Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Approved MINUTES OF 05/01/2018

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 City Traffic Engineer Abdul Barry Mohamed

Darien Absent

• Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel

HARTransit Transportation Planner Harrison Wenchell
 New Canaan Director of Public Works Tiger Mann

New Fairfield AbsentNew Milford Absent

Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley

Norwalk
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 Redding
 Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
 Manager of Planning Dennis O'Connor
 Public Works Jeff Hanson

Ridgefield Town Engineer Charles Fisher

• Sherman Absent

Stamford Traffic Engineer Garrett Bolella
 Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski
 Westport Consulting Engineer Steve Edwards

Wilton Director of Planning and Land Use Management Robert Nerney

Also in Attendance:

WestCOG staff members, Kristin Floberg, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Michael Towle, Nicole Sullivan, Ariana Vera, Bob Brinton, Jamie Bastian and Executive Director Francis Pickering were in attendance. Tom Altermatt of the City of Danbury was also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am by Associate Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos who welcomed Executive Director Pickering to the meeting. There was no public comment made.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

WestCOG Planner Michael Towle presented the MS4: Annual Reports and Strategy. He explained the requirements for the MS4 Annual Report.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Snow Plow Update: Associate Planner Kristin Floberg reminded the TAG members to send the consultant any routing edits they may have.

State Matching Grant Program: Applications for the State Matching Grant Program (MGP) for Elderly and Demand Response Transportation are due by May 18, 2018.

USDOT BUILD Discretionary Grants Program: The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant program, formerly known as the TIGER grant, was discussed.

LOTCIP: Project Manager Bob Brinton updated the TAG on the LOTCIP program.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 04/3/2018 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Director of Planning and Land Use Management Bob Nerney and seconded by Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel, the minutes of the April 3rd meeting were unanimously approved.

UPWP Amendment: The proposed UPWP amendment would include the CTDOT Agreement in the Appendix of the UPWF. On a motion made by Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski, the proposed UPWP amendment was unanimously recommended to the HVMPO and SWRMPO for endorsement by the TAG.

Transportation Improvement Program: There was discussion regarding HVMPO TIP amendments for project # 018-134; Rehabilitation of Bridge 01343 in Brookfield and Bridgewater, #096-200; Resurfacing, Bridge and Safety Improvements, I-84 in Newtown, #174-424; Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations in District 4, #170-3496; FY 18 Statewide Transportation Demand Management (Greater CT Moderate), and #170-3495; FY 18 Statewide Transportation Demand Management (NY-NJ-CT Moderate) and SWRMPO TIP amendment for project #170-3495; FY 18 Statewide Transportation Demand Management (NY-NJ-CT Moderate). On a motion made by Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco, the TIP amendments were unanimously recommended to the HVMPO and the SWRMPO for endorsement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG: There was discussion regarding tolls.

Future Presentations & Items of Interest: There was none stated.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on May 17th. The next TAG meeting and Planners' Lunch will be held on June 5th. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:46am.