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April 2, 2024 Executive Committee
Minutes

Present:

In-person: Cheryl Blanchard, Bob Carlson, Tom DeVivo; Via Zoom: John Salomone, Danielle Chesebrough. Staff: Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan (partial).

Vice Chairman Blanchard opened the meeting at 8:36 AM.

1. Capital Improvement

Ms. Kennedy reviewed plans for capital improvements. The next step is to issue a request for bids.

2. Program Updates

Ms. Kennedy reviewed the current status of major program areas and asked for feedback on potential grant opportunities and potential future municipal services.

3. 2021-2024 TIP Amendments

Ms. Rattan reviewed the three TIP amendments sent to SCCOG for endorsement, which include 1) programming TAP funds for the Groton Thomas Road project, 2) shifts in funding for the I-95 Exit 74 improvement project, and 3) scheduling funds for I-95 bridge repairs in Groton.

MOTION: To recommend approval of the TIP amendments (DeVivo, Carlson). So voted unanimously.

4. 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Ms. Rattan summarized the purpose of the TIP and the process for adopting it. SCCOG will need to formally approve the TIP at its May meeting. SCCOG is currently receiving public comment on the draft TIP. The TIP documents federal funding allocated to transportation projects over a 4-

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year period. The TIP will need to later be amended to reflect changes to funding codes subsequent to our loss of a dedicated “Norwich-New London UZA” allocation and shift to receiving funds under the “Other” category because the UZA population declined to less than 200,000 in the 2020 census. The TIP has been sent to all towns (and other stakeholders) for review. Ms. Rattan will present the document to the full SCCOG at the April 17th meeting. The public comment session ends April 19th.

5. Speaker Requests/Scheduling

The Committee discussed scheduling of speakers. FHWA is scheduled for April, and Eversource for May. There is continued interest in hosting a speaker regarding homelessness.

6. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Salomone, Blanchard). So voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda E. Kennedy, Executive Director