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11. Roy Piper - DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator
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13. Adjournment

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TO: SCRCOG Board
FROM: First Selectman Anthony DaRos, SCRCOG Secretary
DATE: February 1, 2010
SUBJECT: SCRCOG Minutes of January 27, 2010

Present:
Branford First Selectman Anthony DaRos - Treasurer
East Haven Paul Hongo, Jr. Director of Mgmt. & Admin. / Proxy for Mayor Capone Almon
Guilford First Selectman Joseph S. Mazza
Hamden Mayor Scott Jackson
Madison First Selectman Fillmore McPherson
Meriden Lawrence Kendzior, City Manager / Proxy for Mayor Michael Rohde
Milford Mayor James L. Richetelli, Jr.
New Haven Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Branford Mayor Anthony Candelora
North Haven First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange First Selectman James Zeoli - Acting Chairman
Wallingford Mayor William Dickinson, Jr.
West Haven Mayor John Picard
Woodbridge First Selectman Edward Sheehy - Secretary
SCRCOG Staff Carl J. Amento – Executive Director

Albert Ruggiero, Stephen Dudley, Mona Beavis, James Rode, and Eugene Livshits

Guest Presenters:
Roy Piper, DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator; Mary M. Mushinsky, State Representative-85th Assembly District (Wallingford); Martin Mador, Quinnipiac River Watershed Association and Sierra Club - CT Chapter; Larry Bingaman, Regional Water Authority; Elizabeth Gara, Executive Director of the CT Water Works Association; Carlene Kulisch, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority; and Ginny Kozlowski, Executive Director of Regional Growth Partnership.

Other Guests:
Shelly Szczynski, UI Holdings Corporation; George Adair, Director of Public Utilities Town of Wallingford; Richard Branigan, Town Manager for North Branford; Stephen P. Livingston, CT Department of Transportation Field Coordinator and Liaison to SCRCOG; Thomas Cariglio, UI Company; Mary Bigelow, Greater New Haven Transit District Board of Directors; Nan Birdwhistell, Esq., Murtha Culling, LLP; Miriam E. Brody, League of Women Voters; William Villano, Executive Director of Workforce Alliance; Donna Carter, Executive Director of the Greater New Haven Transit District; Jean T. Stimolo, Executive Director of Rideworks; and Paul Nonnenmacher, Director of Public Affairs - CT Resource Recovery Authority

At 10:10 A.M. the January 27, 2010 board meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments was called to order by the Acting Chairman, James M. Zeoli. Following his welcoming remarks, self introductions by guests ensued.
ITEM 1 – Presentation on the Connecticut DEP’s Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations

State Representative Mary M. Mushinsky, one of the original authors of Public Act No. 05-142 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM WATER FLOW REGULATIONS (enacted in 2005), explained the CT Department of Environmental Protection’s proposed regulations for establishing new stream-flow standards for all Connecticut rivers and streams. Previously these regulations pertained only to rivers and streams stocked with fish. This new statute directs the CT Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop standards that balance the needs for human use; i.e. drinking, washing, fire, irrigation, industry, agriculture, recreation, etc. with the needs of fish, natural aquatic life, and wildlife. Rep. Mushinsky stated there were conflicts between water users due to the imbalance of water management. Several examples were cited whereby passage of new CT DEP river and stream-flow standards and regulations could prevent future law suits and controversy.

Martin Mador, from the Quinnipiac River Watershed Association, stated his perspective on the lack of state-wide comprehensive water management. He hoped these new regulations would trigger all to regard water as a public resource with an economic value. Currently, the regulated diversions only govern fifteen percent of water that’s actually used.

In expressing his concern for management of this common resource, Mr. Mador shared an economic environmental concept called Tragedy of the Commons which grew out of a study of a common pasture during medieval times. It was in the farmer’s best interest at that time to buy a cow and place it into a common pasture. However, if every farmer continued buying cows and placing them into this common pasture, the grass would quickly become depleted. During the last couple of years, the focus has been on energy conservation. Water should be looked at in the same way. Mr. Mador remarked on the costs associated in re-engineering those dams that are not capable of making the necessary small releases to comply with the new regulations. New regulations would provide the means to mitigate problems, allow the DEP Commissioner to grant variances, provide for the creation of a flow-management compact, lessen consequences to individual providers, and provide for drought emergencies.

Remarks by Opponents of the Proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations follow:

Speaking in behalf of the Connecticut Water Works Association’s (CWWA) position was their Executive Director, Elizabeth Gara. She explained that the CWWA is a trade association of municipal water utilities such as the Wallingford Public Utilities, regional water authorities such as the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority, and private companies. CWWA represents more than ninety percent of the water companies in this state. Their mission is to promote and develop public policies that enable water companies to provide safe and adequate water supplies that meet the needs of Connecticut businesses and residents. They view themselves as stewards of the state’s water resources. To that end, CWWA supports many of the CT DEP’s initiatives, including the CT DEP’s goal of 2005 to develop a balanced approach to protect the State’s aquatics life while providing for other water supply needs; i.e. water for public health, safety, economic development, agriculture, recreation, etc.

Ms. Gara reported on responses received from several utilities to their survey asking whether the proposed stream-flow regulations would allow them to continue to meet the water obligations of their customers and associated costs. Many responses received were disturbing. The Wallingford Public Utilities testified that they would see a fifty-percent drop in safe yield. That is the amount needed to meet customer obligations.

Public utility companies in Southington, Wallingford, Bristol, Norwalk, and Norwich could be in a position of not having sufficient water supply to meet the existing and future needs of their customers. Moratoriums on economic development projects may result and inter-water basin transfers may not occur. Over the past four to five years, Ms. Gara stated that they had addressed their concerns with the CT DEP.

Of further concern were the unknown costs to perform the required water releases during the six bio periods, the creation of new reservoirs, and the re-engineering of certain dams. She recommended that the stake holders and the CT DEP be brought back to the table and engage again in an open process.

Mr. Larry Bingaman, of the Regional Water Authority, stated that his predecessor, David Silverstone, had worked closely with the CT DEP Advisory Group for a number of years to develop stream-flow regulations. Unfortunately, that process was cut short and the CT DEP proceeded with the proposed regulations before there was final closure. As currently drafted, the Regional Water Authority cannot support the regulations unless an
acceptable balance between human and ecological water needs is achieved. In addition, customers would be bearing the unfair costs.

Mr. Bingaman explained CT DEP’s four stream classifications. The most pristine streams are Class 1. Class 2 streams are a little more developed. Class 3 is where most water utilities draw their supply, i.e. aquifers. Class 4 streams are in very highly developed areas.

Under these proposed regulations, a new pipeline would be necessary to supply the Cheshire service area. Classified as Class 3, the cost would range anywhere between $15 to $20 million. Should the CT DEP, classify the South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority’s rivers as Class 1 or Class 2, the estimated cost would be over $100 million. All costs borne now would result in rate increases to customers. Mr. Bingaman suggested a mechanism be developed to share the costs of all water utility infrastructure improvements. Costs should be shared among the many users benefitting from the stream-flow regulations and pristine environment; namely: boaters, fishermen, hikers, etc. Another concern posed was regulation passage prior to classification of the rivers and streams and its impact on economic development. If classifications were done prior to putting the regulations into place, the uncertainty of costs could be eliminated. The South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority has advocated, for a number of years, a comprehensive water management plan for the State of Connecticut.

Mr. Paul Hongo inquired about the length of time it would take to classify all the rivers and streams. Mr. Bingaman replied that the CT DEP has allotted five years to review and classify the streams, rivers, and the five basins in the state. The CT DEP acknowledges that they are short staffed. Previously there was legislation passed requiring review of all diversion permits and basin analyses. Implementation of the proposed stream-flow regulations is estimated to take ten years following passage. Ms. Gara clarified that a basin classified in year one actually has to begin complying within five years. In year six, that system has to be ready for releases, or the ground water withdrawals will have to be cut. State Representative Mushinsky added that in her testimony she requested more time be allocated for complex cases.

Mayor DeStefano desired to know whether this legislation was germane to the Council as a group and if an intervention point was going to be suggested, either collectively or individually. Mr. Bingaman reported that the CT DEP held a public hearing last week. That hearing record will remain open for public comment until February 4, 2010. Mr. Bingaman requested SCRCOG members, if they concur, to send a letter before February 4 to the CT DEP addressing the impact of these proposed regulations and to request reinstatement of the working groups. Mayor Picard hoped both sides would go back and work together to achieve an amiable solution for everyone.

Mayor Dickinson, speaking on behalf of Wallingford, stated that it was not affordable. All are aware of this stressed economy and municipal budget crises. If government feels this is so very vital and important, they should provide the money. He suggested waiting until money becomes available. First Selectman McPherson added that the price tag for this is unknown. A plan without a price tag is a wish list. At the very least, the CT DEP should take the time to classify the rivers and streams first to ascertain ball-park figures.

First Selectman Freda asked about the risk factors of the proposed compromise. State Representative Mushinsky recommended the CT DEP Stream-Flow Standards and Regulations not be rejected, but implement it and extend the process over a longer time period.

ITEM 2 – Legislative Reports

No report

ITEM 3 – November 18, 2009 and December 15, 2009 SCRCOG Minutes

There being no additions or corrections, SCRCOG Secretary, First Selectman Sheehy offered a motion, seconded by Mayor Picard, to adopt the SCRCOG Minutes of November 18, 2009. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was again offered by SCRCOG Secretary, First Selectman Sheehy, seconded by Mayor Picard, to adopt the SCRCOG Minutes of the Special December 15, 2009 meeting. Upon unanimous vote, the motion passed.
ITEM 4 - Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending December 31, 2009
SCRCOG Treasurer, First Selectman DaRos, referenced pages eight and nine in the agenda packet incorporating the Treasurer’s Report. He reported a balance of $86,713 in the Bank of America and $572,736 in SCRCOG’s STIP account. The fiscal year being half over, everything seems to be where it belongs.

A motion to adopt the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending December 31, 2009 was offered by First Selectman DaRos and seconded by Mayor Richetelli. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEMS 5 and 6 – Nominating Committee Report for 2010 SCRCOG Officers and Committees
Mayor Richetelli, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee met on January 18. Based upon the responses received, the slate of SCRCOG officers and committees, noted on page ten in the agenda packet, was proposed for calendar year 2010.

2010 SCRCOG Officers and Executive Committee:
Chairman Orange First Selectman, James M. Zeoli
Vice Chairman Woodbridge First Selectman, Edward Maum Sheehy
Secretary Branford First Selectman, Anthony DaRos
Treasurer West Haven Mayor, John Picard
                      Bethany First Selectwoman, Derrylyn Gorski
                      Milford Mayor, James Richetelli, Jr.
                      New Haven Mayor, John DeStefano, Jr.
                      Wallingford Mayor, William Dickinson, Jr.

A motion to adopt the slate of SCRCOG Board Officers, Executive Committee, and respective committees, as proposed by the Nominating Committee for calendar year 2010, was offered by Mayor Richetelli and seconded by First Selectman McPherson. Without further remarks, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 7 – Resolution to Appoint SCRCOG Bank Signatories
Albert Ruggiero, SCRCOG Principal Planner, reported that SCRCOG’s By-laws specify four officers and the Executive Director can be given signatory authorization to SCRCOG bank accounts. Given that there are newly elected officers and a new Executive Director, a resolution authorizing new signatories was prepared.

A motion to adopt the resolution appointing First Selectman James M. Zeoli; First Selectman Edward M. Sheehy; First Selectman Anthony DaRos; Mayor John M. Picard; and SCRCOG Executive Director, Carl J. Amento as signatories for all SCRCOG bank accounts was presented by First Selectman DaRos and seconded by First Selectman Mazza. Upon unanimous vote, the motion passed.

ITEM 8 – Transportation Committee Report
a. FY 2010-2013 TIP Amendment Number Two and Resolution
Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Mayor Dickinson, informed the officials that the Transportation Committee had met and a summary of TIP Amendment Number Two was on page twelve in the agenda packet. The Committee recommends adoption of the 2010-2013 TIP Amendment Number Two.

Mayor Dickinson offered a motion, seconded by Mayor Richetelli, to adopt FY 2010-2013 TIP Amendment Number Two and Resolution. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

b. Solicitation for Transportation Planning Proposals–FY2010-2011 and FY2011-2013 UPWP
Mayor Dickinson requested that transportation planning proposals for the next two fiscal years be submitted to Executive Director, Carl Amento, or Stephen Dudley, by February 15. Mr. Stephen Dudley, SCRCOG’s Transportation Planner, stated that SCRCOG will need to adopt a two-year Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in March; and prior to that, the Transportation Committee will have to approve the draft.
ITEM 9 – Regional Growth Partnership (RGP) Report
RGP’s new Executive Director, Ginny Kozlowski, stated that her first Executive Director’s Report - January 22, 2010 was included in the agenda packet. Should anyone have questions, she asked to be contacted.

The Regional Growth Partnership will be holding their first Marketing Committee Meeting at Mayor Picard’s office next Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. Ms. Kozlowski announced that she is looking forward to meeting with all SCRCOG officials and their working together with RGP.

ITEM 10 – Appoint A Regional Growth Partnership Board Member
The Regional Growth Partnership (RGP) has a vacancy on their Board of Directors. RGP Executive Director, Ginny Kozlowski, stated that Mayor Scott Jackson has indicated an interest in filling that position.

A motion to appoint Mayor Scott Jackson to the Regional Growth Partnership Board of Directors was offered by Mayor Picard and seconded by First Selectman Sheehy. Without further discussion, the motion was unanimously adopted.

ITEM 11 – Adopt Amendment to RPC By-laws Regarding Membership
(Second Reading – page 23 in the agenda packet)

- Under current Regional Planning Commission’s By-laws, staff members of municipal Planning and Zoning Commissions are not permitted appointment to the Regional Planning Commission. Adoption of this amendment would allow this option. Procedure requires changes to the By-laws be brought before SCRCOG twice. This is now the second time this amendment is being brought before the SCRCOG Board.

A motion to adopt the amendment to the Regional Planning Commission’s By-laws to permit the appointment of a staff member of a municipal Planning and Zoning Commission to the South Central Connecticut Regional Planning Commission was offered by Mayor Richetelli and seconded by First Selectman Sheehy. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 12 – Resolution for Executive Director Authorization to Sign Pass-Through Grants From Connecticut State Agencies
Acting Chairman Zeoli remarked that SCRCOG’s new Executive Director, Carl J. Amento, requires authorization to sign pass-through grants from Connecticut state agencies.

A motion to adopt the resolution giving the new Executive Director, Carl J. Amento, authorization to negotiate and execute all necessary contractual instruments with Connecticut State Agencies on behalf of SCRCOG was presented by Mayor Richetelli and seconded by First Selectman Sheehy. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 13 – Resolution Appointing SCRCOG’s Executive Director as the New Retirement Plan Administrator
Whereas SCRCOG has a new Executive Director, a motion was offered by Mayor Richetelli to approve the resolution appointing Carl J. Amento as the Retirement Plan Administrator for SCRCOG. The motion, seconded by First Selectman DaRos, passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 14 – Appoint SCRCOG’s Executive Director to the Coastal and I-91 TIAs
Whereas SCRCOG has a new Executive Director, a motion was presented by Mayor Richetelli, seconded by First Selectman DaRos, to approve the appointment of Carl J. Amento to the Coastal and I-91 Transportation Investment Areas. Upon unanimous vote, the motion passed.

ITEM 15 – November 16, 2009 FHWA Letter of Response to 511 Traveler Information System Statewide Project #170-2830 (The letter is in the agenda packet.)
Mayor DeStefano raised concern with the Federal Highway Administration’s process allowing Connecticut’s Department of Transportation to insert this state-wide project into the Draft FFY 2010-2013 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) without approval by SCRCOG. He considered this a forfeiture of SCRCOG’s rights.
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SCRCOG Transportation Planner, Stephen Dudley, explained FHWA’s position. Because no physical improvements are occurring in our region, but occurring at their traffic headquarters, or computer systems elsewhere, they can do this as a statewide project without SCRCOG’s approval. Funding for this is being taken out of the general funds directed to the state for CMAC that are not attributable to our region because the whole state is a nonattainment area. This project has not been added to our regional Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Mayor DeStefano requested a thoughtful reflection from staff to determine whether the framework they’ve been operating under is different and if there is sufficient interest at stake that would be applicable to other future decisions.

Mr. Dudley elaborated further that SCRCOG’s former Executive Director, Judy Gott, had requested specific citation under federal rules from FHWA’s Division Administrator, Amy Jackson-Grove. FHWA’s letter of November-2009 is the only response received to date. Mayor Dickinson added that it would be helpful if exact verbiage of the regulation could be obtained. Executive Director Amento stated that staff would have sufficient clarification on what happened at the next meeting.

ITEM 16 – Executive Director’s Report
Executive Director, Carl J. Amento, acknowledged that he has only been on the job twelve days and thanked staff for their assistance.

In July, Ginny Kozlowski, the new Executive Director of the Regional Growth Partnership, and their staff will be relocating to join SCRCOG at their North Haven office. A new economic development website, which was part of a regional incentive grant received from the Office of Policy and Management, is in progress. The plan is to develop a link to CERC which contains sites for economic development. In about one to two weeks, pages of the website will be distributed for SCRCOG members’ review.

Executive Director Amento reported that the State Legislature has formed the MORE (Municipal Opportunities Regional Efficiencies) Commission on Regionalism. There are six sub-committees. Ms. Kozlowski, Mayor DeStefano, and Executive Director Amento are participants on some of the sub-committees. Mayor DeStefano recommended that SCRCOG members and other officials participate in the sub-committees. Executive Director Amento added that he would provide them with a schedule of the sub-committee meetings.

Executive Director Amento stated that the MORE Commission will likely result in two to three pieces of legislation this session, but the major thrust will be next year. Despite its’ partisan beginning, the House Democrats have expressed a desires to have it be open to everyone. The consensus was that attendance is important to attain influence on the outcome. Executive Director Amento stated he was looking forward to working with SCRCOG members and that he would be meeting with them during the next month to ascertain how SCRCOG could be of better service.

ITEM 17 – DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator
Mr. Roy Piper, DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator, reported that a portion of federal funds Region 2 receives is governed by its thirty municipal chief elected officials. The sub-committee works with the Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT) to develop the budget and determine disbursement of the homeland security funds.

The thirty chief elected officials, or their designated representatives, meet quarterly. The February 1, REPT Meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, May 3, 2010. Between now and May 3, the Steering Committee will be preparing a SWOT (Strength, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis and a spending plan based upon the amount of funds the region will receive. The exact figure of the 2009 grant is not known. They anticipate $1 million for DEMHS Region 2. The 2007 funds have almost been finalized, and the 2008 money has just been released. The newly elected officials were requested to contact Mr. Piper via e-mail or telephone for more specific information.

ITEM 18 – Regional Cooperation / Other Business
Nan Birdwhistell, a former First Selectwoman of Woodbridge, noted that she volunteered to serve as a Co-Chair on the Town Functions Sub-Committee of the MORE Commission. She also encouraged involvement by SCRCOG members in the MORE Commission sub-committees.
No action required.

ITEM 20 - Adjournment
On a motion to adjourn by Mayor Picard, seconded by First Selectman Sheehy and unanimously approved, the meeting concluded at 11:27 A.M.

Submitted by,
Anthony DaRos
SCRCOG Secretary and First Selectman of Branford


**TREASURER’S REPORT**

**BALANCE SHEET** - January, 2010

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State Project  0148-0190
Municipality  Wallingford
Project Name  US 5: Toelles Rd to Rt 702 Widening
Description  Widen US 5 to add opposing left hand turn lanes at Toelles Road and Route 702 (I-91 connector).

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

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Amendment Notes

CN moved from FY04 to post-FY05 by FY03 TIP Amend 2 due to financial constraint. FY07 TIP Amend 7 increases funding. FY07 TIP Amend 13 moves project to FFY08. FY07 TIP Amend 19 moves CON from FFY08 to FFY09 and increases funds. FY07 TIP Amend 29 replaces STPA funds with NHTS and increases cost. FY10 TIP Amend 3 moves funds from FFY09 to FFY10.
Resolution

Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Three

Whereas: U.S. Department of Transportation “Metropolitan Planning Regulations” (23 CFR 450) prescribe that each metropolitan planning organization maintain a financially constrained multi-modal transportation improvement program consistent with a State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP) conforming to both U.S. Environmental Protection Administration-established air quality guidelines and SIP-established mobile source emissions budgets; and

Whereas: The Council, per 23 CFR 450.324 and in cooperation with the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) and public transit operators and relying upon financial constraints offered by ConnDOT, adopted a Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program on October 28, 2009, after finding the Program conforming per U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (U.S. EPA) final conformity rule (40 CFR 51 and 93) and relevant Connecticut Department of Transportation air quality conformity determinations: Air Quality Conformity Reports: Fiscal Year 2010-2013 Transportation Improvement Program and the Region’s Long-Range Transportation Plans, May, 2007); and

Whereas: The Council, on October 28, 2009, indicated that periodic Program adjustment or amendment was possible; and

Whereas: Projects referenced in the Program amendment (below) are consistent with the region’s long-range transportation plan (South Central Regional Long Range Transportation Plan—2007 to 2035, (May, 2007); and

Whereas: Council Public Participation Guidelines: Transportation Planning have been observed during the development of the proposed Program amendment (below); and

Whereas: By agreement between the Council and the Connecticut Department of Transportation, public involvement activities carried out by the South Central Regional Council of Governments in response to U.S. Department of Transportation metropolitan planning requirements are intended to satisfy the requirements associated with development of a Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and/or its amendment; and

Whereas: Council of Governments’ review of transportation goals, projects and opportunities may result in further adjustment or amendment of the Program.
Resolution
Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Three
(Continued)

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments

The Program Amendment Three shall be transmitted to the Connecticut Department of Transportation, for inclusion in the State Transportation Improvement Program

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments on February 24, 2010.

Date: February 24, 2010

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Anthony DaRos
Secretary
SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Draft Minutes Transportation Committee February 17, 2010

Transportation Committee members

| Wallingford, Mayor William Dickinson, Chair |
| East Haven, Paul Hongo Proxy for Mayor April Capone |
| Almon |
| Hamden, Julie E Smith, proxy for Mayor Scott Jackson |
| North Haven, First Selectman Michael Freda. |

Transportation Technical Committee

| Madison, Mike Ott |
| North Branford, Kurt Weiss |
| North Haven, John Bodwell |
| West Haven, Abdul Quadir |

Guests

| Jean Stimolo, Rideworks |
| Stephen Livingston, ConnDOT |
| Gary Lindsay, Fay, Spofford & Thorndike |
| Vic Marques, CTTRANSIT |
| Lou Mangini, Congresswoman DeLauro’s Office |

| SCRCOG |
| Carl Amento, James Rode, Stephen Dudley, |

Mayor Dickinson began the meeting at 12:10 PM.

**Item #1**
Minutes of the January 13, 2010 meeting were unanimously adopted on a motion by J.Bodwell / A. Quadir

**Item #2**
FY2010 –FY2013 TIP Amendment 3 consisted of project #0148-0190 US 5: Toelles Rd to Rte 702 Widening D. Amendment 3 was necessary to move the project funds from FFY09 to FFY10. Mayor Dickinson made the motion to approve FY10 TIP Amendment 3 the motion was approved.

**Item #3**
Mayor Dickinson began the discussion of the FHWA/CTDOT response regarding 511. A letter had been sent to FHWA back in October to protest the decision to move forward with statewide project #170-2830 the 511 Traveler Information System over the objections of the region. FHWA had responded in a letter received by SCRCOG in November stating their belief that this project “does not constitute a physical project within the MPO boundaries” and therefore does not require regional approval. A draft letter From SCRCOG to FHWA was included in the agenda packet for approval. Following a discussion FS.Freda made the motion to approve J.Bodwell seconded motion was approved.

**Item #4**
J. Rode presented the status on current urban projects included in the agenda package. Those present provided additional information on the progress of their individual projects. There was some discussion over the need for new STP Urban project proposals to maintain the program.

**Item #5**
S. Dudley provided a report on an RPO coordination meeting which was held at ConnDOT on January 26th.

**Item #6**
S. Dudley reminded those present to submit planning project proposals for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 UPWP within the next few days.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM.
February 3, 2010

Federal Highway Administration, Connecticut Division
628-2 Hebron Avenue
Suite 303
Glastonbury, CT 06033

Attn: Ms. Amy Jackson-Grove, Division Administrator

Dear Ms. Jackson-Grove,

Thank you for your letter of November 16, 2009.

Your response was discussed at the January 27, 2010 SCRCOG meeting. SCRCOG believes that the implementation of a statewide project without all regional approvals does not meet the spirit of the federal approval process. We continue to disagree with the inclusion of the 511 program in the STIP, feeling that current highway radio and variable message signs, when provided with accurate and timely information, will provide the necessary service. Our members remain concerned that the transportation planning process, in a time of constrained resources and extremely limited funding, should be focused on preservation of the existing infrastructure and programs. They feel strongly that we should avoid undertaking new and costly programs or projects which cannot be viewed as critical, and, if implemented, would divert resources from pressing preservation needs.

While we question whether this project is “not a physical project within the MPO boundaries”, we see no benefit in continuing that debate at this time. Based upon your letter, it is our understanding that the creation of a statewide project which does not require the approval of all MPOs can only be utilized for those specific projects where there is no physical project within the boundaries of the MPO. We expect that there will be very few projects that fit this criterion. We believe that it is important that ConnDOT and SCRCOG be committed to maintaining the integrity of the transportation planning process, insuring MPO concurrence in all phases of transportation expenditures which affect our region.

ConnDOT has recently improved the communication with regional agencies, implementing regular coordination meetings. Staff has reported that these meetings, with FHWA participation, have been very useful for better exchange of issues and concerns at regional, state and federal levels. Our concerns on this and other issues reflect SCRCOG’s active participation in the transportation planning process.
A successful transportation planning process involves active discussion of the issues by the regional, state and federal partners. We look to a continued, effective process which leads to consensus and approval by all three partners, leading to transportation projects which meet the goals of the act, insure compliance with all planning requirements, and improve mobility for our region and the state.

Very truly yours,

Anthony J. DaRos, First Selectman, Branford, SCRCOG Secretary

cc: Joseph Marie, Commissioner, ConnDOT
    Jeffrey Parker, Deputy Commissioner, ConnDOT
    James Redeker, ConnDOT
    Robbin Cabelus, ConnDOT
    Maribeth Wojenski, ConnDOT
    Eloise Powell, FHWA
    Carl Amento, Executive Director, SCRCOG
To: SCRCOG
From: Carl Amento, Executive Director
Date: February 24, 2010
Subject: Affirmative Action Policy Statement

State policies require SCRCOG to annually update its Affirmative Action Program and reaffirm its commitment to the program through resolution of an Affirmative Action Policy Statement. The Council’s Affirmative Action Program, consists of the enclosed Policy Statement and those actions which are taken to comply with the Policy Statement.

SCRCOG’s Affirmative Action Policy Statement is designed to ensure equal employment opportunity for all individuals relative to employment at the Council. The SCRCOG last adopted an Affirmative Action Policy Statement on February 25, 2009.

To maintain compliance, an endorsed 2010 SCRCOG Affirmative Action Policy Statement must be submitted to ConnDOT in April 2010.

A Resolution follows for your consideration.

The Resolution addresses three items of action.

1. Approves continuation of SCRCOG’s Affirmative Action Program.
2. Authorizes SCRCOG’s Executive Director to execute the Affirmative Action Policy Statement.
Resolution

Calendar Year 2010 Affirmation Action Program And Policy Statement

Whereas: The Connecticut Department of Transportation, requires that all contractors, establish and annually submit an Affirmative Action Program and Policy Statement, which describes affirmative hiring practices relative to minority persons and women; and


Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved That


2. The Council of Governments authorizes its Executive Director to execute the "Affirmative Action Policy Statement" which will guide its Calendar Year 2010 Affirmation Action Program, including as part of its policy to support the nondiscrimination agreements and warranties required under Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60(a)(1) and § 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

3. Appoints Albert Ruggiero Jr. to continue to serve as Equal Employment Opportunity Enforcement Officer, and to perform the duties identified in the "Affirmative Action Policy Statement.

Certificate

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the South Central Regional Council of Governments certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Council of Governments on February 24, 2010

Date: February 24, 2010 By: Anthony DaRos, Secretary
**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy and practice of SCRCOG to assure that no person will be discriminated against or denied the benefits of any activity, program or employment process receiving public funds, in or in part, in the areas of employment, recruitment, advertising, hiring, upgrading, promoting, transferring, demoting, layoffs, terminations, rehiring, employment and/or rates of pay and other compensations.

SCRCOG is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and is strongly committed to all policies which will afford equal opportunity employment to all qualified persons without regard to an individual’s race, color, religious creed, age, sex, marital status, national origin or ancestry, sexual orientation, the request or requirement for genetic background information, present or past history of mental disorder, mental retardation, learning disability or physical disability, including but not limited to, blindness, conviction of a crime unless provisions of Conn. Gen Statutes 46a-60(b), 45a-80(b), or 46a-81(b) are controlling or there is a bona fide occupational qualification excluding individuals in any of the protected groups. Such action shall include: Employment, upgrading, demotion or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection of training, including apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship and/or on-the-job training. This policy and practice applies to all persons, particularly those who are members of the protected classes identified as being African American, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian, Women and persons with disabilities.

SCRCOG will implement, monitor, enforce and achieve full compliance with this Affirmative Action Policy Statement in conjunction with the applicable federal and state laws, regulations, and executive orders, and the E.E.O. contract provisions listed below:

2. Presidential Executive Order 11246 as amended
3. Title 23 U.S.C. 140
4. Title 49 C.F.R. Part 26
5. Governor’s Executive Orders #3 and #17
6. Connecticut Fair Employment Practices Act
7. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
8. Public Act No. 91-58
9. Specific Equal Employment Opportunity Responsibilities
11. A (76) Affirmative Action Requirements
12. Training Special Provision
13. Minority Business Enterprises as Subcontractors
15. Nondiscrimination Act
16. Connecticut General Statutes § 4a-60(a)(1) and § 4a-60a(a)(1), as amended in State of Connecticut Public Act 07-245 and sections 9(a)(1) and 10(a)(1) of Public Act 07-142.

In implementing this policy and ensuring that equal opportunity is being provided to protected class members, each time a hiring opportunity occurs SCRCOG will contact and request referrals from minority and female organizations, referral sources, and media sources. All advertising will emphasize that the firm is "An Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer".

In addition to the normal procedures for filling a job (i.e., placing ads in major newspapers, employee referrals), SCRCOG will also contact a minority and female referral sources to place job openings. These sources are listed below:

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<td>1. NorthEast Minority News</td>
<td>PO Box 4159, Hartford, CT 06147</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>(860) 249-6065</td>
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<td>2. Unemployment Office, State of CT</td>
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<td>3. LaVoz Hispana</td>
<td>35 Elm St., New Haven, CT 06510</td>
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127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West
North Haven, Connecticut 06473-1715
Website: www.scrcog.org
Phone: (203) 234-7555
Fax: (203) 234-9850
E-Mail: camento@scrcog.org

E-mail: camento@scrcog.org
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Note: SCRCOG will periodically update our referral sources listing if it is determined that it is not meeting the needs of the hiring of protected class employees.

In order to substantiate SCRCOG’s efforts and affirmative actions to provide equal opportunity, the firm will maintain and submit, as requested, documentation such as referral request correspondence, copies of advertisements utilized and follow-up documentation to substantiate that efforts were made in good faith. SCRCOG will maintain internal EEO/affirmative action audit procedures and reporting, as well as record keeping systems.

It is understood by SCRCOG, including the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer and supervisory and managerial personnel that failure to effectively implement, monitor and enforce SCRCOG’s affirmative action program and failure to adequately document the affirmative actions taken and efforts made to recruit and hire minority and female applicants, in accordance with our affirmative action program in each instance of hire, will result in SCRCOG being to recommit itself to a modified and more stringent affirmative action program prior to receiving approval. It is recognized that an approved affirmative action program is a prerequisite for performing services for this contracting agency.

SCRCOG employees are being advised of their responsibilities to ensure the success of the program. The ultimate responsibility for the Affirmative Action Program rests with the Executive Director. However, the day-to-day duties will be coordinated by Albert Ruggiero, Jr., who has been designated the Equal Opportunity Officer for this firm.

This Affirmative Action Plan has my whole-hearted support. In addition, each manager and supervisor, as well as all employees are directed to aid in the development and implementation of the program and will be responsible for compliance to its objectives

ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

SCRCOG shall designate a responsible official to monitor all employment related activity to ensure that the SCRCOG’s EEO policy is being implemented.

SCRCOG hereby appoints Albert Ruggiero, Jr. as the Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Officer of SCRCOG.

In addition to the above named individual’s duties, the Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Officer shall:

1. Develop, implement and monitor progress on this firm’s affirmative action plan.
2. Acquaint workers with their specific responsibilities under the plan.
3. Initiate and maintain contact with recruitment sources and organizations servicing members of protected groups concerning the achievement of affirmative action requirements.
4. Conduct meetings and orientation sessions, as necessary, to advice workers and management of the goals of the plan.

February 24, 2010  __________________________
Date Carl Amento, Executive Director, SCRCOG

127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West  Equal  Phone: (203) 234-7555
North Haven, Connecticut 06473-1715  Opportunity  Fax: (203) 234-9850
Website: www.scrcog.org  Employer  E-Mail: camento@scrcog.org
Annual SCRCOG Self-Certification

Federal regulations require that metropolitan planning organizations like SCRCOG annually certify to the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration that the planning process is addressing major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable federal regulations Transportation Improvement Program. A new self-certification resolution is offered on the following page—addressing the continuing, comprehensive transportation planning process, transportation-air quality relationships, civil rights, disadvantaged business enterprise participation and Americans with Disabilities Act planning/programming.

Annual Planning Certification

Federal Requirements

Metropolitan Planning
23 USC 134 as amended by SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59);
49 USC 1607
With state and public transit operators, engage in a continuous, cooperative comprehensive transportation planning process that results in a multi—modal transportation plan for the metropolitan area.
23 CFR 450, 334
Planning and programming process established including public participation as amended by SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59)

Air Quality
Transportation plan and Transportation Improvement Program conform to the state’s “State Implementation Plan for Air Quality”
42 USC 7504
Meet ozone, carbon monoxide and particulate requirements in “non-attaining” areas
42 USC 7506
Determine/establish conformity (above) with SIP

Civil Rights
23 USC 324 as amended by SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59)
Not discriminate on the basis of sex
23 USC 794 as amended by SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59)
Not discriminate on the basis of disability

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Sec 1003(b) of ISTEA
Ensure that disadvantaged business enterprises have an opportunity to compete for work.

American with Disabilities Act
49 USC 27
Per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, ensure that no qualified person with a disability is denied benefits of federal program solely by reason of his or her disability
49 USC 37
Federal transportation service, vehicle and facility standards for people with disabilities
49 USC 38
Federal vehicle accessibility standards for people for disabilities
Resolution
Annual Planning Certification

Whereas: 23 CFR 450.334 describing the metropolitan transportation planning process requires states and metropolitan planning organizations to annually certify to the U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of:

(1) Section 134 of Title 23, U.S.C., Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. 1607) and CFR Part 450 as amended by SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59);
(2) Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7504, 7506 (c) and (d));
(3) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Title VI assurance executed by each State under 23 U.S.C. 324 as amended by SAFETEA-LU (PL 109-59); and 29 U.S.C. 794;
(4) Section 1101(b) of the SAFETEA-LU (Pub. L. 109-59) and 49 CFR part 26 regarding the involvement of Disadvantaged business enterprises in USDOT funded projects;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By the Council of Governments

That South Central Connecticut’s transportation planning process is being conducted in accordance with the above requirements.

Certificate

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By: ______________________________
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