

# SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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## Minutes

April 4, 2023 Executive Committee

Held by Zoom

### PRESENT:

Danielle Chesebrough (Chairman), Rob Brule, John Salomone, Cheryl Blanchard, Charlie Grant.  
Staff: Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan.

Chairman Chesebrough opened the meeting at 8:32 AM.

#### 1. Transportation Alternatives (TAP) Prioritization

Ms. Kennedy summarized the memo reviewing the status of pending TAP applications from the last solicitation in 2019, now being considered for funding under the new infrastructure bill. Three applications remain unfunded, with two projects (New London and Groton) having been reviewed and re-estimated by CT DOT and deemed ready for potential funding. CT DOT will provide information to the Town of Sprague regarding necessary revisions to Sprague's application. CT DOT is requesting a letter from SCCOG affirming its project prioritization and recognizing changes in project estimates.

MOTION: To recommend sending a letter to CT DOT affirming SCCOG's prioritization of TAP projects: 1) New London; 2) Groton; 3) Sprague (Grant, Salomone). So voted unanimously.

#### 2. Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) Prioritization

Ms. Kennedy summarized the memo outlining the applications received under SCCOG's recent solicitation for these funds. The TRIP program is similar to LOTCIP, but only for projects in rural areas. SCCOG staff reviewed the applications following the rubric provided by CT DOT and found that the Preston application ranked slightly higher than the North Stonington application due to its expected project benefits, and recommended that SCCOG submit the following prioritization to CT DOT for its consideration: 1) Preston- Mathewson Mill Road; 2) North Stonington- Lantern Hill Road.

MOTION: To recommend approving a prioritization of 1) Preston 2) North Stonington and 3)

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#### Member Municipalities:

Bozrah \* Colchester \* East Lyme \* Franklin \* Griswold \* Borough of Jewett City \* City of Groton \* Town of Groton \* Lebanon \* Ledyard \* Lisbon \* Montville \* New London \* North Stonington \* Norwich \* Preston \* Salem \* Sprague \* Stonington \* Stonington Borough \* Waterford \* Windham

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Sprague to CTDOT for potential funding under TRIP (Salomone, Grant). So voted unanimously.

### 3. LOTCIP

Ms. Rattan stated that two projects were being presented for potential recommendation to endorse, in Preston and East Lyme. These applications have been fully developed and are ready to be presented to CTDOT for its Commitment to Fund.

The first is the Preston- Poquetanuck Village Traffic Calming Project Improvements, which will include traffic calming and pedestrian accommodations. The project is estimated at \$2,850,578. The second is East Lyme- East Pattagansett Sidewalk and Road Improvements, which will construct a sidewalk along the full length of the roadway from Route 161 to Route 156. The project is estimated at \$3,129,400. These projects were greenlit for application development in 2022 and have been reviewed by SCCOG staff and consultants.

MOTION: To recommend endorsement of the two LOTCIP projects by the full SCCOG Board for CT DOT for their review and potential Commitment to Fund (Blanchard, Grant). So voted unanimously.

### 4. STIP/TIP Amendments

Ms. Kennedy noted that the third-from-bottom project was an error and can be ignored. Ms. Rattan provided information regarding the TIP amendments being presented for endorsement. SCCOG staff have coordinated with town and state staff/officials on these projects. District-wide improvements include retaining walls, highway signs, and traffic signals. Spot improvements include work to improve capacity at the Route 32/I395 interchange in Waterford and rehabilitation of a culvert serving Route 2 in Bozrah.

FACode	Proj#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments
STPR	0013-0089	X6	CT 2	BOZRAH	REHAB BR 06847 (CULVERT) of POLLY BROOK	CON	2023	1,822	1,458	364	0	MOVE FROM FYI TO FY23, INCREASE ESTIMATE FROM FED \$800K
STPA	0133-0100	X6	CT 138	SPRAGUE	REPLACE DETERIORATED 30" CORRUGATED METAL PIPE	PD	2	1	1	0	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA	0133-0100	X6	CT 138	SPRAGUE	REPLACE DETERIORATED 30" CORRUGATED METAL PIPE	FD	FYI	0	0	0	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA	0133-0100	X6	CT 138	SPRAGUE	REPLACE DETERIORATED 30" CORRUGATED METAL PIPE	ROW	FYI	0	0	0	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA	0133-0100	X6	CT 138	SPRAGUE	REPLACE DETERIORATED 30" CORRUGATED METAL PIPE	CON	FYI	3	2	1	0	NEW PROJECT
NHPP	0152-0163	X7	CT 32	WATERFORD	SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT SR 693 AND OLD NORWICH ROAD	PD	2023	1	1	0	0	NEW PROJECT
NHPP	0152-0163	X7	CT 32	WATERFORD	SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT SR 693 AND OLD NORWICH ROAD	FD	2024	0	0	0	0	NEW PROJECT
NHPP	0152-0163	X7	CT 32	WATERFORD	SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT SR 693 AND OLD NORWICH ROAD	CON	FYI	5	4	1	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA	0170-5025	X6	VARIOUS	STATEWIDE	INSTALL & REMOVE OVERHEAD SIGN SUPPORTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS	CON	2023	10	8	2	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA	0172-0501	X7	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 2	INSTALL TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS	CON	2023	8,011	8,011	0	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA	0172-0501	X7	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 2	INSTALL TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS	CON	2023	8	8	0	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA	0172-0529	X6	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 2	REPLACE, REHAB OR REMOVE RETAINING WALLS IN POD 2A	ROW	2024	100	80	20	0	NEW PROJECT
STPA	0172-0529	X6	VARIOUS	DISTRICT 2	REPLACE, REHAB OR REMOVE RETAINING WALLS IN POD 2A	CON	FYI	6,818	5,454	1,364	0	NEW PROJECT

MOTION: To recommend approval of the TIP amendments by the full SCCOG Board (Grant, Blanchard). So voted unanimously.

5. IT Managed Services Contract

Ms. Kennedy stated that she had completed procurement for this service and hired Technet. Mr. Grant mentioned that he was reviewing firms for Franklin and that prices were coming in higher than expected.

6. Speaker Requests

Ms. Kennedy stated Eversource's Steve Sullivan would not be available to speak at a SCCOG meeting until November and wondered if the Committee would like to schedule an earlier, special meeting with him. Several members stated that if the update was general (not time-sensitive) it could wait until November.

Ms. Kennedy asked if, now that the May agenda slot was open again, the Tourism speakers should wait until May to allow Frank Burns (CT Tourism Coalition) to attend. Members agreed she should pursue that option.

Ms. Kennedy stated that she had received a phone call and email from Lisa Kidder of MyCTSavings, who was requesting to present to the SCCOG regarding the MyCTSavings retirement plan. Members asked whether this plan was available for municipalities to use, and if so, to invite her to speak, but otherwise ask for information to be distributed.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Chesebrough).

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda E. Kennedy, Executive Director