

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2017 MEETING OF THE
SOUTHEAST AREA TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SPECIAL MEETING ^{05/19/2017}
SPECIAL GUEST: James Redeker

SEAT Board Members Present: Mark Nickerson (East Lyme) Ronald McDaniel (Montville), Rich Moravsik (Groton), Mark Nickerson (East Lyme), Mark Oefinger (Groton), Michael Passero (New London), Thomas Sparkman (Lisbon)

Staff: Michael Carroll (General Manager), Alfred Fritzsche (Finance Director), Ginger Morse (Administrative Assistant)

SCCOG: James Butler, Richard Guggenheim, Stephanie Molden

Other Attendees: James Redeker (CTDOT), Ricardo Almeida (CTDOT), Michael Guerrero (CTDOT)

1. **Roll Call:** Meeting called to order at 1:04 pm by Chairman McDaniel.
2. **Guest Speaker:** CT Department of Transportation Commissioner James Redeker.

Mr. Passero stated at the time he originally invited Commissioner Redeker to meet with the SEAT Board, there was a proposal to drastically reduce state funding for SEAT, and such a reduction would not be able to be offset with local funding. Mr. Passero noted the major towns such as New London, Norwich and Groton contributed to bulk of local funding to SEAT.

Commissioner Redeker described the challenging financial position of Connecticut and CTDOT. He noted the uncertainty and concern about possible funding reductions and their impact on transportation programs is shared by all. Meeting attendees openly asked questions and discussed the challenges. To date budget figures are not steady and unclear when we will know. Commissioner Redeker spoke about positive additions transportation finances including the newly proposed toll(s) and the UPass for Connecticut community colleges.

Mr. Fritzsche explained SEAT receives 72% of the funding and 8% comes from the towns share. There are runs that do not generate as much revenue as others, but are necessary to connect the communities.

Mr. Carroll noted SEAT is currently running at minimal to sub-minimal service already. If service changes were made, it would most likely impact service span, such as evening and Sunday service.

3. **Adjournment:** The meeting was voted by consent to adjourn at 1:55 pm. Motion to approve (Nickerson/Oefinger); unanimous.
4. Next Regular meeting – Wednesday, April 19, 2017
 - a. SEAT Board Meeting: April 19, 2017 9:00 am (or directly following close of SECT Council of Governments meeting). SE CT Council of Governments, 5 Norwich Avenue, Norwich, CT

Respectfully Submitted, Rich Moravsik, Secretary