

MINUTES OF THE 1/4/10 SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Richard Matters, Robert Congdon, Dan Steward, Paul Formica, Mark Oefinger  
Staff: James Butler

Chairman Matters called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

1. CT DEP Proposed Stream Flow Regulations

The Executive Director reported that there will be a public hearing at DEP on the proposed regulations on January 21. Members of the SCCOG Regional Water Committee have suggested that SCCOG might want to prepare and deliver a statement at the meeting. He noted he requested comments via e-mail from the COG, but to date has not received any. He provided a copy of the previously adopted SCCOG resolution dealing with this subject. Discussion ensued concerning the impact these regulations could have on towns if they are adopted. It was the consensus of the Executive Committee to recommend to the full COG that language be added to the previously adopted resolution stating that the regulations should not be adopted until the DEP proposes the Class assignment for each river and stream and the regulations not implemented until impacts on municipalities are quantified, so that towns might know up front what impact these regulations will have on them.

2. Resident State Trooper Meeting

The Executive Committee discussed the meeting scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>, to be hosted by Senator Stillman, requested by Mr. Formica to discuss issues regarding billing for the Resident State Trooper program and DPS' insistence that municipal constabularies agree to operate under the State's A&O procedures.

3. Regional Film Commission Meeting

The Executive Director reported that as directed by the COG, he has scheduled a meeting of the Regional Film Commission at the SCCOG office on January 11, at 9:00 a.m.

4. Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission Status

Mr. Steward, new Chair of the Route 11 GAC, and the Executive Director reported they have received no news from the State concerning the State's position on Route 11. Mr. Steward said it was intent to not call a Route 11 GAC meeting until such time as they had business to conduct. The Executive Director was asked to contact CONNDOT to see if he could learn the status of the project priority list Commissioner Marie was preparing for the Governor, and to see where Route 11 stood on that list.

5. Regional Intermodal Transportation Center Study Status

The Executive Committee heard an update from the Executive Director on the project. The Executive Director reported the project is almost complete, and a Public Meeting has been scheduled for January 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., at the New London Public Library. He said the consultant would then present their findings and recommendations to the SCCOG at the January 20<sup>th</sup> SCCOG meeting.

#### 6. SCCOG GIS Policy

The Executive Director reported on the hiring of a new GIS Coordinator, and said that he was looking to fill the position with someone who can expand this function at the COG, providing assistance and education to COG member towns' staff. He said he envisioned that long-term re-occurring work would still be performed under contracts between towns and the COG, but that a lot of assistance could be provided by the COG's GIS Coordinator to towns that would be funded by the COG as a way to promote the use and application of GIS technology in the region. Members of the Executive Committee agreed with this philosophy in general, and the Executive Director stated he would keep the Executive Committee informed.

#### 7. TIP/STIP Amendments

Discussion concerning Project # 0152-0151, Pavement Preservation on I-395 in East Lyme, Waterford, and Montville, increasing FFY estimated funding federal funding from \$1.15M to \$5.354M took place.

MOTION: To recommend to the full COG approval of Project # 0170-2776, Surface Transportation Program Funds for Engineering/Scoping and Project Development, Moving from FFY 2009 to FFY 2010, in the amount of \$150,000, and deferring any recommendation on Project # 0152-0151, Pavement Preservation on I-395 in East Lyme, Waterford, and Montville, increasing FFY estimated funding federal funding from \$1.15M to \$5.354M until such time as CONNDOT could provide additional information as to why the increase in funding was being proposed (MOTION: Steward, Congdon). So voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director