

**Transportation Technical Advisory Group
May 5, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Participants

TTAG:	<i>Mr. Jeremy Ginsberg, Darien; Mr. James Michel, Greenwich; Mr. Mike Yeosock, Norwalk; Mr. Mani Poola, Stamford; Mr. Robert Nerney, Wilton; Ms. Kimberlee Morton, Norwalk Transit District;</i>
WestCOG:	<i>Mr. Alex Karman; Mr. Rob Sachnin</i>
Other:	<i>Mr. Kenneth Shooshan-Stoller, FHWA; Ms. Susan Sweitzer, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency</i>

Participating via phone.

Mr. Alex Karman called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The meeting was held in the WestCOG Stamford office, Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT.

1. TTAG Meeting Minutes: April 12, 2015*

The meeting minutes were approved following a motion by Mr. Jeremy Ginsburg and a second by Mr. Mani Poola. The motion carried. Mr. James Michel and Mr. Mike Yeosock abstained because he was not at the April meeting.

2. FY2016 & 2017 South Western Region Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) *

Mr. Karman explained that the UPWP was the work program for transportation planning in the South Western Region. He highlighted changes to this edition of the UPWP, including new or revised tasks under Congestion Management Process, Strategic Highway Safety Plan, and climate change and adaption as well as new or continuing studies, including Noroton Heights Transit Access Study and Stamford Bicycle and Pedestrian Study.

The motion to approve **Resolution #2015-010* South Western Region FY2016 & FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program Approval** was moved by Mr. Poola and seconded by Mr. Michel. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Transportation Improvement Program: FFY2015-2018*

CTDOT has requested TIP amendments for two projects and a TIP action for one project:

Mr. Sachnin explained that CTDOT had requested a TIP amendment for project #170-3340 to reflect different program eligibility criteria under MAP-21. The TIP amendment would shift funding from the National Highway Performance Program (NHPP) to the Surface Transportation Program-Anywhere (STP-A), under which this project would be an eligible expense.

Mr. Poola explained that CTDOT had requested a TIP amendment to cancel project #135-0323. He explained that this project was supported by the City of Stamford and that CTDOT had not provided a satisfactory answer as to why the project had been proposed for deletion from the TIP. He asked the TTAG to reserve their endorsement of this TIP amendment and instead request that CTDOT provide more information about the status of this project.

Mr. Yeosock explained that CTDOT had requested a TIP action for project #0102-0351 to reflect the allocation of additional STP-B funding to a project originally proposed for STP-Enhancement funding in order to enable the full proposed project to proceed to construction.

The motion to approve the requested TIP amendment for project #0170-3340 and the requested TIP action for project #0102-0351 was made by Mr. Poola and seconded by Mr. Robert Nerney. **Resolution #2015-011 FFY2015-2018 TIP Endorsement** was unanimously approved.

4. TIGER Grant Applications*

Ms. Susan Sweitzer requested that the TTAG and SWRMPO support the application to the USDOT TIGER program being prepared by the City of Norwalk. She explained that the grant application would cover infrastructure improvements and a new transit circulator service on West Avenue and was similar to a grant application submitted in the past. She described the West Avenue corridor as undergoing significant redevelopment with hundreds of new housing units recently completed or under construction. She explained that this grant application differed from one previously submitted because it included a greater non-federal share of funding. Ms. Kimberlee Morton explained that Norwalk Transit District was the likely operator for the transit circulator and that Norwalk Transit District had been in discussion with developers and the state about funding the circulator. Ms. Sweitzer explained that the TIGER funding request had been revised from \$12.5 million to \$14 million.

The motion to approve the resolution as amended to reflect the TIGER funding request was made by Mr. Poola with a second by Ms. Morton. The motion passed unanimously. **Resolution #2015-012* South Western Region Metropolitan Transportation Support for Norwalk West Avenue Connectivity Infrastructure Improvements TIGER Grant Application – May 2015**

5. South Western Region STP-B and LOTCIP Program

The TTAG reviewed the STP Urban program report issued April 24, 2015. Mr. Karman directed any questions about the STP-B and LOTCIP programs to Ms. Susan Prosi at WestCOG.

6. Information Items

6a. Upcoming Meetings

5/21/15	9:00 a.m.	South Western Region MPO – WestCOG Stamford Office
5/21/15	12:00 noon	Western CT COG – Newtown Town Hall
6/2/15	10:00 a.m.	TTAG – Darien Town Hall
6/18/15	<i>Time TBD</i>	South Western Region MPO – Westport Town Hall
6/18/15	12:00 noon	Western CT COG – Westport Town Hall

Mr. Karman explained that CTDOT Commissioner Jim Redeker would be a featured speaker at the May 21 WestCOG meeting at Newtown Town Hall.

6a. 2015 South Western Region MPO and TTAG Schedule

Ms. Morton indicated she would not be able to attend any MPO meetings held on Thursday at 9:00 am as she has a standing conflict at that time.

6c. Bike to Work Week – May 11th – 15th

Mr. Karman explained that a week of Bike to Work events were planned in Stamford.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.