

MINUTES OF THE 4/5/10 SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
SCCOG Office, Norwich, CT

Present: Robert Congdon, Dan Steward, Paul Formica, Mark Oefinger, Thomas Sparkman
Staff: James Butler, Richard Guggenheim

Vice Chairman Congdon called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

1. Consideration of STP-Urban Program Funding Applications

The Executive Committee reviewed 13 projects submitted by 7 municipalities applying for STP Urban program funding. Several of the projects were not recommended for funding because they involved substantial roadway improvement projects for which no design had yet been done and therefore they could not be obligated this fiscal year (New London's Shaw Street and Ocean Avenue projects), or because the State informed SCCOG that there is no identifiable funding for the construction of the project (Norwich's P.E. of Route 82 widening). CONNDOT's Project Development unit will review these cost estimates and may place higher costs on individual projects, thus requiring additional funding from the SCCOG's anticipated \$2.5 Million this year.

The Executive Committee directed staff to forward the preliminary ranked list and applications to CONNDOT with a request that the Project Development unit begin reviewing these as soon as possible and provide feedback. A special meeting of the Executive Committee was scheduled for April 12, at 8:00 a.m., to finalize their recommendation to the full SCCOG.

2. ARRA Funding Re-Allocation

The Executive Committee reviewed a memorandum from Tom Maziarz of CONNDOT, outlining several options for RPOs having surplus ARRA funding after all project bids are opened and awarded. The Executive Committee took no action and made no recommendation on this matter at this time, as the Town of Groton and City of Groton ARRA project costs have not been finalized.

3. Draft Resolution No. 10-2, Relating to a Transportation Planning Grant

MOTION: That the SCCOG approve of Resolution No. 10-2, Relating to a Transportation Planning Grant (Oefinger, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

4. Tri-Town Trail Committee – SCCOG's Role as Staff and Fiduciary

The Executive Director reported that he had received a check from the Pequot Cyclists in the amount of \$500, which was being donated toward the construction of the Tri-Town

Trail. He noted that he had contacted the SCCOG accountant and auditor, and that serving as fiduciary to this committee would involve some cost to keep track of these additional funds and would require some additional staff work. He said he worried about the precedent this would set, and also expressed concern that the SCCOG really would have no control over how these funds would be used by the committee. Discussion on the need for the Tri-Town Trail Committee to have a fiduciary while it pursued becoming a non-profit organization ensued.

MOTION: That the SCCOG agrees to serve as fiduciary for the Tri-Town Trail Committee, which is beginning to receive donations, until the end of the calendar year, allowing that group time to pursue non-profit status (Oefinger, Steward). So voted unanimously.

5. Draft Unified Planning Work Program

The Executive Director distributed drafts of this document and stated that a public hearing had been scheduled for May 3rd, at 7:00 p.m.

6. TIP/STIP Amendment

MOTION: To recommend to the full SCCOG the adoption of the FY 2010 TIP/STIP amendment (Sparkman, Steward). So voted unanimously.

7. Other

The Executive Committee agreed to allow Deb Monahan from TVCCA and Nancy Cowser from UCFS to update the SCCOG at the April 19th meeting on the work of the New London County Health Collaborative.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director