

**South Western Region  
Transportation Technical Advisory Group  
January 13, 2016  
Meeting Minutes**

Transportation TAG:	Mr. Jeremy Ginsberg, Darien; Mr. James Michel, Greenwich; Mr. Steve Kleppin, New Canaan; Mr. Mike Yeosock, Norwalk; Mr. Josh Benson, Stamford; Mr. Pete Ratkiewich, Westport; <i>Ms. Daphne White, Wilton;</i>
WestCOG:	Mr. Rob Sachnin; Ms. Sue Prosi; Mr. Alex Karman; Ms. Elizabeth Esposito
Other:	<i>Mr. Ken Shooshan-Stoller, FHWA;</i> Ms. Roxane Fromson, CTDOT; Mr. Hugh Hayward, CTDOT; Mr. William Grant, CTDOT; Mr. Dewey Loselle, Westport; Mr. Michael Pollard, Stamford; Ms. Gabriella Circosta Cohee, Greenwich; Mr. Frank Petise, Greenwich; Mr. Veera Karukonda, Stamford

*Participating via phone*

**1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Mr. Rob Sachnin called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The place of meeting was the WestCOG Stamford Office, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901.

**2. FEATURED GUEST**

Mr. Sachnin introduced Mr. Hayward, PE, Principal Engineer, and Mr. Grant, PE, Project Manager from CTDOT, who made a presentation on the CTDOT Local Transportation Capital improvement Program (LOTICIP). Their PowerPoint presentation described the origins of the LOTICIP program and the application process. The goal is to enable municipalities, through their respective COGs, to apply for transportation project funding assistance utilizing a more streamlined and less restrictive state process. Collector roads or above are eligible for construction-related funding, while the municipality pays for the design.

The presentation was followed by a discussion where municipal questions were answered, after which Mr. Hayward and Mr. Grant were thanked for their visit.

**3. LOTICIP & STP-B Programs**

Members discussed the LOTICIP and STP-B programs in the region. The Fiber Trunk Cable (Stamford) and SoNo Streetscape and Sidewalk (Norwalk) projects were also discussed. These two projects were identified as regional priorities and supported at a previous working group meeting. Following the working group recommendations, the Transportation TAG recommended the COG endorse the projects so that they may continue moving forward. The recommended action was conditional, assuming no significant changes in scope and/or budget to what was presented at the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Ginsberg and seconded by Mr. Ratkiewich. The motion carried unanimously.

The group then discussed upcoming efforts to develop a solicitation and evaluation process for the remaining LOTICIP fund balance.

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

#### 5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of TTAG Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2015

After review, the meeting minutes were approved following a motion by Mr. Yeosock and a second by Mr. Benson. The motion carried with abstentions from Mr. Ginsberg, Ms. White, and Mr. Michel, who were not at the October meeting.

b. Transportation Improvement Program Amendment

After an explanation of the project, to put new signs on the Merritt Parkway, the action to recommend MPO endorsement of the TIP amendments using Resolution 2016-001 was made following a motion from Mr. Ginsberg and a second by Mr. Michel. The motion carried unanimously.

Region	FACode	Proj#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments
73	NHPP	0173-0472	X6	CT 15	VARIOUS	SIGN UPDATES ON ROUTE 15, EXITS 27-53	CON	2017	3,500	3,500	0	0	NEW PROJECT

AQC X6 = exempt

#### 6. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

In the interest of time, Mr. Sachnin advised the members to review the information items in their packets and contact him with any questions. He also noted that the discussion topics of the January 21<sup>st</sup> WestCOG and SWRMPO meeting included: LOTCIP and STP-B programs, MPO meeting formats, and operating procedures.

#### 7. UPCOMING MEETINGS

1/21/16 WestCOG and SWRMPO, Ridgefield Library  
2/2/16 TTAG, Darien Town Hall (*if needed*)

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

*\*Approved as amended by the Transportation Technical Advisory Group on February 2, 2016*