

SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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January 7th, 2025 Executive Committee

Minutes

PRESENT:

Via Zoom: Cheryl Blanchard, Rob Brule, Bob Carlson, John Salomone, Dan Cunningham.

Staff: Amanda Kennedy, Dan Robinson, Kate Rattan.

1) Call to Order: Chairman Blanchard called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2) Roll Call: A quorum was present.

3) Personnel Policies:

a) Ms. Kennedy presented the proposed personnel policies update and stated that it was ready for potential adoption.

MOTION: To recommend that SECOG MPO Board approve Personnel Policies (Carlson, Brule). Motion passed unanimously.

4) FY 2026 Budget:

a) Mr. Carlson asked about dues. Ms. Kennedy replied that the budget included a 5% increase, the first increase since 2013. The reason for the increase is the increased need for local match to federal transportation planning funding. Mr. Carlson inquired about the potential for SECOG provide regional IT services to member municipalities. Ms. Kennedy replied that this idea was both new and interesting to her.

MOTION: To recommend that SECOG MPO Board approve FY 2026 Budget (Carlson, Brule). Motion passed unanimously.

5) 2025 Meeting Schedule:

a) Ms. Kennedy presented the proposed schedule of meetings. The May Board and November EC meeting dates have been adjusted due to the Coast Guard Academy Graduation and Election Day events respectively.

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

MOTION: To recommend that SECOG MPO Board approve the 2025 meeting schedule (Salomone, Cunningham). Motion passed unanimously.

6) Program Updates

- a) Ms. Rattan shared that the LOTCIP application deadline was approaching, and that no TRIP applications had been submitted. Ms. Kennedy notified the committee that SECOG's Safety Action Plan is coming up and that it is a notable project for SECOG in 2025.

7) TIP Amendments

- a) Ms. Rattan summarized the relevant TIP Amendments, explaining that funds were being allocated differently to make use of grants funding the Gold Star Bridge rehabilitation project.

MOTION: To recommend that SECOG MPO Board endorse the TIP Amendments (Salomone, Cunningham).

8) New Business – None.

9) Potential Speakers

Mr. Carlson raised the idea of a presentation from Flock Cameras. Ms. Kennedy asked how the cameras relate to automated enforcement, and Mr. Carlson stated that they were not intended for use as speed cameras, but for crime solving, tracking suspects, etc. Ms. Kennedy will reach out to Flock to schedule a presentation in February.

10) Next meeting: SECOG Board meeting is January 15th at 8:30 AM in person at the SECOG Office. The next SECOG Executive Committee meeting is February 4th at 9:00 AM and will be a hybrid meeting at the SECOG Office and on Zoom.

11) Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting (Carlson, Cunningham). Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Blanchard adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Kennedy, Executive Director, on behalf of Thomas DeVivo, Secretary