

APPROVED MINUTES OF 9/6/2017
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	Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco
• Danbury	Director of Public Works Antonio Iadarola
• Darien	Planning & Zoning Director Jeremy Ginsberg
• Greenwich	Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel
• HARTransit	Development Director Richard Schreiner
• New Canaan	Absent
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Absent
• Newtown	Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
• Norwalk TD	Absent
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Town Engineer Charles Fisher
• Sherman	Supervisor Don Borkowski
• Stamford	Signal Systems Engineer Veera Karukonda
• Weston	Absent
• Westport	Town Engineer Peter Ratkiewich
• Wilton	Director of Planning and Land Use Management Robert Nerney

Also in Attendance:

Kerry Ross of CTDOT, Abdul Mohamed, Sharon Calitro, and Tom Altermatt of Danbury. WestCOG staff members, Michael Towle, Kristin Floberg, Robert Sachnin, Bob Brinton, Kristin Hadjstylianos, and Nicole Sullivan. Edward Gentile Jr of Darien, First Selectman Clay Cope of Sherman, and Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit.

CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:02am by Principal Planner Robert Sachnin. There was no public comment.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

MS4: DCIA Remediation, Solutions, and Resources was presented by Planner Michael Towle. He described the requirements for MS4 permits, along with the available and needed data for the implementation of MS4.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Regional Snow Plow Update & Working Group: Associate Planner Kristin Floberg briefly updated the TAG Members on Snow Plow project activities.

MS4 Update: Planner Michael Towle informed the group of the upcoming meetings and opportunities for communities.

Freight Origin/Destination Data Update: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin gave an overview of draft freight data in the region.

Regional Traffic Counting Program: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin updated the group on intersection traffic counts. Requests for traffic counts should provide a scope of work and justification, as those using federal funding require CTDOT approval. Associate Planner Kristin Floberg will be continuing this program.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 8/1/2017 Minutes: On a motion made by Jeremy Ginsberg and seconded by Fred Hurley the minutes of the TAG Meeting of 8/1/2017 were unanimously approved, except with abstentions made from Don Borkowski and Robert Nerney .

LOTICIP Program Adjustments: Several program adjustments pertaining to Westport, Ridgefield, and Sherman were noted. Sufficient budget remains to accommodate these adjustments. A motion to recommend COG approval for the noted LOTICIP Program Adjustments was made by Fred Hurley and seconded by Antonio Iadarola.

Future LOTICIP Solicitation Methodology: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin addressed the draft LOTICIP methodology for SFY's 18-21, highlighting the inclusion of various TAG recommendations from the August meeting. It was noted that "MPO" should be replaced by "sub-region" on page 7 of the meeting packet. There was a motion made to table the action until the next meeting by Charles Fisher and seconded by Fred Hurley.

TAP Adjustments (if necessary): Principal Planner Robert Sachnin reviewed the timeline and corresponding TAP activities to date, including the financial and schedule constraints. Considering the program constraints and with agreement from Norwalk and Ridgefield, recommended adjustments include the submission of Branchville TOD Infrastructure Improvements and Norwalk Traffic Signal Upgrade – Phase 3. A motion to recommend the TAP Adjustments to both MPOs was made by Peter Ratkiewich and seconded by Fred Hurley.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG: There was no discussion.

Future Presentations & Items of Interest: CHRO will present at the November TAG meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ADJOURNMENT: It was stated that the October TAG meeting will most likely be cancelled. The meeting was then adjourned at 12:16pm.