

**APPROVED MINUTES OF 8/1/2017**  
**Technical Advisory Group (TAG)**

Held at 11am at the Comstock Community Center  
180 School Road, Wilton, CT 06897

- Bethel Director of Public Works Douglas Arndt
- Bridgewater Absent
- Brookfield Absent
- Danbury Director of Public Works Antonio Iadarola
- Darien Planning & Zoning Director Jeremy Ginsberg
- Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel
- HARTransit Transportation Planner Harrison Wenchell
- New Canaan Absent
- New Fairfield Absent
- New Milford Director of Public Works Mike Zarba
- Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
- Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
- Norwalk TD CEO Kimberlee Morton
- Redding Director of Public Works Jeff Hanson
- Ridgefield Absent
- Sherman Absent
- Stamford Bureau Chief Jim Travers
- Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski
- Westport Town Engineer Peter Ratkiewich
- Wilton Assistant Town Planner Daphne White

**Also in Attendance:**

Roxane Fromson and Kerry Ross of CTDOT, Danbury Traffic Engineer Abdul Mohamed, Danbury Engineer Tom Altermatt, Morley Boyd, John Suggs, and WestCOG staff members, Michael Towle, Kristin Floberg, Robert Sachnin, Jamie Bastian, Kristin Hadjstylianos, and Nicole Sullivan.

**CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was called to order at 12:08pm by Robert Sachnin. There was no public comment.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Community Connectivity Grant Program:** Robert Sachnin briefly reviewed from the attachment provided the grant program which is a part of Governor Dannel Malloy's Let'sGoCT!

**MS4 Briefing/Update:** This update was addressed by Michael Towle who discussed the Water Finance Clearing House and Nitrogen Strategy Workshop, as well as future goals in this program.

**Regional Snow Plow Update & Working Group:** Kristin Floberg updated the TAG Members, stating that she is the official point of contact for this project. She also stated that the interview selection committee has taken place and has chosen Axiomatic LLC. She went on to explain the qualifications possessed by Axiomatic LLC and the key time line points for this project.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of 6/6/2017 Minutes:** On a motion made by Mike Yeosock and seconded by Tracy Kulikowski the minutes of the TAG Meeting of 6/6/2017 were unanimously accepted.

**LOTICIP Solicitation Methodology:** This topic was addressed by Robert Sachnin, seeking to engage discussion regarding potential funding for LOTICIP. General direction was sought in respect to a future solicitation and methodology, contingent on additional funding. It was stated that open solicitation, hybrid, adhoc, or no action for funding could all be considered as options. On a motion made by Fred Hurley and seconded by Mike Zarba a hybrid open solicitation methodology with a reserve set aside, along with a hybrid two to four year financing option, were recommended as the general parameters for a future solicitation. The motion carried unanimously.

**HVMPO Draft 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program & Air Quality Conformity:** The federal transportation improvement program and corresponding CTDOT air quality conformity determinations for the Housatonic Valley MPO were discussed by Robert Sachnin. On a motion made by Antonio Iadarola and seconded by Fred Hurley the HV Draft FFY 2018-2021 TIP project listings and air quality conformity determinations were unanimously recommended to the HVMPO.

**SWRMPO Draft 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program & Air Quality Conformity:** The federal transportation improvement program and corresponding CTDOT air quality conformity determinations for the South Western Region MPO were discussed by Robert Sachnin. Peter Ratkiewich stated that the administration of the Town of Westport has proposed the removal of Project #158-214 from the SWR Draft 2018-2021 TIP, pending forthcoming information based on the Environmental Assessment. He cited community concern due to the lack of information regarding the scope of improvements. This includes five line items, three of the which are for the construction phase, one each for final design and right of way. With the inclusion of the changes stated, a motion was made by Peter Ratkiewich and seconded by Tracy Kulikowski to recommend the amended SWR Draft FFY 2018-2021 TIP project listings and air quality conformity determinations to the SWRMPO. The recommendation was unanimous, except by the abstention made by Kimberlee Morton.

**TAP Adjustments (if necessary):** Robert Sachnin provided a brief status update to the group.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG:** Robert Sachnin discussed the possibility of the CHRO presenting to the TAG members at a future meeting. He also referenced the recent release of the FRA NEC Future ROD.

### **Future Presentations & Items of Interest:**

Robert Sachnin stated that UConn trainings for T2 bike and ped will take place for those who are interested.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was then adjourned at 12:23.