

**Minutes
 Regular Meeting
 Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments
 Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 10:00am
 MetroCOG Conference Room Bridgeport, Connecticut**

Name	Representing
Joseph Ganim, Mayor (Ken Flatto, Proxy)	Bridgeport
Adam Dunsby, First Selectman	Easton
Michael Tetreau, First Selectman, Chairman	Fairfield
Ken Kellogg, First Selectman	Monroe
Vicki Tesoro, First Selectman (teleconference, arrived at 10:17)	Trumbull
Patrick Carleton, Deputy Director	MetroCOG
Larry Ciccarelli, Administrative Services Director	MetroCOG
Matthew Fulda, Executive Director	MetroCOG
Meghan Sloan, Planning Director	MetroCOG
Sara Radacsi	CTDOT
James Redeker, Commissioner	CTDOT
Zachary McKeown	CCM
Eileen Lopez-Cordone	UIL Holdings

Minutes

I. Call to Order

This was a regular meeting of the Connecticut Metropolitan Council of Governments. It was called to order by the Secretary, First Selectman Tetreau, at 10:05 am.

II. Public Participation: There was no public participation.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. December 14, 2017

A motion to approve the minutes from December 14th was made by First Selectman Dunsby and seconded by First Selectman Kellogg. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Communications & Announcements:

a. Presentation by Commissioner Redeker, Special Transportation Fund (STF)
Commissioner Redeker presented on the state of the transportation fund and explained how the State got into its current deficit.

First Selectman Dunsby asked for clarification on the allocation of money that goes into the Special Transportation Fund.

Commissioner Redeker clarified and continued his presentation by discussing the impacts of cutting expenses, including cuts to maintenance, bus and transit lines.

First Selectman Dunsby requested the breakdown of the subsidized services.

Commissioner Redeker noted that he felt the cuts were rational but awful. He continued by discussing the process for awarding future projects. New projects would only be awarded if they are federally funded.

First Selectman Tetreau commented that bridge inspections would continue but capacities would be lowered.

Commissioner Redeker confirmed that the condition of the bridges would drop, and the State would have no control unless there is investment into the STF. The Commissioner noted that if the STF isn't funded, the responsibility would fall to local taxes.

Commissioner Redeker commented that projects are being rescoped, instead of rehabilitation, repairs will be considered.

There was a brief discussion about gas taxes and the idea of implementing tolls on 95 and how they would be phased in if they were approved.

Mr. Flatto inquired about the Fund's yearly gap.

Commissioner Redeker commented that the gap was \$60 Million, and that amount of revenue would fix the cuts. Connecticut companies are bidding on out of state projects, which could cause a delay on in-state projects.

There were brief discussions about infrastructure depreciation, the \$3 Billion needed to reach a state of good repair and projects that were not critical, including widening Interstates 84 and 95.

First Selectman Kellogg inquired how the cuts were affecting local municipalities.

Commissioner Redeker stated that \$30 Million of the \$60 Million would not be distributed to towns.

First Selectman Tetreau thanked Commissioner Redeker and invited him back to speak to the board.

b. State of Long Range Transportation Plan

Mr. Fulda explained the planning process and that this was a document required by Federal Highways. A summary of the plan was provided to the board.

First Selectman Tetreau inquired as to who specifically made the recommendations in the Finance Panel Recommendations section.

Mr. Fulda commented that the State made the recommendations and the COG was not involved.

Ms. Radacsi suggested contacting David Elder at CTDOT.

Mr. Fulda commented that the recommendations were not being acted on.

First Selectman Tetreau asked what recommendations the COG was in support of.

Mr. Fulda responded that there was some ambiguity in the recommendations.

Mr. Carleton commented that the panel came out of the Office of the Governor.

c. Financials

Mr. Ciccarelli briefly discussed the financials.

Mr. Flatto commented that given the uncertainty, the COG may require more of a cushion.

First Selectman Tetreau requested that the COG project revenues and declare where it will be on June 30th.

First Selectman Dunsby requested worksheets that worked off each other.

V. Action Items

a. Town of Stratford TOD Grant

Mr. Fulda explained that MetroCOG would be entering into an agreement with Stratford, acting as their project manager.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Flatto and seconded by First Selectman Dunsby. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Town of Stratford Public Safety.

Mr. Fulda explained the resolution was for a Professional Services Agreement, allowing the COG to perform GIS services not covered by the dues.

First Selectman Tetreau inquired if the town was committed to reimbursing the COG.

First Selectman Kellogg suggested mentioning in the resolution next time that the project was being fully funded by the town.

First Selectman Dunsby noted that he was comfortable with the resolution as it was and that this has been done before. He asked about the invoicing process.

Mr. Fulda commented that the town would be invoiced monthly or quarterly based on work completed.

First Selectman Tetreau noted that his questioning was not intended to hold up Stratford and he was interested in the project and what it could do for the region.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by First Selectman Dunsby and seconded by First Selectman Kellogg. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Other Business

Mr. Fulda requested volunteers for a subcommittee to review the COGs bylaws and employee benefits.

First Selectman Tetreau responded that it would be an Administrative and operational review.

VII. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by First Selectman Kellogg and seconded by First Selectman Dunsby. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectively submitted,

Adam Dunsby
MetroCOG Secretary