

MINUTES OF THE 5 JANUARY 2021
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Via ZOOM

Present: Fred Allyn, III, Mark Nickerson, Danielle Chesebrough, Keith Hedrick, Mike Uργο
Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan

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

1. DEMHS Region 4 Long Term Recovery Steering Committee - Update

The Executive Director reported on a recent meeting with the state's COG Directors, DECD, DEMHS, and Mary Glassman from the Governor's office where the rejection of the State/COG grant to EDA had been discussed. This grant would have provided funds the state's nine COGs, including \$162,000 a year over two years to SCCOG, to perform the COVID-19 recovery work the State has tasked the COGs with doing. Instead of appealing this rejection, the State is working to submit to EDA an application on behalf of six regions for \$400,000 two-year non-competitive grants for economic recovery work. He stated that three regions' Economic Development Districts (EDDs), including this region's EDD seCTer, received these non-competitive grants back in the spring, and that this would preclude the SCCOG from receiving such funding. He said that a meeting has been scheduled for later in the week with Ms. Glassman, DECD, and DEMHS officials, along with himself, seCTer Chairman Mark Oefinger, and seCTer Executive Director to discuss how the two agencies might best work together and to identify any funding that could be directed to the SCCOG.

The Deputy Director then informed the Executive Committee about the process and schedule for rolling out the Unmet Needs collection effort that the State has asked the COGs to participate in.

2. JLUS Parking Management Plan - Update

The Deputy Director reported that the SCCOG's consultant Kimley-Horn is in the process of collecting information for the study. She said that the consultant should have a project website up live later this month. This will allow the beginning of a major public outreach effort in March.

3. Draft Regional Transportation Safety Plan for SECT Region

The Executive Director provided background on this plan, which was prepared for the region by VN Engineers under contract to CTDOT. He noted that the plan was very comprehensive, but that COGs in the state have expressed concern over a number of requirements including that the plan must be updated every five years, that it is an unfunded mandate, and that the 15% reduction in injury/fatalities goal may be unachievable. Ms. Rattan discussed some of the detail of the plan, which had previously been emailed to all members of the SCCOG. The Executive Director provided draft language for a motion that might address the concerns that had been raised.

MOTION: To recommend to the SCCOG the adoption of the “Regional Transportation Safety Plan, Southeastern Region, Connecticut” prepared in 2020 by VN Engineers under contract with CTDOT, with the understanding that the SCCOG’s commitment to provide oversight, annually report progress to CTDOT, and update the Plan every five years will require additional financial support from the State as was provided for the funding of this initial Plan. (Urgo, Hedrick). So voted unanimously.

4. Resolution No. 21-1 For Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT

Ms. Rattan provided background on the proposed safety targets and the process the State used to establish them.

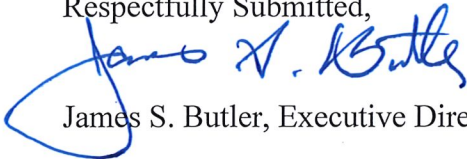
MOTION: To recommend to the SCCOG the adoption of Resolution No. 21-1 For Endorsement of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by CTDOT (Hedrick, Chesebrough). So voted unanimously.

5. Other

None.

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



James S. Butler, Executive Director