EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA
July 28, 2010 – 9:00 A.M.

Location: 127 Washington Avenue, 4th Floor West
North Haven, CT 06473

1. Adopt Minutes of June 23, 2010 – Anthony DaRos, Secretary ………………………………… pages 2-3
2. SCRCOG Executive Director’s Report - Carl Amento……………………………………… page 4
4. Approval of First Addendum to Executive Director’s Employment Contract…………… pages 5-9
5. SCRCOG FY2010-11 Goals and Work Program………………………………………… pages 10-11
6. Executive Director Evaluation Process…………………………………………………… pages 12-13
7. SCRCOG Legislative Process for 2011 Legislative Session…………………………….. page 14
8. Approval of Resolutions (2) for Sustainable Communities Grant Applications……………pages 15-16
9. Recommendation for a SCRCOG appointment to the Tweed New Haven Airport Authority
10. Other Business
11. Adjournment
To: SCRCOG Board Members
From: Secretary Anthony DaRos
Date: July 21, 2010
Subject: Executive Committee Minutes for meeting of June 23, 2010

Members Present:
Bethany: First Selectman Derrylyn Gorski
Branford: Anthony DaRos, Secretary
Milford: Mayor James Richetelli
New Haven: Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
Wallingford: Mayor William Dickinson, Jr.
West Haven: Mayor John Picard, Treasurer
Woodbridge: First Selectman Sheehy, Vice Chairman
Staff: Carl Amento, Executive Director

The meeting of the SCRCOG Executive Committee was called to order at 9:05 A.M. by Vice Chairman Edward Sheehy.

Item #1 Adoption of Minutes
A motion to adopt the minutes of May 26, 2010 was made by First Selectwoman Gorski and seconded by Mayor Dickinson. The vote was unanimous to adopt with no changes.

Item #2 Executive Director Report
Executive Director Carl Amento reported on the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant, REX Development’s move into SCRCOG offices, Secretary/Receptionist Barbara Bograd leaving SCRCOG employment, and an analysis performed by a local realtor demonstrating that the $19.50 per sq. ft. gross rental rate of our current location compares favorably to other rentals of comparable space in the region. Amento also noted that he had met with FEMA representatives regarding the Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant and would like the Council to consider SCRCOG applying for a grant to create a regional plan. Ten of the fifteen regional planning organizations in the state have created regional plans. New Haven, East Haven and Milford have created local plans which could be incorporated into a regional plan. This matter will be discussed further at future meetings.

Executive Director Amento inquired whether the Executive Committee would add to the agenda a request for a waiver of bidding to allow York & Chapel to be selected to perform an updating of the SCRCOG website for up to $5,000. The funds are appropriated in the FY 2010-11 SCRCOG budget. York & Chapel were recently selected in a competitive bidding process by RGP (now REX Development) to update the REX website, which project they recently completed.
First Selectman Sheehy moved to add the item to the agenda. First Selectwoman Gorski seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. First Selectman DaRos moved that the Executive Director be authorized to engage the services of York & Chapel, with competitive bidding waived, to update the SCRCOG website with compensation not to exceed $5,000. Mayor Dickinson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Item #3 Proposed Revisions to Personnel Management Procedures**
Executive Director Amento noted that SCRCOG’s liability-auto-property insurance agent requested that SCRCOG approve a Sexual Harassment Policy so as to be eligible for a lower premium for employer liability coverage. The proposed Sexual Harassment Policy, to be added to SCRCOG’s Personnel Management Procedures, was reviewed.

Mayor DeStefano moved to approve the Policy and to add it to the Personnel Management Procedures. Mayor Dickinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Item #4 Salary Adjustments for SCRCOG Executive Director and Staff for FY 2010-2011**
Executive Director Amento reported that he had met with Chairman Zeoli, as instructed by the Executive Committee at its last meeting. The FY 2010-2011 budget had been approved with a line item for “Reserve for Salary Adjustments” of $31,316. The joint recommendation of Executive Director Amento and Chairman Zeoli was to utilize $13,920 of the reserve as follows: increase the Executive Director’s compensation by $6,750 from $93,250 to $100,000 to fulfill the Council’s original salary offer to him when he was hired, and to increase the salary of SCRCOG staff by either 2 or 3%, depending upon individual performance evaluations for a total of $7,170 or 2.4%. After discussion, First Selectwoman Gorski moved to approve the salary increases for SCRCOG staff for FY 2010-11. Mayor DeStefano seconded the motion, which was approved, with six votes in favor and Mayor Dickinson opposed. Regarding the Executive Director’s compensation, First Selectwoman Gorski moved that the salary be increased to $100,000. Mayor DeStefano seconded the motion, which was approved by six in favor and one opposed (Mayor Dickinson). Mayor DeStefano moved that the Executive Director present to the Executive Committee at their next meeting a schedule of goals for this fiscal year, a copy of his employment agreement, and a proposed evaluation process measuring the Executive Director’s performance against goals approved by the Executive Committee. First Selectman DaRos seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

**Item #5 Recommendation on SCRCOG’s Appointment to Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority**
Executive Director Amento pointed out that a vacancy on the Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority needed to be filled by SCRCOG by July 1st. It was agreed that this item should be taken up at next month’s meeting to allow time for persons interested to come forward.

**Item #6 Other Business**
There was no other business.

**Item #7 Adjournment**
A motion to adjourn was made at 9:50 A.M. by Mayor Picard, seconded by Mayor Dickinson. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,
Anthony DaRos, Secretary
1. Sustainable Communities Planning Grant
The grant application is due on August 23. SCRCOG is partnering with Greater Bridgeport RPA, South Western RPA (Stamford and Norwalk), New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (New York City, Western Long Island, lower Hudson Valley). Northern New Jersey has dropped out of the application team. The Regional Planning Agency will be the lead applicant on the grant application. Milone & MacBroom, Eugene Livshits, and I are coordinating the SCRCOG portion of the application. SCRCOG is still monitoring the application to be submitted by the Capitol Region COG (Hartford) and Pioneer Valley Regional Planning Council (Springfield).

2. REX Development (formerly RGP)
The three employees of REX Development have moved into new offices at SCRCOG. The process has gone smoothly. We will continue to coordinate systems and procedures to maximize efficiencies over the next several weeks.

3. Website Upgrade
We are working with York & Chapel to upgrade the SCRCOG website. Our website is part of SCRCOG’s outreach requirements under federal law. We expect to complete this project by November.

4. Staff Training
Executive Director Carl Amento and Regional Planner Eugene Livshits have completed Land Use Legal Association (LULA) training which required four full-days of course over a two-month period. The training was free of charge.

Regional Planner Eugene Livshits has completed two-full days of training in Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning, provided free of charge by FEMA.

Transportation Planner Jim Rode completed two full days of training in Grants Writing provided by the DOT, free of charge.

Transportation Planner Jim Rode has been selected to take part in a TELUS User/Stakeholder Conference hosted by FHWA, and the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT). TELUS is the database program used to develop and maintain the region’s TIP. Jim has been using the system since 2006, and SCRCOG is the only RPO in the state using the software. The 3 day conference will be held in Las Vegas in early August. FHWA and NJIT are paying all expenses.

5. Direct Deposit / Weekly Payroll
At the beginning of July, SCRCOG initiated direct deposit of payroll checks as well as weekly payroll.

6. Regional Transit Forum
SCRCOG is working with the Greater New Haven Transit District in planning a Regional Transit Forum for late September.
First addendum to Original Employment Agreement dated January 11, 2010 between the South Central Regional Council of Governments (SCRCOG) and Carl Amento

On June 23, 2010, the Executive Committee of the South Central Regional Council of Governments approved an increase in the annual base salary of Executive Director Carl Amento from $93,250 to $100,000 beginning July 1, 2010. Section 3.d. of the Employment Agreement between SCRCOG and Carl Amento is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 3. Compensation

d. the Executive Director’s base salary shall be at the annual rate of One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($100,000.00) for the period covering July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. The Executive Director’s base salary shall be reviewed on July 1, 2011 and annually as of July 1st thereafter.”

This is the only amendment to the original employment contract dated January 11, 2010 attached. All other language and provision from the original employment contract remains in effect throughout the contract period.

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Carl Amento                                             James Zeoli
Executive Director, SCRCOG                            Chairman, SCRCOG
EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT is entered into as of January 11, 2010, by and between the SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, a quasi-public agency organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut with its principal place of business at 127 Washington Avenue, North Haven, Connecticut (the “Council”) and CARL AMENTO, an individual whose principal residence is at 273 Highland Avenue, Hamden, Connecticut 06518 (the “Executive”). Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms are used herein with the respective meanings set forth in the Agreement.

In consideration of the respective covenants and agreements set forth herein, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Employment Period
The Council shall employ the Executive for a period commencing on January 11, 2010, and continuing until June 30, 2013 (the “Employment Period), unless this agreement is terminated prior to such date by either party on written notice to the other in accordance with Paragraph 6. No later than ninety (90) days prior to the expiration of the Employment Period, the parties shall meet to discuss the terms of any possible extension and renewal of the Executive’s employment hereunder.

2. Employment Duties
   a. The Council will employ the Executive as its Executive Director. The Executive will continue in such employment for the duration of the Employment Period, and will perform in good faith and to the best of his abilities all services which may be required of him in such office, consistent with the title and responsibilities of his position (as set forth in the attached job description) and his expertise.

   b. During the Employment Period, the Executive will devote his full time and efforts during normal business hours to the business and affairs of the Council within the customary scope of his office.

   c. The Executive shall be based at the offices of the Council in North Haven, Connecticut, except for required travel on Council business.

3. Compensation
a. For service from January 11, 2010 to June 30, 2010, the Executive’s base salary will be at the annual rate of 
Ninety-Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars ($93,250.00). The Executive’s base salary shall be reviewed on July 1, 2010 and annually as of each July 1st thereafter.

b. The Executive’s base salary will be paid at periodic intervals in accordance with the Council’s customary payroll practices.

c. The Council will deduct and withhold, from any payments to the Executive hereunder, any and all federal, state and local income and employment withholding taxes and any other amounts required to be deducted or withheld by the Council under applicable law.

4. Expense Reimbursement
The Council shall reimburse the Executive for all customary, ordinary and necessary business expenses incurred by him in the performance of reimbursement for business-related mileage and travel expenses.

5. Fringe Benefits
During the Employment Period, the Executive will be eligible to participate in any employee benefit plans, retirement plans, group medical and dental insurance plans (a co-pay of 7% effective with his starting date will be deducted from his salary each pay period and which will be increased to a co-pay of 10% on July 1, 2010) and other employee benefit plans which are made available to other Council employees and for which he qualifies. In addition, the Executive will receive fifteen (15) sick days per year, three (3) personal days, and paid holidays during each year of the Employment Period, in accordance with the Council’s policies in effect for other Council employees. The Executive will receive twenty (20) paid vacation days during each year of the Employment Period. Any vacation days not taken each year will be forfeited.

6. Termination
Subject to the next sentence of this Paragraph 6, this Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time, for any reason. Any termination of this Agreement by either party shall be communicated by at least 90 days prior written notice to the other party, except in the case of a termination of this Agreement by the Council for “Cause,” as such term is defined below. Subject to Paragraph 7 below, in the event this Agreement is terminated for any reason, the Council’s sole obligation to the Executive shall be to pay the Executive his base salary for all services performed up to the effective date of such termination.

“Cause” shall mean (a) the willful and continued failure by the Executive to substantially perform his duties hereunder; (b) commission by the Executive felony or a crime involving moral turpitude; (c) repeated misuse by the Executive of alcohol or controlled substances; (d) deception, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty by the Executive; (e) any act or omission by the Executive which substantially impairs the
Council’s business, good will or reputation; or (f) any other material violation of any provision of the Agreement.

7. **Death**
If the Executive dies during the Employment Period, the employment relationship created by this Agreement will terminate, and the Executive’s salary shall continue to be paid to his designated beneficiary or, if none, to his personal representative through the end of the month in which his death or disability occurred. In addition, the Executive, or his designated beneficiary or personal representative, will be entitled to such death benefits as may be payable under Section 5.

8. **Disability**
If the Executive becomes disabled during the Employment Period, his employment may be terminated by the Council. The disability of the Executive shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement by the Executive. The Executive will be deemed to be disabled if the Council determines that he is, in its reasonable opinion, unable by reason of any physical or mental injury or illness to substantially perform the services required of him hereunder either for a period in excess of one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days or for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days in the aggregate during any three-hundred sixty (360) day period.

9. **Governing Law**
This Agreement will be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Connecticut.

10. **Entire Agreement Amendment**
This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties relating to the terms of the Executive’s employment and supersedes all prior agreements and understands with respect to such subject matter. This Agreement may only be amended by written instrument signed by the Executive and an officer of the Council who has been authorized to sign such instrument pursuant to the Council’s By-Laws.

11. **Waiver**
No term or condition of this Agreement shall be deemed to have been waived, nor shall there be any estoppel against the enforcement of any provision of this Agreement, except by written instrument of the party charged with such waiver or estoppel. No such written waiver shall be deemed a continuing waiver unless specifically stated therein, and each such waiver shall operate only as to the specific term or condition waived and shall constitute a waiver of such term or condition for the future or as to any act other than that specifically waived.

12. **Severability**
If any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this
Agreement not held so invalid or unenforceable, and each such other provision shall to the full extent consistent with law continue in full force and effect. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable in part, such invalidity or provision, together with all other provisions of this Agreement, shall to the full extent consistent with law continue in full force and effect.

13. Notices
Any notices required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered personally or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by commercial mail carrier such as Federal Express or United Parcel Service. Each notice shall be deemed effective upon delivery or refusal to accept delivery at the following addresses:

If to the Council: If to the Executive:
South Central Regional Mr. Carl Amento
Council of Governments 273 Highland Avenue
127 Washington Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518
North Haven, Connecticut

14. Arbitration
Any controversy which may arise between the Executive and the Council with respect to the construction, interpretation or application of any of the terms, provisions, covenants or conditions of this Agreement or any claim arising from or relating to the Agreement will be submitted to final and binding arbitration in Hartford, Connecticut, before a single arbitrator under the jurisdiction and in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have signed the Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

By: [Signature]
Chairman 1-27-2010

Carl Amento (“Executive”)
SCRCOG FY2010-11 Goals and Work Program
SCRCOG Meeting – July 28, 2010

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGISLATIVE

Due Date: Tasks:

July 2010
- Complete personnel evaluations of employees
- Complete move of REX Development into SCRCOG offices
- Initiate direct deposit of employee payroll checks

August 2010
- Submit application for federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

August-October 2010
- Legislation Committee meets, develops and adopts legislative agenda

September-December 2010
- Executive Director resumes active involvement in legislature’s MORE Commission

November-December 2010
- Executive Director and Legislation Committee meet with legislators and advocate legislative agenda

November 2010
- Complete updates to SCRCOG website

December 2010
- Complete re-write of Personnel Management Procedures

January 2011
- Complete personnel evaluations of employees

January - May 2011
- Executive Director and Legislation Committee members advocate legislative agenda during General Assembly session

March 2011
- Submit draft FY 2011-12 SCRCOG budget and proposed work program/goals

May 2011
- Adopt FY 2011-2012 Budget and work program/goals

July 2010 - June 2011
- Executive Director’s continued participation in Transportation Strategy Board, Regional Growth Connection, Workforce Alliance, Rideworks, Regional Alliance, C-Med Board, Regional Planning Commission, Regional Growth Partnership, Regional Economic Development Directors, Connecticut Association of Regional Planning Organizations and Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security – Region 2

TRANSPORTATION

Due Date: Tasks:

July-August 2010
- Review 23 RFQ submissions for 15 UPWP studies, conduct interviews and select consultants
- Submit application(s) for federal Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant

August-September 2010
- Obtain SCRCOG approval and execute consultant contracts for UPWP Studies
- Plan and hold Regional Transit Forum along with Greater New Haven Transit District

September - December 2010
- Outreach to Region for input on update of Regional Long Range Transportation Plan
TRANSPORTATION continued

Due Date: Tasks:
January - February 2011
 o Solicit, if necessary, additional proposals for UPWP studies from municipalities
January - March 2011
 o Update region’s locally-coordinated Public Transit Human Services Transportation Plan (LOCHSTP)
January - May 2011
 o Prepare, review and approve update to Regional Long Range Transportation Plan
March - April 2011
 o Approve any revisions to UPWP and submit to DOT for approval
April 2011
 o Submit municipal grant applications for senior and disabled transportation in the region
May - June 2011
 o Solicit consultants for FY 2012 UPWP studies
May 2011
 o Develop Section 5310 funding priorities for purchase of wheelchair accessible vehicles
March - June 2011
 o Work closely with consultants to complete UPWP planning studies
July 2010 - June 2011
 o Regular maintenance and amendments to Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

LAND USE PLANNING:
Due Date: Tasks:
July - September 2010
 o Organize and update GIS data, zoning regulations/maps, Plans of Conservation and Development from all of the region’s cities and towns
September 2010
 o Prepare Sustainability Fact Sheet for Regional Planning Commission
October 2010
 o Address vacancies on Regional Planning Commission
November 2010 - January 2011
 o Plan and hold 2011 Regional Planning Commission Annual Meeting and Dinner
February - June 2011
 o Begin initial stages of five-year update to the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development

REGIONAL SERVICE DELIVERY INITIATIVES
Due Date: Tasks:
September 2010
 o Present proposal for regional SeeClickFix service
 o Present proposal for regional bid matching service
September - October 2010
 o Possible application to FEMA for Regional Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant
September - December 2010
 o Meet with mayors and first selectmen and determine interest in regional housing, energy, recycling and other initiatives
January - June 2011
 o Implement new service delivery initiatives
SCRCOG Evaluation Process for Executive Director’s Performance

By-Laws Provisions

The SCRCOG By-Laws makes scant reference to the evaluation of the performance of the Executive Director. Article VII, which deals with the Executive Committee, provides in subsection I.: “The Executive Committee shall consider a budget, as prepared by the Executive Director, and recommend for approval a budget to the Council during April of each year. Budget proposals shall reflect: (1) annual Council goals advanced by the Committee and approved by the Council at the time of budget approval; and (2) January personnel evaluations conducted by the Executive Director, including his/her self-evaluation, under the direction of the Committee.

Article IX, dealing with the Executive Director, contains the following provisions: “C. (2) The Executive Director shall keep the Council advised as to progress of work of the work program of the organization by monthly reports accompanying meeting agendas...”

Personnel Management Procedures and Employment Agreement

The Personnel Management Procedures contain no provisions dealing with evaluation of the performance of the Executive Director. The Employment Agreement between SCRCOG and the Executive Director also contains no evaluation procedure.

Recommendation

The best place to insert an evaluation procedure would be in Article VII of the By-Laws, dealing with the Executive Committee. Since the process of amending the By-Laws is formal and time-consuming, I am setting out an outline of a proposed evaluation procedure below. After discussion and revision by the Executive Committee, the language for the procedure could be submitted to the Council as a By-Laws amendment.

Outline of proposed evaluation process

1. The Executive Director shall submit goals and a proposed work program to the Executive Committee, along with the proposed budget, in April of each year. The budget and work program should be approved by the Council at its May meeting.

2. The Executive Director shall submit a progress report on the approved work program for discussion at each monthly Executive Committee meeting.

3. The Executive Director may submit proposed revisions, adjustments, additions and/or subtractions to the approved work program at any monthly meeting of the Executive Committee; such amendments of the work program must be approved by the Executive Committee in order to become effective.

4. Monthly work program progress reports should be discussed at each meeting of the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee should convey its satisfaction or dissatisfaction with
such progress, and any recommendations for corrective action, to the Executive Director at such meeting.

5. If, at any time, the Executive Committee believes it would be beneficial, it may request the Council Chairman or the Personnel Committee to meet at another date with the Executive Director to discuss any issues that have arisen as to the Executive Director’s performance. The Council Chairman and/or the Personnel Committee would then report on the outcome of such meetings.

6. The Executive Director shall submit a self-evaluation of his/her performance to the Executive Committee as part of the agenda package for both its January and its July meetings. The Executive Committee shall discuss with the Executive Director the self-evaluations and the Executive Director’s progress with regard to the approved work program, as it may be amended.

7. Any salary increase for the Executive Director shall be determined in conjunction with the annual budget and shall be based upon the Executive Committee’s review and assessment of the Executive Director’s performance with regard to the approved work program and its review and assessment of the Executive Director’s self-evaluations.

8. If, at any time, and after exhausting all reasonable attempts to resolve the matter otherwise, the Executive Committee believes that the performance of the Executive Director is so deficient as to warrant termination, it may vote to recommend such action to the Council. The Council would then proceed in accordance with the termination provisions of the By-Laws and the Employment Agreement.
SCRCOG Legislative Process for 2011 Legislative Session

July 2010 - Executive Committee is the Legislative Committee. At Executive Committee Meeting, consider appointing a smaller committee as the Legislative Committee. At Executive Committee Meeting, discuss and approve SCRCOG Legislative Process.

August 2010 - Executive Director and staff develop draft Legislative Agenda, include draft in August meeting agenda packet, discuss at August meeting. Legislative Committee sets its meeting dates.

September-October 2010 - Legislative Committee meets approximately every two weeks to produce SCRCOG Legislative Agenda by end of October. Committee invites to its meetings any subject matter experts or any legislators as appropriate.

November-December 2010 - Executive Director and/or Legislative Committee explore beneficial alliances with other groups and meet with legislators from region and legislative leadership to press Agenda. Executive Director works with legislators to develop language for proposed bills.

January-May 2011 - Executive Director and/or Legislative Committee lobby General Assembly members during legislative session to advance SCRCOG Legislative Agenda.
Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Memorandum of Understanding with Applicant Partners for Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application

WHEREAS: SCRCOG has agreed to partner with Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency (GBRPA) South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA), New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC), and any other partners that may be added to the consortium, in a joint application for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant;

WHEREAS: The Notice of Funding Availability for the grant requires that “A partnership agreement, memorandum of understanding, or other proof of commitment to work together must be submitted with the application, and must be executed by all consortium members.”;

WHEREAS: The grant application’s due date is August 23, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the South Central Regional Council of Governments that: SCRCOG’s Executive Director, Carl Amento, is authorized to execute on behalf of SCRCOG any memorandum of understanding, partnership agreement, letter of support, or any other such document, in furtherance of SCRCOG’s joint application with its partners, as noted above, for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant.

Date: July 28, 2010

By:

Anthony DaRos, Secretary
Resolution Authorizing the Executive Director to Execute Memorandum of Understanding with Applicant Partners for Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Application

WHEREAS: SCRCOG is considering partnering with the Pioneer Valley Planning Council and the Capitol Region Council of Governments, and any other partners that may be added to that consortium, in a joint application for a Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. This application would be in addition to the joint application SCRCOG is pursuing with Greater Bridgeport Regional Planning Agency (GBRPA) South Western Regional Planning Agency (SWRPA), New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC);

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Date: July 28, 2010

By:

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Anthony DaRos, Secretary