

**MINUTES OF THE 6 OCTOBER 2020  
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Via ZOOM**

Present: Fred Allyn, III, Tom Sparkman, Keith Hedrick, Mike Urgo  
Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan

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

1. Draft 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including Resolution No. 20-5 On Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone; Resolution No. 20-6 Annual Urban Planning Certification; Resolution No. 20-7 Adopting the FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program

The Executive Director reported on the two public hearings on this draft plan, and said that two comments had been received to date. Transportation Program Manager Kate Rattan said she had acknowledged receipt of both comments, and that they would be reported in the TIP document.

MOTION: To recommend that the SCCOG approve the Draft 2021-2024 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), including Resolution No. 20-5 On Conformity with the Clean Air Act Ozone; Resolution No. 20-6 Annual Urban Planning Certification; Resolution No. 20-7 Adopting the FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (Sparkman, Hedrick). So voted unanimously.

2. LOTCIP Cost Increase: Cross Road Project, Waterford

The Executive Director explained that the Final Design construction estimate for this project was about \$172,800 more than the Preliminary Design cost estimate in the Commitment to Fund letter. The Final Design cost is now at \$2,926,800, a 6.2% increase. The increase was primarily due to drainage deterioration since project scoping and unit price and unit number adjustments made by CTDOT. He said the SCCOG had adequate LOTCIP funds available to cover this increase.

MOTION: To approve of an increase in cost for the LOTCIP funded Cross Road Project in New London, to \$2,926,800 based on the Final Design cost estimate (Sparkman, Hedrick). So voted unanimously.

3. DEMHS Region 4 Regional Recovery Steering Committee

The Executive Director reported that there is still little to report on this since the Regional Recovery Steering Committee has not recently met. He said this could change soon, as two consultants have been retained by the State to gather data to assist in preparing the State response to impact caused by the pandemic, and that this effort will involve the Regional Recovery Steering Committees, in identifying sources of data and information about the people and entities most impacted by COVID-19 within their respective regions. He said that he had recently been on two calls with the consultants, one with the State's COG Directors, and one with DEMHS

Region 4 Coordinator Mike Caplet, NECCOG Executive Director John Filchak, and SCCOG Deputy Director Amanda Kennedy where the involvement of the COGs was discussed. He said that Mary Glassman is now heading up this effort for the State, and she has offered to meet with the state's COGs to discuss this effort. The Executive Committee agreed to invite Ms. Glassman to meet with the SCCOG at their October 21<sup>st</sup> virtual meeting.

#### 4. Funding for COG Work on COVID Response/Recovery

The Executive Director reported that he still had no information to report about the State funding the COGs' efforts since March on COVID response/recovery. He said that Mary Glassman, now heading up the State's response, has said she would discuss this issue with OPM. He said he would continue to keep the Executive Committee posted on this issue.

#### 5. SE CT Cultural Coalition Request to Address SCCOG

The Executive Director stated that SE CT Cultural Coalition Executive Director Wendy Bury had been scheduled to address the SCCOG on municipal cultural districts back in the spring, but that was postponed due to the pandemic and the fact that the SCCOG began virtual meetings. The Executive Committee agreed to invite Ms. Bury to address the SCCOG at the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

#### 6. Superintendent's Participation in SCCOG COVID Calls

The Executive Director read an email to the Executive Committee which he had received from Preston First Selectman Sandra Allyn Gauthier, suggesting the SCCOG invite the region's School Superintendents to participate in the SCCOG's calls to discuss COVID response. The members of the Executive Committee felt that this was not necessary as the Superintendents have their own group discussions, and also are invited to participate in DEMHS Region 4 Regional Emergency Support Plan meetings. It was also noted that the Superintendents have a lot of other meetings they need to participate in, and asking them to participate regularly in the SCCOG calls might add to this burden. Mr. Urko did suggest that if there was a specific topic that a SCCOG member felt needed to be discussed involving the Superintendents, then the SCCOG could place that item on the agenda for a particular call and invite the Superintendents to come on the call for that discussion.

#### 7. Other

The Executive Director said he had received an email from Sana Shah, Chief of Staff for the Connecticut Voices for Children, requesting to make a presentation on their new Issue Briefing Book to the SCCOG. The Executive Committee agreed to invite Ms. Shah to address the SCCOG at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Executive Director reported on the process to select a consultant for the JLUS Implementation Project: Parking Management Plan for the City of Groton.

Mr. Allyn stated that the Town of Ledyard's application for reimbursement of COVID-19 response expenditures was denied outright by FEMA. Discussion ensued.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, James S. Butler, Executive Director