SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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Minutes of the November 3rd, 2025, Executive Committee Meeting

Present: Via Zoom: Cheryl Blanchard (Chairman), Bob Carlson, Rob Brule, John Salomone, Thomas DeVivo

Additional attendees: SECOG: Amanda Kennedy, Kate Rattan, David Cook, Taylor Lussier (in-person)

1) Call to Order:
   a) The meeting was called to order by Cheryl Blanchard, Chairman at 9 AM.
2) Roll Call:
   a) Ms. Kennedy determined that a quorum was present.
3) Program Updates:
   a) Staffing: The departure of Deborah Pierce was noted. Two people will be hired from the junior transportation planner applicant pool to address staffing shortages, utilizing regional services grants funds.
   b) After Hours Building Official Coverage: Ms. Kennedy reported that SECOG's contracting with Norwich for after-hours emergency building official coverage is on hold due to Norwich's senior building official leaving for another position. Mr. Salomone explained that the arrangement is on pause until Norwich can be sure that they have adequate coverage on their end.
4) 2025-2028 TIP Amendments:
   a) GROTON Bridge improvements (0058-0350)
   b) PRESTON – Poquetanuck Heritage Trail (0113-0114)
   c) Safety Improvements & Pavement Rehab – Exit 89 to RI State Line – B/O of 58-307 (0058-0340)
   d) Safety Improvements & Pavement Rehab – Exit 89 to RI State Line (0058 – 0307)

MOTION: to recommend that the SECOG MPO Board endorse the TIP amendments. (Brule, Carlson) *Motion passed unanimously.*

5) New Business:

a) LOTCIP Application for Funding- Waterford- Niantic River Road (Memo)

MOTION: To endorse application for Waterford Niantic River Road Improvements for LOTCIP funding. (Brule, Carlson) *Motion passed unanimously.*

b) PA 25-33 Municipal Culvert/ Bridge Data – David Cook: Discussion on the new requirement, mandated by Public Act 25-33, for towns to provide a comprehensive geospatial inventory of bridge and culvert data. The mandatory deadline for towns to submit this data is May 1, 2028. Amanda Kennedy explained that this inventory data is crucial for regional planning efforts and for addressing infrastructure vulnerabilities. OPM plans to coordinate efforts with DEEP and DOT to collect detailed information regarding culvert conditions and sizes. SECOG plans to leverage existing data sources, such as a 2023 state LiDAR survey, to identify likely culvert locations and streamline the collection process. It was suggested that interns might conduct fieldwork during the summer of 2027 to assist with data collection. SECOG will continue preparation and research on the municipal culvert inventory project ahead of the 2028 deadline.

6) Potential Speakers:

a) Comptroller Scanlon/CT DEEP: Comptroller Scanlon is currently scheduled for the November meeting.

b) Senior Resources: Alison Dvorak: Potential speaker for January/February Meeting.

c) United Way of SE CT: Scott Umbel ALICE Report: Potential speaker for January/February Meeting

7) New Business: Mr. Salomone shared thoughts regarding a recent meeting CTCOT/SECOG/Norwich held to advance the recommendations of the Norwich Downtown Corridor Study.
8) Adjournment:
   a) The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.