

MINUTES OF THE 2 FEBRUARY 2021
SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Via ZOOM

Present: Fred Allyn, III, Keith Hedrick, Mike Urgo, Danielle Chesebrough
Staff: James Butler, Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan
Other: Adam Wright, SUBASE

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

1. DEMHS Region 4 Regional Recovery Steering Committee

The Executive Director reported that the three working groups have all been formed and have met; will meet again in a couple of weeks to begin identifying and discussing unmet needs; and he provided an update on funding for this work, stating that the State still has not given any information concerning funding for the three regions not eligible for EDA noncompetitive grants.

2. JLUS Parking Management Plan

The Deputy Director reported that the consultant was wrapping up the data collection and analysis phase. She said she expected information to be made public later this month and in March.

3. Request by CT Citizens Climate Lobby to Address SCCOG

The Executive Committee invited Dr. Frank Maletz and Dr. Roger Kuhns to address the SCCOG on the CT Citizens Climate Lobby initiative to address the SCCOG at the March 17th meeting.

4. Discussion of Future Transportation Planning Funding

The Executive Director summarized the current status of FY 2016 PL carryover funding, noting he has requested that CTDOT allow the SCCOG to extend their contract with their on-call engineer without having to go back out to bid to allow some additional funding from this carryover to be expended before July 1. If not expended, it will again be carried over and folded into FY 2021 carryover, which will be made available to the SCCOG in FY 2023. He then reported on the current and anticipated levels of use of FY 2021 PL funds, and the expected level of FY 2022 and FY 2023 PL funds, along with FY 2019 funding that will be made available to the SCCOG beginning on July 1. He said that the SCCOG will now have more funds available to it than we can expend under the current staffing level; he said he would be proposing in the next several months a budget amendment that would allow the hiring of at least one additional staff and consultants to which this funding could be applied as there many projects in the region which this staff and consultants could be working on.

5. Other

Mr. Wright gave a presentation on Intergovernmental Support Agreements.

The Executive Committee invited Mr. Wright and Captain Moore to make this presentation to the SCCOG at the February 1th meeting.

The Executive Committee also asked staff to invite CT DEEP Commissioner Dykes or other appropriate staff to make a presentation to the SCCOG at the February 17th meeting on the CT Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management plan.

Mr. Uργο noted that an announcement had recently been made concerning additional aid to municipal school districts to address COVID-19 impacts, and he asked if towns were becoming involved and reminding their school boards about this or just assuming that the schools were making these applications. A brief discussion of several members' experience took place.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director