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SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Carl J. Amento, Executive Director

SCRCOG MEETING NOTICE

March 24, 2010

at

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

10 AM

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Judy Gott, Executive Director

TO: **SCRCOG Board**
FROM: **First Selectman Anthony DaRos, SCRCOG Secretary**
DATE: **March 1, 2010**
SUBJECT: **SCRCOG Minutes of February 24, 2010**

Present:

Bethany	First Selectwoman Derrylyn Gorski
East Haven	Paul Hongo, Jr. Deputy Director of Town Affairs / Proxy for Mayor Capone Almon
Guilford	First Selectman Joseph S. Mazza
Hamden	Mayor Scott Jackson
Madison	First Selectman Fillmore McPherson
New Haven	Mayor John DeStefano, Jr.
North Branford	Mayor Anthony Candelora
North Haven	First Selectman Michael Freda
Orange	First Selectman James Zeoli - Chairman
Wallingford	Mayor William Dickinson, Jr.
West Haven	James Burns, Chief of Staff / attending in behalf of Mayor John Picard
Woodbridge	Joseph Hellauer, Administrative Officer / Proxy for First Selectman Sheehy
SCRCOG Staff	Carl J. Amento – Executive Director Albert Ruggiero, Stephen Dudley, Mona Beavis, James Rode, and Eugene Livshits

Guest Presenters:

Jeffrey Serena, Manager of Field Operations, and *Ken Joyner*, Regional Technician, both from the local New Haven Census Office; *J. Brendan Sharkey*, State Representative-88th Assembly District and Chairman of the MORE Commission; *Louis Mangini*, Legislative Aide for Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro; *William Villano*, Executive Director of Workforce Alliance; *Roy Piper*, DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator, and *Ginny Kozlowski*, Executive Director of the Regional Growth Partnership.

Other Guests:

Carlene Kulisch, South Central Connecticut Regional Water Authority; *Stephen P. Livingston*, Field Coordinator from the Connecticut Department of Transportation and Liaison to SCRCOG; *Thomas Cariglio*, UI Company; *Jean T. Stimolo*, Executive Director of Rideworks; *Martin Mador*, Quinnipiac River Watershed Association and Sierra Club – CT Chapter; and *Nan Birdwhistell, Esq.*, Murtha Cullina, LLP

At 10:09 A.M. SCRCOG Chairman, James Zeoli, called the February 24, 2010 board meeting of the South Central Regional Council of Governments to order. Self introductions of officials and guests followed.

ITEM 1 – United States 2010 Census Presentation

Mr. Jeffrey Serena, Manager of Field Operations for the local New Haven Census Office, stated that his area encompasses seventeen towns in Connecticut, i.e. the shoreline towns from Stratford to Madison, and towns further north, Seymour, Bethany, Woodbridge, Hamden, North Haven and North Branford. Over the next few weeks, their team is planning to hire, train and deploy over a thousand temporary census workers to enumerate approximately two hundred thousand people. These include the homeless and people living in group settings, i.e. colleges, dormitories, nursing facilities, and those who either have not received census questionnaires by mail or have not returned them.

In three weeks, the U. S. Census Bureau will send one hundred thirty million questionnaires to citizens, non-citizens, and military personnel overseas. There are only ten non-controversial questions in this census form. It is the shortest form ever generated by the U. S. Census Bureau. It requests the address, telephone number, names, ages, and ethnic backgrounds of the people residing at each household.

Mr. Serena stated that all information collected is completely confidential and would not be shared with anyone, including the FBI. These census questionnaires will be held seventy-two years before their release into the national archives. Mr. Serena stated that the mission of the U. S. Census Bureau is to count everyone accurately at once. As mandated by the United States Constitution, a census is taken to allow the federal government to apportion congressional seats among the states and to provide a statistical snapshot of the American people. The data collected is used in planning the distribution of over \$400 billion in federal funds to the states and towns. This is money used for building and maintaining roads, hospitals, and schools. It also assists with planning community services. Every town in Connecticut will benefit from a complete count of its population.

Mr. Serena requested the officials present to act as advocates for the U. S. Census Bureau and to reiterate the urgency of everyone’s cooperation with their endeavor. In addition, he asked that all municipal departments cooperate with the census workers. He desired to know whether any municipality had space available for the four-day census training session in April. Chairman Zeoli offered areas in the Town of Orange.

First Selectman Freda inquired about the final submission date of the census questionnaire. Mr. Ken Joyner reported that most people would receive their census questionnaires by March 15 to 17. Completed questionnaires would be accepted through late April, with reminders planned to be sent also. Starting on May 1, enumerators will be deployed to seek forms that were not returned.

ITEM 2 – Presentation on Regionalism by State Representative J. Brendan Sharkey

State Representative, J. Brendan Sharkey, Chairman of the Planning and Development Committee, commented on the concept of *Smart Growth* and the coordination of state and local government services. Several *Smart Growth* bills were passed at the last legislative session and the MORE Commission plans to build on that success.

Representative Sharkey was recently appointed Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Municipal Opportunities and Regional Efficiencies (MORE). The MORE Commission is comprised of forty-five Democratic members of the House of Representatives and several municipal, educational, and business representatives, including representatives from regional organizations, unions, and non-profits. Its function is to bring about real property tax reform by regionalizing certain activities that could save municipalities money and improve economic competitiveness in Connecticut.

Representative Sharkey reported that Connecticut currently faces structural deficits in an annual range from \$3 to \$4 billion. As a result of the current economic climate, Connecticut lost approximately twenty-five percent of its revenue in sales, income and capital gain taxes. Unlike other recessionary cycles, there are no projections for revenues coming back through fiscal years 2012 and 2013. The legislature has been able to moderate the impact to towns and cities from the dramatic funding decreases in municipal aide, ECS, etc. via cuts in funding at the state level, tapping the rainy-day fund, utilizing the federal stimulus dollars, and borrowing. We cannot afford the size and level of our current state government. Come fiscal years 2012 and 2013, the stimulus money will no longer exist, borrowing will not be an option, and the rainy-day funds will be tapped out.

Representative Sharkey emphasized that now is the time to create efficiencies through regional initiatives. Costs of unfunded mandates imposed on municipalities have to be reviewed to relieve their burden. The legislature is trying to find best practices and examples on how those savings can be realized.

Since its inception in late January, the MORE Commission has been divided into six subcommittees. Their plan is to roll out proposals in two phases. By March 1, each subcommittee will present specific recommendations to be implemented during this legislative year. Some "place keeper" bills are on hold, with others ready to be rolled into the legislative process by next week. In phase two, these subcommittees will meet throughout the calendar year and embark on the tougher issues in preparation of a legislative package for the FY 2012 legislative session. Representative Sharkey stated that one subcommittee focuses almost exclusively on unfunded state mandates. Preparation of a package of short and long-term ideas regarding mandate relief from CCM and COST is underway. Also under consideration are special education mandates, prevailing wage laws, collective bargaining (regionally versus town-by-town), streamlining healthcare, and several other proposals for reduction in town expenditures.

Representative Sharkey added that revenue in the form of a state-wide hotel and lodging tax for regional re-distribution might be implemented. Emphasis will be placed on regional entities such as Council of Governments and Regional Planning Organizations to implement the ideas generated as well as the development of a revenue stream to compensate these and other entities.

Knowing that municipal contractual obligations are staggered, First Selectman Freda asked whether there would be an opportunity for regional negotiation to aggregate health care carriers. Representative Sharkey responded that a health care pooling bill was passed by the CT General Assembly last year, but had been vetoed by the governor. Representative Sharkey stated that state legislative and statutory prohibitions would first have to be cleared before municipalities could join the state's health care pool. Coordination issues, in terms of levels of benefits and services, would have to be resolved too.

First Selectman Freda desired to know whether there would be a day when Boards of Education could be folded underneath Mayors and First Selectmen as part of consolidation. Representative Sharkey concurred with his comment and added that the statutory framework should be revised so Boards of Education could be elected directly by the public and allowed to levy their own tax bills.

Concerns relating to municipal budgets and the increased costs for education and health insurance were shared by several SCRCOG members. Representative Sharkey also reported that a \$260 million grant is distributed to every school board in the state for bus contracting. There could be at least a twenty percent savings in costs if contracts were regionalized. Grants could be formulated in such a way to promote this.

In conjunction with the Regional Entities Subcommittee, Executive Director Amento posed three questions. (1) Although there are fifteen regional planning agencies, only seven are councils of governments. How do you see us moving toward having COGs since there are five regional planning

associations having only planning and zoning members and no chief elected officials? (2) COGs are having problems with health insurance premiums. Do you see us having an opportunity to pool with municipalities or the state? (3) The state legislature took \$100,000 away from our region for our regional land use planner who is obliged by state mandates to work on the *Regional Plan of Conservation and Development* as well as planning and zoning referrals that may have an inter-municipal impact. Do you see any restoration of funding for our regional planning efforts?

Representative Sharkey responded that part of the smart growth initiative is to encourage very small COGS and RPOs to combine and create federal economic development districts. As an example, *One Coast* is a proposal combining SWRPA and the Greater Bridgeport RPA to form an economic development region eligible for federal economic development funding was discussed. In addition, a bill was implemented last year requiring chief elected officials to become members of Regional Planning Agencies. Representative Sharkey indicated he would propose that COG employees be allowed to join the state health insurance pool.

In response to question three, Representative Sharkey stated that it was not the legislature that had cut funding for regional planning, but a proposal from the governor. The legislature is fighting to sustain funding. He reiterated that funds acquired through the proposed hotel and lodging taxes could be dedicated to funding regional planning. In conclusion, he warned that the state budget crisis may lead to cuts in municipal aid in the coming years, and that municipalities working through COGs, like ours, should strive to create efficiencies and reduce costs through regionalism.

ITEM 3 – Legislative Reports

Louis Mangini, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman DeLauro, announced that last December the House had passed a jobs bill of close to \$150 billion that included tax breaks, state aide, money for transportation, etc. The Senate passed a \$15 billion jobs bill, about a week ago, that only included tax breaks.

Mr. Mangini briefed the officials on the state's TIGER grants. The \$40 million grant for the high-speed rail was received. He noted that Congresswoman DeLauro met with the Secretary of the U. S. Department of Transportation and work would be proceeding with those who had submitted projects. Acquisition of additional funds in the second round is anticipated—probably this fall. The deadline for FY 2011 earmark appropriations was last Friday. Because Washington, D. C. was closed for about a week, some may still be worked in. The Senate's deadline is this Friday.

Executive Director Amento pointed out that House and Senate bills of municipal importance are being tracked. A list of them was prepared and distributed along with a page noting the submission deadlines of each legislative committee. As other relevant bills are introduced, they will be added to this formatted form. In addition, a contact list of this region's State Senators and Representatives was also dispensed. Executive Director Amento stated that any particular bill an official needed full text of would be provided upon their request.

ITEM 4 –January 27, 2010 SCRCOG Minutes offering

Noting no additions or corrections, Mayor DeStefano offered a motion, seconded by First Selectman Mazza, to adopt the *SCRCOG Minutes of January 27, 2010* as presented. The motion passed by majority vote with abstentions by First Selectwoman Gorski and proxy Joseph Hellauer. Both were not in attendance at the January SCRCOG Meeting.

ITEM 5 - Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2010

A motion to adopt the *Treasurer's Report* for the month ending January 31, 2010 was offered by First Selectman McPherson and seconded by First Selectwoman Gorski. Without further discussion, the motion was unanimously passed.

ITEM 6 – Transportation Committee Report

- a. **2010-2013 TIP Amendment Three** (Resolution is located on pages 13 and 14 in agenda packet.) Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Mayor Dickinson, informed the officials that the Transportation Committee had met and recommends approval of *FY 2010 - FY 2013 TIP Amendment Three*.

First Selectman Freeda offered a motion, seconded by First Selectwoman Gorski, to adopt *FY 2010- FY 2013 TIP Amendment Three*. Upon unanimous vote, the motion was carried.

- a. **Response to Nov. 16, 2009 Letter re: 511 Traveler Information System**

Mayor Dickinson referenced the letter on pages 16 and 17 in the agenda packet, drafted by staff, concerning the *511 Traveler Information System* worth millions of dollars that the Transportation Committee does not approve and that the state is still pursuing.

A motion to approve the sending of this letter, as drafted, to the Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration was offered by First Selectman McPherson and seconded by Mayor Candelora. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 7 – Workforce Alliance Report

Mayor DeStefano stated that a letter was sent earlier in the month to all the CEOs indicating revisions to the Regional Workforce Development Board's plan. The letter solicits suggestions from them. Another letter will be sent next week asking for nominations to the Regional Workforce Development Board. There are categories. Anyone having questions was asked to contact Mayor DeStefano.

ITEM 8 – Appointment of a SCRCOG CEO Alternate to Workforce Alliance Executive Committee

Mayor DeStefano stated that next month they will discuss the appointment of an Alternate to the CEO Executive Committee.

ITEM 9 – Adoption of Affirmative Action Policy Resolution

Chairman Zeoli referenced the *Affirmative Action Program and Policy Statement Resolution* located on page 19 in the agenda packet.

Mayor Dickinson entered a motion to re-appoint Albert Ruggiero, of SCRCOG staff, as the Equal Opportunity Enforcement Officer, per the *Affirmative Action Program and Policy Statement for calendar year 2010*. Proxy Hellauer seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 10 – Annual SCRCOG Self-Certification (Resolution located on page 23 in the agenda packet.)

Executive Director Amento explained that SCRCOG Self-Certification is done annually in compliance with all the different federal laws. Actually, the federal laws were updated this year.

Federal regulations require that metropolitan planning organizations 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 requirements of Metropolitan Planning, Air Quality, Civil Rights, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Section 1003(b) of ISTEA, and the *American with Disabilities Act*.

A motion was offered by First Selectwoman Gorski affirming that the South Central Regional Council of Governments' transportation planning process is being conducted in compliance with federal laws. The motion, seconded by First Selectman Mazza, passed by unanimous vote.

ITEM 11 (a) – DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator

Mr. Roy Piper, DEMHS Region 2 Coordinator, stated that last month he reported Region 2’s REPT funding for this round was approximately \$1 million. The official amount is \$1,001,250. This is the figure the Steering Committee is working with to develop a spending plan to be presented to the CEOs at the next REPT meeting scheduled for May 3.

On February 7, there was an explosion at the power plant in Middletown, CT and six lives were lost. The explosion was located in DEMHS Region 3 with close proximity to the northern part of Region 2. Mr. Piper expressed his gratitude and congratulated all the towns within Region 2 who offered their assistance. He elaborated that a number of those towns had organized a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). In the aftermath of the explosion and to relieve the Community Emergency Response Teams of Region 3, New Haven, Orange, Hamden, Milford, and Valley Shore CERTs responded and provided CERT members to the security checkpoint over the last couple of weeks at the Middletown power plant. Mr. Piper stated that the collaboration of the emergency response efforts between Region 2 and Region 3 was phenomenal.

Mr. Piper reported that as part of the DEMHS grant program, Region 2 is required to conduct a regional exercise. It will be an exercise incorporating all aspects of setting up a large-scale shelter to care for animals and people with disabilities. A workshop on this, with management directors of Region 2, is set for tomorrow (Feb. 25). In April, there will be a table-top element to this particular exercise and followed with an actual exercise in late July at the Career High School in New Haven.

The federal government released a *Regional Catastrophic Grant Program* to develop continuity of operation plans. The region, basically the New York Metropolitan Region, goes from New Jersey, part of Pennsylvania, New York City and some surrounding counties, and three Connecticut counties, i.e. Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield. Mr. Piper stated he had sent an e-mail addressing this operation to all the chief elected officials and emergency management directors. An announcement of a two-day workshop on March 23 and 24 at the New Haven Fire Training Academy was made. Mr. Piper urged that one to three representatives from each municipality in Region 2 attend.

Chairman Zeoli requested a motion to add an item to the agenda.

A motion was offered by Proxy Hellauer, seconded by Mayor Candelora, to add reports from RGP’s Executive Director, Ginny Kozlowski and SCRCOG’s Executive Director, Carl Amento. Upon unanimous vote, the motion passed.

ITEM 11 (b) – Reports by Executive Directors of RGP and SCRCOG

Executive Director, Ginny Kozlowski, announced that an RGP report update of the last four weeks was in the agenda packet. She stated that review of the application to the EDA for recognition as a Regional Economic Development District is underway. Their attorney is reviewing it and plans to submit a new application for federal recognition. Work is being conducted through Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro’s office. Ms. Kozlowski stated that there were a lot of irons in the fire and RGP is moving forward on two Brownfield projects.

Executive Director Amento reported that he has met with about twenty organizations over the past weeks since being with SCRCOG. Presentations to the West Haven Chamber of Commerce and graduate students from the University of New Haven were made. He stated further that he has been attending the *Regional Entities Sub Committee* and *Town Functions Sub Committee* meetings of the MORE Commission. Nan Birdwhistell is Co-Chair of the *Town Functions Sub Committee*.

Other of his undertakings include: work on the budget, which will be presented next month; the logistics of RGP’s move to SCRCOG’s North Haven office; pursuit of regionalism initiatives; the follow up and

update of a 2004 Housing Report prepared by SCRCOG as another regional initiative with potential federal funds to promote workforce housing in the region.

Executive Director Amento stated he is working with Executive Director Linda Krauss in trying to put together a combined meeting between the Connecticut River Valley COG and SCRCOG in April. The reason is that the Regional Workforce Alliance, which is composed of both those regions, needs to meet at least twice a year.

ITEM 12 – Regional Cooperation / Other Business

An update on one project funded through SCRCOG, Whitney Avenue Signalization at State Route 707, was given by Mayor Jackson. The civil engineers that were assigned to it called out pole locations from a schematic that did not include sidewalks. When they went to mark the sidewalks, about a dozen pole locations were in the middle of the sidewalks. The Connecticut Dept. of Transportation worked with the town to change those locations. As a result, new boiler-plate language had to be developed and the field visits, prior to the markings, added man hours and costs to their budget.

Ms. Carlene Kulisch, representing the Connecticut Regional Water Authority, thanked the many elected officials who had sent letters to Connecticut’s Department of Environmental Protection supporting their position on stream-flow regulations. The comment period closed on February 4. Anyone who commented on the regulations will receive a full package from the CT DEP when the new regulations are completed. Ms. Kulisch stated that the RWA would keep SCRCOG apprised.

ITEM 13 - Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was presented by Mayor Jackson and seconded by Mayor Candelora. Upon unanimous vote, the motion carried and the meeting concluded at 11:30 A.M.

Submitted by,
James Zeoli
SCRCOG Chairman and First Selectman of Orange

JZ:MB/SCRCOG

BALANCE SHEET - February, 2010

ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	
Bank of America	98,774
Connecticut Short-Term Investment Fund - SCRCOG	473,075
STIF - Shoreline Greenways Trail	71,049
STIF - Economic Development Web Portal Development	44,188
Total Cash and Investments	687,086
Accounts Receivable	
Connecticut Department of Transportation	153,161
DEMHS - Homeland Security Planning	6,842
Safe Routes to School	14
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Federal Share	59,034
Amount for Accrued Leave	8,652
Pre-Paid Expense & Other Receivables	13,322
Total Accounts Receivable	241,025
Property and Equipment	
COG Equipment	122,503
Less, Accumulated Depreciation	-110,870
Total Property & Equipment	11,633
TOTAL ASSETS	939,744

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue - Municipal	50,367
RPI Grant - Economic Development Web Portal	10,311
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H075(1)	42,388
Shoreline Greenways Trail - Municipal Share - H103(1)	13,903
Total Current Liabilities	116,968
Fund Balance	
Fund Balance - July 1, 2009	794,585
Amount for Accrued Leave	8,652
Investment in Equipment	11,633
Fund Change	7,906
Fund Balance - February 28, 2010	822,777
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	939,744

Statement of Resources and Expenditures - February, 2010

<i>Resources</i>	<i>FY 09 Budget</i>	<i>Month of Feb, 2010</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Municipal Contribution	151,100	12,592	100,733
ConnDOT - Transportation Planning			
U.S. Dept of Transportation	994,429	54,420	355,457
Transportation -- ConnDOT	122,556	6,803	37,630
Connecticut Office of Policy & Management			
RPI Grant - Econ. Dev. Web Portal	42,624	1,042	33,834
Emergency Response Planning			
DEMHS - FY 07 NHASH Grant	39,895	1,935	6,737
Shoreline Greenway Trails Planning Study			
U.S. Department of Transportation # H074	212,976	40,505	43,425
U.S. Department of Transportation # H103	70,992	14,504	15,382
Municipal Share	70,993	13,752	14,702
Interest	15,000	157	1,364
TOTAL	1,720,565	145,709	609,263

<i>Expenses</i>	<i>FY 09 Budget</i>	<i>Month of Feb, 2010</i>	<i>To Date</i>
Labor & Benefits	645,700		388,110
Salaries		31,037	254,011
Fringe Benefits		3,770	134,099
Print & Reproduction	2,900	114	114
Travel	14,300	618	2,983
Data Process	32,700	595	6,786
General Operations	167,400		95,131
Rent	99,100	8,213	66,004
Postage & Telephone	8,500	0	2,859
Office Supplies	4,100	209	1,146
Equipment Maintenance	18,400	550	5,452
Publications	900	320	605
Insurance	13,100	0	12,100
Professional Services	14,200	0	2,512
Meeting Expenses & Advertising	8,800	148	4,261
Miscellaneous & Equipment Use	300	5	192
Consultant	404,500	8,467	12,967
Capital Purchase	1,000	0	0
NHASH Grant	39,895	1,875	5,745
RPI Grant - Web Portal	42,624	383	27,773
Shoreline Greenway Trail	354,961	68,552	68,552
Contingencies	14,585	0	0
TOTAL	1,720,565	124,856	608,161

South Central Regional Council of Governments
2010-2013 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
Amendment Number 4

- Project** **0092-0547 2003-030 RECONSTRUCTION OF RT 63 (WHALLEY AVE)**
- Changes** Amendment 4 will add FYI funds
- Reason** FYI funds are added to allow for future flexibility to refinance the 100% State funded share. All funds must be shown in the TIP prior to obligation. Adding these funds now to “Future Years” (FYI) provides DOT with a way to replace state bond funds, if unavailable, with available federal dollars.
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- Project** **0092-0648 2010-A4-1 DESIGN ACTIVITIES: STPNH: URBAN PROGRAM**
- Changes** Amendment 4 adds a new project to the TIP
- Reason** New project will allow the Project Development Unit (PDU) a source of funding to develop and/or refine a reasonable scope of improvements for STP-urban applications. This project was developed to ensure that blanket type projects can be used for the review of project scopes and are eligible activities.
- In previous fiscal years these projects would have included charges during the PE phases as well. Since the PE phases on all new projects (under 80/10/10) have been separated (no blanket projects), PE phase charges will not be incurred under these new projects.
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- Project** **0170-2776 2007-077 STPA Funds for Eng/Scope & Project development**
- Changes** Amendment 4 removes this project from the TIP
- Reason** This work is included in other projects and no longer needs to be shown in the TIP under a separate project number.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment Number 4

State Project 0092-0547

SCRCOG #2003-030

Municipality New Haven

Proposed

Project Name RECONSTRUCTION OF RT 63 (WHALLEY AVE)

Description Widen Whalley Ave to 4 full lanes between Emerson St and Amity Rd. Following planning-preliminary review and neighborhood consultation.

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
GOV	CON	State	9,000					
STPA		Federal		3,552				
		State		889				
Total Cost	\$13,441		9,000	4,441	0	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>		<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
GOV	CON	State	9,000					
STPA		Federal		3,552				7,200
		State		889				1,800
TIP Funds	\$22,441		9,000	4,441	0	0	0	9,000

Amendment Notes

Introduced per FY01 TIP Amend 7. Move from 2008 to 2007 and increase estimate from \$4,760,000 federal to \$6,126,000 federal per FY01 TIP Amend 13. CON moved from FY05 to post-FY05 by FY03 Amend 2. introduced to FY07 TIP w/CON phase FFY2007, FY07 TIP Amend 9 increases funding for FFY07. FY07 TIP Amend 12 adds AC Entry, decreases funding for FFY07 and introduces funds for FFY08. FY07 TIP Amend 13 moves CON start to FFY08, increases funds and introduces Gov's Initiative Funding. FY07 TIP Amend 16 deletes AC Entry and STP-A funding from FFY08 and increases Gov's Initiative Funding. FY07 TIP Amend 24 moves funds from FFY08 to FFY09 and increases Gov's Initiative Funding while decreasing STPA amount for FFY09. FY07 TIP Amend 26 adds FFY10 STPA funds and reduces GOV. Project moved into FY10 TIP. FY10 TIP Amend 4 adds STPA funds in FYI.

South Central Regional Council of Governments
 FFY2010-FFY2013 Transportation Improvement Program
 Amendment Number 4

State Project 0092-0648

SCRCOG #2010-A4-1

Municipality Regional

Proposed

Project Name DESIGN ACTIVITIES: STPNH: URBAN PROGRAM

Description STP-Urban funds for Engineering, Scoping and Project development

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPNH	ENG	Federal	0	0	0		
		State	0	0	0		
Total Cost	\$0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPNH	ENG	Federal	133	133	133		
		State	34	34	34		
TIP Funds	\$501	0	167	167	167	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY10 TIP Amend 4 introduces new project

State Project 0170-2776

SCRCOG #2007-077

Municipality Statewide

Proposed

Project Name STPA Funds for Eng/Scope & Proj development

Description Surface Transportation Program funds for Engineering / Scoping and project development

Current TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	ENG	Federal	120				
		State	30				
Total Cost	\$150	0	150	0	0	0	0

Proposed TIP Funding (In Thousands)

<i>Funding</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Prior</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>FYI</i>
STPA	ENG	Federal	0				
TIP Funds	\$0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Amendment Notes

FY07 TIP amend 16 introduces new project, FY07 TIP Amend 24 Moves funds from FFY08 to FFY09. FY10 TIP Amend 2 moves funds from FFY09 to FFY10. FY10 TIP Amend 4 removes project from the TIP



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Carl Amento Executive Director

Resolution

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

- 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*.



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Carl Amento Executive Director

Resolution

***Fiscal Year 2010-Fiscal Year 2013 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Four
(Continued)***

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

The *Program Amendment Four* 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 **March 24, 2010**.

Date: March 24, 2010

Anthony DaRos
Secretary



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Carl Amento, Executive Director

Resolution

Approving a draft Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Unified Planning Work Program

Whereas: The Council of Governments has developed a draft *Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Unified Planning Work Program* that responds to federal, state and regional transportation and air quality planning concerns; and

Whereas: The Council of Governments has shared the draft *Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Unified Planning Work Program* with private transit operators, the U.S. Federal Transportation Administration, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, the Connecticut Department of Transportation and interested members of the public per the Council's adopted outreach program; and

Whereas: Review of the draft *Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Unified Planning Work Program* must occur by the U.S. Federal Transportation Administration, the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, and the Connecticut Department of Transportation prior to final approval; and

Whereas: The Council's Transportation Committee on March, 10 2010 recommended that SCRCOG adopt the draft work program.

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

That the draft Fiscal Year 2011 and 2012 Unified Planning Work Program is hereby adopted.

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 March 24, 2010.

Date: March 24, 2010

By: _____
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Draft Minutes Transportation Committee March 10, 2010

Transportation Committee members

Wallingford, Mayor William Dickinson, Chair
Branford, Janice Plaziak proxy for First Selectman
Anthony DaRos
New Haven, Mike Piscitelli proxy for Mayor John
DeStefano
North Haven, First Selectman Michael Freda.

Transportation Technical Committee

East Haven, James Staunton
Guilford, Jim Portley
Hamden, Bob Brinton
Madison, Mike Ott
Meriden, Pierre Blanchett
New Haven, Dick Miller
North Branford, Kurt Weiss
North Haven, John Bodwell
Wallingford, John Thompson
West Haven, Abdul Quadir

Guests

Jean Stimolo, Rideworks
Stephen Livingston, ConnDOT
Donna Carter, GNHTD
Eloise Powell, FHWA
Lou Mangini, Congresswoman DeLauro's Office

SCRCOG

Carl Amento, James Rode, Stephen Dudley,

Mayor Dickinson began the meeting at 12:07 PM.

Item #1

Minutes of the February 17, 2010 meeting were unanimously adopted on a motion by J. Portley/ FS M. Freda

Item #2

FY2010 –FY2013 TIP Amendment 4 included changes to project #0092-0547 *RECONSTRUCTION OF RT 63 (WHALLEY AVE)* to add STPA funds to FYI. There was a discussion about the need for this change. Eloise Powell from FHWA was able to provide information. #0092-0648 *DESIGN ACTIVITIES: STPNH: URBAN PROGRAM* was also discussed as it was a new project. J. Portley made the motion to approve FY10 TIP Amendment 4 J Plaziak seconded motion was approved.

Item #3

S. Dudley presented the FY2010-2011 and FY2011-2012 UPWP. A revised UPWP was handed out with funding tables attached, a copy of the resolution to approve and a one sheet handout to show the inclusion of an additional study for East Haven. After a brief discussion J. Portley made the motion to approve with the inclusion of the East Haven study seconded by P. Blanchet motion was approved.

Item #4

Mayor Dickinson asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include a discussion of the Pavement Preservation Projects. D. Miller made the motion and J. Portley seconded motion was approved. J. Thompson provided a handout to update everyone on the revised cost estimate for the pavement preservation project approved for Wallingford. The initial estimate was \$377,410 while the revised state DOT estimate is \$1,382,981. There was a lengthy discussion about the difference in unit costs (town vs. DOT) and the process involved when using federal dollars. SCRCOG staff along with FHWA and ConnDOT will follow up on Wallingford's concerns over the cost increases. This topic may be included as a discussion on the April agenda for the Transportation Committee



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Item #5

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.

Item #6

M. Piscitelli provided an update of improvements to Tweed New Haven Airport and their new marketing program to carriers.

Item #7

J. Plaziak made a motion to adjourn, meeting J. Portley seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:13 PM.

February 2010 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Action Table

Ref. #	Received	Description	Adjacent RPC Towns	Abridged RPC Action
2.1	1/14/10	Town of Clinton: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Section 9.18: Adult Day Care Facilities, Section 24.1.15 and 24.2.15: Day Care Facilities for Adults and Section 29.3.24: Parking Requirements for Adult Day Care Facilities	Madison	<p>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</p> <p>In addition to the above recommendation, the Commission should consider reviewing the adequacy of the parking requirement to provide for visitor parking and to ensure that there is an adequate amount of loading spaces. The requirement in Section 9.18.4 (c) should be reviewed; Connecticut does not currently license Adult Day Care Facilities.</p>
2.2	1/14/10	Town of Southington: Proposed Zoning Amendments to Sections 9-06, 9-07.1 and 15.09 of the Town's Zoning Regulations	Meriden	<p>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</p>
2.3	1/20/10	Town of Bethany: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to add Section 5A: Permitting, Operation, Maintenance, and Abandonment of Small Wind Energy Systems	Hamden, Woodbridge	<p>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments should adopt noise standards to avoid a potential nuisance and any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region. There do not appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</p> <p>In addition to the above recommendation, the Commission should consider establishing requirements pertaining to setbacks between structures and density of Small Wind Energy Systems on a single lot.</p>

2.4	2/1/10	City of Milford: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to Section 3.8: Business District (BD) and Article XI: Definitions	Orange, West Haven	<p>By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Article XI: Definitions do not appear to cause any negative inter-municipal impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.</p> <p>In addition to the above recommendation, the Commission should consider establishing requirements under Section 5.1.4.1 for a coffeehouse drive-through window prior to adopting the definitions into the City's Zoning Regulations.</p>
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March 2010 Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Action Table

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2.1	2/2/10	Town of Orange: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Section 383-66 (C) and Section 383-143.2 pertaining to retail “unitary development” in the LI-2 District	Milford, New Haven, West Haven, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.2	2/18/10	Town of Hamden: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment to Section 724 – Temporary Permits	Bethany, New Haven, North Haven, Wallingford, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendment does not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.3	2/19/10	Town of Cheshire: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Sections 24.4, 30, 33, 40.2.1 and 41.2.1	Bethany, Hamden, Meriden, Wallingford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.4	2/22/10	Town of Cheshire: Proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments to Section 31- Prohibited Uses and Section 46 – Flood Plain Management Regulations	Bethany, Hamden, Meriden, Wallingford	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Zoning Regulation Amendments do not appear to cause any negative impacts to the Towns of the South Central Region nor do there appear to be any negative impacts to the habitat or ecosystem of the Long Island Sound.
2.5	2/22/10	Town of Bethany: Proposed Plan of Conservation and Development	Hamden, Woodbridge	By resolution, the RPC has determined that the proposed Plan of Conservation and Development for the Town of Bethany appears consistent with the policy statements of both the State and Regional Plan of Conservation and Development. In addition to the above comments, maps listed in the Table of Contents should be represented in Appendix E (Maps) of the proposed Plan of Conservation and Development.