the federal agencies wished to hear from the SCCOG and the public regarding their thoughts on the SCCOG's transportation planning process. She said the public comments will be received up to June 19.

Mr. Nickerson called for comment. There were none.

Mr. Lyden asked that the presentation be sent out to all SCCOG members.

MOTION: To adjourn the Public Meeting on the TMA Certification Review at 9:20 a.m. (Sparkman, Lyden). So voted unanimously.

Meeting Notes Taken By:

James S. Butler, Executive Director

Norwich - New London TMA Certification Review

Public Meeting
June 10, 2020

Who **We** Are?

Federal Highway Administration - Connecticut Division

Glastonbury, CT

- Kurt Salmoiraghi - Program Development Team Leader
- Jennifer Carrier - Transportation Planner
- Erik Shortell - Transportation Specialist

Federal Transit Administration - Region 1

Cambridge, MA

- Leah Sirmin - Community Planner

Why Are **We** Here?

- The Federal government is required to *review and certify* the transportation planning practices of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in areas with a population over 200,000
- No less than once every 4 years FHWA & FTA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process
- Ensure compliance with FAST Act
- The last certification review decision for the SCCOG MPO was July 13, 2016

Why Are **You** Here?

- To provide input regarding transportation planning and decision-making processes administered by SCCOG MPO
- Examples include:
 - Availability of draft planning documents for public review and comment
 - Access and opportunity to participate in the planning process
 - Consideration of public input
 - Technical assistance and project selection
- The comments received will be taken into consideration and summarized in the final report

What is the Outcome of this Review?

- A certification determination will be made following the review and a report will be issued
- Determination categories:
 - Certified
 - Certified subject to corrective actions
 - Not Certified
- If 'Not Certified', funding restrictions may be put in place

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

What is the Planning Process?

A process by which transportation decisions are made and projects are planned, selected and prioritized for implementation within the region.

Why is it Important?

- *Decides how federal dollars are allocated within the region annually.*
- *Because of limited funding, the MPO must prioritize the regional needs and determine those projects that best meet performance goals and objectives and have the most public benefit.*
- *The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.*

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

Who is involved?

- *SCCOG*
- *CTDOT*
- *Public Transportation Operators*
- *Federal Agencies (FTA & FHWA)*
- *Other stakeholders and the public*

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

Products of the Process

- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Public Participation Plan (PPP)

Continuing - Cooperative - Comprehensive
Multimodal - Public Input

Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process

Comments?

Questions?

Thank you for your participation!

Comments may also be submitted by June 19th to:

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