

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING/COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

**THE RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF PLANNING, STATEWIDE
PLANNING PROGRAM, AND STATE PLANNING COUNCIL**

The Statewide Planning Program is a unit of the Division of Planning in the Department of Administration and serves as staff to the State Planning Council, designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the entire State of Rhode Island.

THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

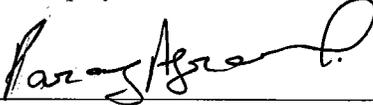
The Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) consists of twenty-two municipalities and counts as affiliate members two federally recognized Native American Tribes and allows for two military liaison representing the U.S. Naval Submarine Base and the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. The policy board of the SCCOG is comprised of the chief elected officials and alternate representatives of its member municipalities. The SCCOG was organized to provide the region a basis for intergovernmental cooperation in dealing with a wide range of issues facing southeastern Connecticut. SCCOG is one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Government and is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Transportation Management Area (TMA) for the region.

BASIS FOR MOU/COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

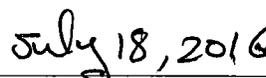
The before-mentioned agencies share parts of urbanized areas (designated by the U.S. Bureau of the Census) and metropolitan areas (designated by the Office of Management and Budget) and are each responsible for satisfying the requirements of a Transportation Management Area (TMA as designated by the U.S. Department of Transportation). The agencies acknowledge a common interest in the interstate region but retain individual responsibility and jurisdiction. It is to the mutual benefit of the agencies to cooperate and provide for the coordination of planning activities for all modes of transportation between southeastern Connecticut and Rhode Island, and the agencies agree to the following:

1. Each agency agrees to the mutual exchange of information and expertise, and the transmittal for review of all pertinent documents including, but not limited to the Unified Planning Work Program, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the Long Range Transportation Plan.
2. Each agency agrees to cooperate in matters pertaining to the Congestion Management Process and evacuation planning.
3. Each agency agrees to share GIS and transportation modeling data along common boundaries for the purpose of travel demand model development, calibration, and applications.
4. Each agency agrees to provide for the notification of, and participation in, meetings concerned with matters of mutual interest.
5. Each agency agrees to allow cooperation and consultation on plans, programs, and projects affecting both parties. If inconsistencies or conflicts arise, the agencies agree to meet and employ their best efforts to develop a satisfactory resolution.

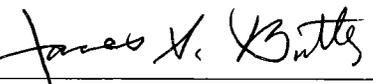
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James S. Butler, AICP, Executive Director
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