

**South Western Region  
Transportation Technical Advisory Group  
October 6, 2015  
Meeting Minutes**

TTAG:	Mr. Frank Petise (for Mr. James Michel), Greenwich; Mr. Michael Yeosock, Norwalk; Mr. Mani Poola, Stamford; Mr. Pete Ratkiewich, Westport; Mr. Robert Nerney, Wilton; Ms. Jennifer Johnson, Westport Transit District;
WestCOG:	Ms. Sue Prosi; Mr. Rob Sachnin;
Other:	Roxane Fromson, CTDOT.

Participating via phone

Ms. Sue Prosi called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The place of meeting was the WestCOG Stamford Office, 888 Washington Avenue, Stamford, CT 06901.

**1. TTAG Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2015\***

The meeting minutes were approved as revised following a motion by Mr. Mani Poola and a second by Mr. Michael Yeosock. The motion carried with one abstention from Mr. Frank Petise, who was not at the June TTAG meeting.

**2. Public Involvement**

There were no members of the public present.

**3. Transportation Improvement Program: FFY 2015-2018\***

Ms. Prosi introduced the proposed TIP amendment, which seeks to move the project construction year from federal fiscal year (FFY) 2016 to 2017. She explained the project will rehabilitate the bridge (#37) along Route 1 where it crosses I-95 at Exit 9. CTDOT will expedite construction by using the “Accelerated Bridge Construction” technique which will result in closing Route 1 for only one weekend.

Region	FACode	Proj#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments
01	STPA-BRX	0135-0325	X6	US 1	STAMFORD	REHAB BR 00037 OVER I-95	CON	2017	17,000	13,600	3,400	0	MOVE FROM FFY '16 TO FFY '17 AND INCREASE FROM ESTIMATE FED. \$7.2M

AQC X6 = exempt

Mr. Poola advised that Stamford’s Mayor, David Martin, would like the Route 1 bridge to accommodate the future widening of I-95 which is included in the Lets GO CT Plan. The City of Stamford does not want to invest in a \$17 million dollar improvement that will have to be replaced when I-95 is widened. The objective is to maximize the efficient use of transportation funding and to reduce construction related impacts and disruptions to the area. CTDOT staff has informed Mr. Poola that there is no plan to widen I-95. Currently this is not reflected in the project designs. Additional conversations ensued regarding the total cost of the proposed widening and the history of previous interest in such measures between exits 8 and 10.

The TTAG agreed that more information from CTDOT was needed regarding the timing of proposed I-95 widening relative to the life expectancy of the proposed bridge project and the future widening of I-95. WestCOG will transmit this request to CTDOT with input from Stamford. With respect to the SWRMPO time line, the TTAG agreed that the requested information and CTDOT's consultation with Stamford will determine if the TIP project amendment will be on the SWRMPO's October 22, 2015 agenda. To ensure that the meeting packet is sent to the SWRMPO in a timely manner, the information and consultation should be completed by October 12<sup>th</sup> or the TIP amendment may be deferred to the SWRMPO's November meeting.

#### **4. Information Items**

##### **a. Upcoming Meetings**

10/22/15 12:30 p.m. WestCOG – Stamford Government Center

10/22/15 1:30 p.m. South Western Region MPO – Stamford Government Center

11/3/15 10:00 a.m. TTAG (*if needed*)

##### **b. Other**

Ms. Prosi advised that a new election of South Western Region MPO and WestCOG officers will take place in December.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The TTAG meeting was adjourned at 10:21 a.m.

Approved by the Transportation TAG on 1/13/16