

MINUTES OF THE 5/17/10 SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Richard Matters, Robert Congdon, Dan Steward, Paul Formica, Mark Oefinger,
Thomas Sparkman

Staff: James Butler, Richard Guggenheim

Chairman Matters called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1. FY 2010 STP-Urban Funding Re-Allocation

SCCOG staff said they have been informed by CONNDOT that SCCOG's three pavement rehab and two sidewalk construction projects cannot be obligated during FY 2010 because of the inability of CONNDOT's consultant design section to review these. This special meeting was scheduled to discuss this and to formulate a recommendation for re-allocation of these funds to the full SCCOG. The Executive Committee received a letter from James Fallon of CONNDOT informing SCCOG that the only STP-U project from the region that might be feasible to see obligated this year is the P.E. for the Sherman Street Bridge in Norwich. Discussion concerning the SCCOG's options took place.

MOTION: To recommend to the full SCCOG the re-allocation of any available FY 2010 STP-U funding after funding is applied to the Phase I ARRA funded Montauk Avenue Phase I project in New London (federal share \$358,390), and to the P.E. for the Sherman Street bridge project in Norwich (estimated by Norwich to cost \$186,500; estimate under review by CONNDOT Project Development Unit). The Executive Committee recommends the re-allocation in priority order as follows: to the P.E. for the Submarine Base Gateway and Bikeway project in the Town of Groton, estimated by the Town to cost \$340,000 and for which the Project Development Unit at CONNDOT will have to agree and complete the process to see this project obligated this fiscal year; to the installation of traffic signals at six locations in the region (Franklin – Route 32/New Park Avenue; Montville – Route 82/Route 163; Waterford – Route 1/Strosberg Road; Griswold – Route 138 at I-395 NB On-Ramp; Groton – Route 1/ Meridian Street; and East Lyme – Route 156/Giants Neck Road) estimated by CONNDOT to cost \$200,000 each; and any remaining funds to the Bridge Replacement project at Bitgood Road over the Pachaug River in Griswold (Congdon, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

As recommended by the Executive Director, the Executive Committee directed staff to ask CONNDOT to fully fund the East Lyme traffic signal using STP-U funding (with no local match) as are the other five signals, now that it will be funded using STP-U and not STPA funds.

It was noted that any excess funding would be applied to the Griswold Bridge, as opposed to the other three bridges suggested by CONNDOT, because application of the

STP-U funding would reduce the local match required if this bridge were to be fully funded under the BRZ program.

2. ARRA Funding Re-Allocation

The Executive Committee reviewed an e-mail from Jen Trio of CONNDOT concerning the potential re-allocation of ARRA funding in the region. The Executive Director stated that the Town of Groton opened their bids on April 29th, and the City of Groton will do so on May 19th. Discussion of the options took place.

MOTION: To recommend to the full SCCOG the reallocation of \$426,368 in excess ARRA funding to the Town of Groton Streetscape project, with CONNDOT reprogramming \$34,832 in leftover ARRA Enhancement funds to this project as well; to approve of the release of \$342,772 in HPP funds for the Town of Stonington Mystic Streetscape project, thus reducing the local contribution by \$68,554; all with the understanding that neither of these projects funding will be finalized until the City of Groton Bridge Street Streetscape project bid information is available and approved by CONNDOT, thus allowing the flexibility to make further funding adjustments to the Town of Groton and Town of Stonington projects should the City of Groton project require more or less ARRA funds than has been estimated by CONNDOT (Sparkman, Oefinger). So voted unanimously.

3. Other

The Executive Committee authorized the Executive Director to write a letter of support for the United Way's application for a USDA grant to improve their kitchen at the Gemma Moran Food Center.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director