

MINUTES OF THE 4 AUGUST 2020
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Via ZOOM

Present: Mark Nickerson, Fred Allyn, III, Tom Sparkman, Keith Hedrick, Tom Sparkman
Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan, Justin LaFountain
Other: Kevin Blacker

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

1. Section 5310 Grant Applications

The Executive Director and Transportation Program Manager explained the 5310 program and ten applications (seven traditional, three non-traditional) received as outlined in a staff memo dated July 24th (copy attached to these minutes).

MOTION: To endorse the priority order the Section 5310 applications receive as recommended by SCCOG staff in their July 24, 2020 memorandum (Hedrick, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

2. Resolution 20-4, Relating to a Regional Services Grant

The Executive Director explained this annual resolution allowing receipt of a Regional Services Grant (RSG) from OPM.

MOTION: To approve of Resolution 20-4, Relating to a Regional Services Grant (Sparkman, Allyn). So voted unanimously.

3. TMA Certification Review and SCCOG Response

The Executive Director reported on the staff response to FHWA/FTA's 29 recommendations and one corrective action in the SCCOG's TMA Planning Certification Review report. He said they had not yet received a response to SCCOG's response.

He then said a second reason this item was on the agenda, was due to the discussion at the last COG meeting concerning the comments in this TMA report and during the certification review process about freight transport planning in southeastern Connecticut. He said he informed FHWA during the process and has suggested language for the final Certification Review report that indicates that the future use of State Pier exclusively for the assembly of wind turbines will negatively impact freight transport in the region for many years. He noted that this was a point made by Kevin Blacker at the COG meeting, and that Mr. Blacker was virtually in attendance at this meeting today. Discussion ensued. The Executive Committee directed the Executive Director to draft a letter to CTDOT Commissioner Giulietti for the Chairman's signature expressing the SCCOG's concerns over the loss of multi-use function of the State Pier and noting how it negatively impacts freight transport into and out of the region.

4. ELDS Dredge Spoils Disposal Decision

The Executive Director explained the decision recently delivered by a US District Court Judge in the case of New York's appeal of USEPA's decision to allow the deposit of dredge spoils in eastern Long Island Sound. The Judge denied the appeal, upholding EPA's decision. He reminded that the SCCOG had joined other parties including the state's coastal COGs in an Amicus Curiae brief supporting the EPA decision.

5. FY 2018 TIP/STIP Amendment

The proposed amendment would fund the purchase of five paratransit vehicles to replace 2016 vehicles using Section 5307 funds.

MOTION: To approve of the FY 2018 TIP/STIP Amendment (Sparkman, Allyn). So voted unanimously.

6. Funding for COG Work on COVID Response/Recovery

The Executive Director reported that the state's nine COG Executive Directors held a Zoom call yesterday, and have a meeting scheduled next week, to discuss the fact that as of today, OPM still has not confirmed that it will fund the COGs' efforts in this work using CARES Act funding as they had previously suggested they would do. He said he would keep the Executive Committee posted on this issue.

7. DEMHS 4 Regional Recovery Steering Committee

The Executive Director reported that the 18-person DEMHS Region 4 Long-Term Recovery Steering Committee has been named, has three co-chairs including SCCOG Chairman Nickerson, and has met several times. The Steering Committee has stood up a Health and Social Services/Housing Working Group, which has its first meeting scheduled later this month. He said he had proposed an administrative sharing of duties with the NECCOG Executive Director, and was waiting to hear back if this was acceptable to him.

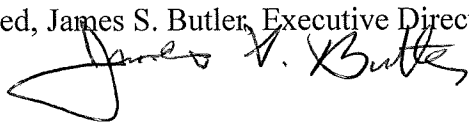
8. Other

The Executive Committee received a communication from New London Mayor Michael Passero asking their support for a proposed business in New London which is applying to CTNext for grant funding. The Executive Committee agreed to have staff write a letter of support for TILL:bioFASHIONtech Inc., a company looking to locate in New London, that will revitalize an historic building in the city where it will wash and scour wool to be used in creating high end fashion wool clothes and shoes.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, James S. Butler, Executive Director



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To: James S. Butler, AICP, Executive Director

From: Justin LaFountain, CZEO, Planner II
Kate Rattan, AICP, Transportation Program Manager

Subject: SCCOG Priorities for FFY2019 Section 5310 Applications

Date: July 24, 2020

Please be advised that the SCCOG received seven traditional and three non-traditional applications for Section 5310 funds during this application round. Funding available includes \$189,613 for the Norwich-New London Urban Area (N-NL UA). Additionally, the COG may have access to a portion of the \$555,314 in Small Urban and \$281,758 in Rural 5310 funds that are prioritized by the CTDOT.

Staff have evaluated the applications with the CTDOT rubric and the outcomes are provided on the second page. Of the seven Traditional applications received, six were eligible for review (the seventh was incomplete and noted as such). All three of the Non-Traditional applications were eligible for review. Staff will be coordinating with the Connecticut Department of Transportation in the coming weeks to ensure that our reviews are consistent with their reviews.

Our recommendation for funding is detailed below. Funding eligibility is provided in parenthesis for reference.

Non-Traditional:

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| 1. \$73,400 | ECTC Voucher Program (N-NL UA, Small Urban, Rural) |
| 2. \$105,500 | ECTC Mobility Project – funding a mobility manager (N-NL UA, Small Urban, Rural) |
| 3. \$105,685 | WRTD Windham-Danielson <u>two-year</u> service expansion (Small Urban, Rural) (Year 1: 52,065, Year 2: 53,620) |
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| \$284,585 | |

Traditional:

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| 1. \$48,833 | The Arc Eastern Connecticut (N-NL UA, Small Urban, Rural) |
| 2. \$52,000 | Waterford (N-NL UA, Small Urban) |
| 3. \$60,000 | Ledyard (N-NL UA, Small Urban, Rural) |

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4.	\$52,000	Griswold (Small Urban, Rural)
5.	\$60,000	Colchester (Small Urban, Rural)
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\$557,418 Total Prioritization

Unfunded:

1. \$56,315 Easterseals – Lowest scored application (N-NL UA, Small Urban, Rural)
2. \$Unknown New London – Disqualified for failure to post legal notice and incomplete application (N-NL UA)

In the event that CT DOT will not fund all of our priorities, please consider whether the COG would support eliminating the lowest performing Traditional application (Colchester), the ECTC Mobility Project and the second year of the WRTD application. Under that scenario, the COG would be requesting only \$148,685 beyond our apportioned funding. Under that scenario this would be the breakdown:

\$212,833	Traditional
\$125,465	Non-Traditional
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\$338,298	Total Prioritization

Traditional Applications

Applicant	Score
The Arc Eastern Connecticut	91
Waterford	83
Ledyard	83
Griswold	77
Colchester	70
Easterseals	68
New London	Disqualified

Non-Traditional Applications

Applicant	Score
Eastern CT Transport Consortium-Travel Vouchers	120
Eastern CT Transport Consortium-Mobility Project	115
Windham Region Transit District	105

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