

MINUTES OF THE 5/3/10 SCCOG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 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. STP-Urban Program Funding Applications - Update

The Executive Committee received an update from the Executive Director concerning the priority list of projects that the SCCOG had submitted to CONNDOT for FY 2010 STP-Urban funding. Staff has met with CONNDOT and with municipal officials from Stonington, Salem, Sprague, and New London to discuss their requests. The Executive Committee reviewed an e-mail from Stonington's Planning Director withdrawing their request for STP-Urban funds for the PE and design of the Route 27 and Route 1 project. Assistant Director Guggenheim explained that CONNDOT has advised that this project was part of the Mystic Multi-Modal Transportation study, and the scope of the project will be firmed up during that study. The cost of construction may exceed the amount of dollars available in the amount of STP-Urban funds annually made available to SCCOG so CONNDOT did not believe it made sense to award STP-U funding until the scope of the project is more clearly defined, including identification of other sources of funding. The withdrawal of this project frees up \$190,000 that can be applied to other projects.

The Executive Director then reported on his meeting with CONNDOT and New London officials regarding the City's request for \$150,000 for PE for the Phase 2 Montauk Avenue project. CONNDOT has advised that STP-U funds cannot be used to design a pavement rehabilitation project which the Montauk Avenue job is categorized as. City Manager Berliner explained that New London has asked its consultant to enhance the City's design for the project to meet CONNDOT specifications, and that this cost will be entirely borne by the City. He said the City was asking SCCOG to allow it to use the \$150,000 originally requested for design and any additional surplus FY 2010 STP-U funds to the actual construction of the Phase 2 Montauk Avenue job.

The Executive Director stated that SCCOG has available to it a total of \$2.5 Million in FY 2010 STP-U funds, and that the withdrawal of the Stonington application freeing up \$190,000 leaves a total of \$993,856 still available this year. The Executive Committee discussed how this money could be applied and expended this year, including the need to hold some funding in reserve to cover projects that CONNDOT estimates will cost more than the municipal estimates.

MOTION: To recommend to the full SCCOG the approval of New London's request to use its STP-U funds for the actual pavement rehab of Montauk Avenue Phase 2 in lieu of for the PE, and to allocate an additional \$350,000 (for a project total of \$500,000) to New

London for that project, with the remaining unallocated funding (now totaling \$643,856) being placed in contingency for the other towns which were allocated FY 2010 STP-U funds to request should their project costs increase, and any remaining funds left over could be applied to New London's Montauk Avenue Phase 2 project subject to approval of the SCCOG (Congdon, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

2. ARRA Funding Re-Allocation - Update

The Executive Director updated the Executive Committee concerning the status of the five SCCOG ARRA projects in the region. He stated that the Town of Groton opened their bids on April 29th, and the City of Groton will do so on May 19th. Mr. Oefinger stated he has not yet received the bid ranges from his Public Works Department. The Executive Director stated that SCCOG staff will be meeting with CONNDOT staff on Thursday to continue to discuss SCCOG's options for use of any excess ARRA funding.

3. Regional Revaluation Survey

MOTION: To forward the results of the Regional Revaluation Survey to the full SCCOG to see if there is interest to proceed with a shared or regional reval (Congdon, Sparkman). So voted unanimously.

4. Other

The Executive Director reminded that the public hearing on the draft UPWP was scheduled for tonight.

The Executive Committee reviewed a draft MOU between SCCOG, WINCOG, and NECCOG for the FY 2009 Homeland Security Grant Program. The Executive Committee directed that this be forwarded to the full SCCOG for action.

The Executive Committee discussed municipal dues to seCTer in light of the tight budgets that cities and towns are facing.

The Executive Committee was informed by staff of the interest expressed by four municipalities in sharing land use enforcement staff through the SCCOG. Mr. Congdon indicated that in addition to those four towns, Preston might also be interested.

Mr. Formica suggested that after the next Executive Committee meeting, the Executive Committee hold a planning session concerning the future mission and objectives of the SCCOG.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James S. Butler, Executive Director

