

**South Western Region
Transportation Technical Advisory Group
February 2, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Transportation TAG:	<i>Mr. Jeremy Ginsberg, Darien; Mr. James Michel, Greenwich; Mr. Steve Kleppin, New Canaan; Mr. Mike Yeosock, Norwalk; Mr. Josh Benson, Stamford; Mr. Mani Poola, Stamford Transit District; Mr. Robert Nerney, Wilton, Ms. Kimberlee Morton, Norwalk Transit District</i>
WestCOG:	Mr. Rob Sachnin; Ms. Sue Prosi; Ms. Elizabeth Esposito;
Other:	<i>Mr. Kenneth Shooshan-Stoller, FHWA; Ms. Roxane Fromson, CTDOT; Mr. Robert Mallozzi, New Cannan; Mr. Tom Thurkettle; Ms. Jen Fascitelli</i>

Participating via phone

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Mr. Rob Sachnin called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The place of meeting was the WestCOG Stamford Office, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901.

2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

3. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of TTAG Meeting Minutes – January 13, 2016

After review and the addition of Mr. Shooshan-Stoller to the list of meeting attendees, the meeting minutes were approved as amended, following a motion by Mr. Ginsberg and a second by Mr. Benson. The motion carried with abstentions from Ms. Morton and Mr. Nerney, who were not at the January meeting.

b. LOTCIP Project Selection Process

The TAG reviewed the proposed LOTCIP project selection process, created to organize and facilitate solicitations for the remaining available and anticipated funding. The process also included a 1-page project proposal summary and evaluation criteria worksheet. After discussing details and considering municipal needs, action was taken to approve the process and project proposal summary, while tabling action on the evaluation criteria pending additional edits and review by the TAG, and following a motion by Mr. Benson and a second from Mr. Michel, the motion carried unanimously.

4. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Community Connectivity Program

Mr. Sachnin presented information on the Community Connectivity Grant Program. The TAG indicated interest in hearing a presentation from the program manager at upcoming meeting if available.

b. MPO/ Transportation TAG Representatives

Mr. Sachnin advised that the SWRMPO would be asked to confirm and add information on MPO alternates, TAG members and alternates. He explained that the objective was to avoid confusion as to voting representation for each municipality, and address any gaps

- that existed with vacancies, should the respective SWRMPO member wish to close such gaps and provide such coverage.
- c. **CT Bike/Ped Plan & Map Update**
A briefing on the CT state Bicycle and Pedestrian plan update, currently underway, was provided.
 - d. **NEC Future Tier 1 EIS**
Mr. Sachnin informed the group of the Northeast Corridor Future Environmental Impact State, adding that the deadline for comments had been extended to February 15th, 2016.
 - e. **Future Guest Speakers & Topics of Interest**
Mr. Sachnin brought attention to several studies which involve the region, including Route 1 Bus Rapid Transit Study lead by CTDOT, the CT Bike & Pedestrian Plan and Map Update, and the Northeast Corridor Future Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement.

5. UPCOMING MEETINGS

2/18/16 WestCOG and SWRMPO, Ridgefield Library
3/1/16 TAG, Darien Town Hall (*if needed*)

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

**Minutes approved as amended by Transportation TAG on 3/1/16.*