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INTERIM MINUTES OF 06/05/2018

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	Absent
• Danbury	City Traffic Engineer Abdul Barry Mohamed
• Darien	Public Works Director Edward Gentile, Jr.
• Greenwich	Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel
• HARTransit	Development Director Richard Schreiner
• New Canaan	Director of Public Works Tiger Mann
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Grants Coordinator Tammy Reardon
• Newtown	Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
• Norwalk TD	CEO Kimberlee Morton
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Town Engineer Charles Fisher
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Traffic Engineer Garrett Bolella
• Weston	Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski
• Westport	Absent
• Wilton	Director of Planning and Land Use Management Robert Nerney

Also in Attendance:

WestCOG staff members; Kristin Floberg, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Nicole Sullivan, Jamie Bastian, Elizabeth Esposito and Executive Director Francis Pickering were in attendance. WestCOG interns in attendance were Collin Donovan, Leonardo Abreu, and Michael Wang. Tom Altermatt of the City of Danbury, Harrsion Wenchell of HARTransit, and Kathryn Faraci of CTDOT were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am by Associate Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There was no public comment made. Associate Planner Elizabeth Esposito introduced WestCOG interns Collin Donovan, Leonardo Abreu, and Michael Wang to the TAG members and welcomed them to the meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

USDOT BUILD Discretionary Grants Program: The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Developments grant program, formerly known as the TIGER grant, was discussed. Associate Planner Hadjstylianos and Executive Director Pickering updated the TAG members on the USDOT funding solicitation.

USDOT FTA Grant 2018 Low or No Emission Grant Program: The purpose of the USDOT grant is to support transition of transit fleets to the lowest polluting vehicles possible. The application deadline is June 18th.

EPA Clean Diesel National DERA Grant Program: The purpose of the EPA grant is to reduce diesel admissions in public fleets. The application deadline is June 12th.

Regional Snow Plow Study: Associate Planner Kristin Floberg noted that the municipal specific editing period has ended. It was acknowledged that the consultant will be finishing several written guides for the municipalities. A meeting for each region will be scheduled in the coming weeks to review the guides in person.

Performance Measures: Associate Planner Hadjstylianos discussed the newly released CTDOT Performance Measure Targets with the TAG.

LOTICIP-Program Update: The State budget, Surface Transportation Fund, Commitment to Fund Letters, and future funding was discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 05/1/2018 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel, the minutes of the May 1st meeting were unanimously approved, except with abstentions made by Grants Coordinator Tammy Reardon and CEO Kimberlee Morton.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendment: As stated by Associate Planner Hadjstylianos, the amendment to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) would include required language on performance-based planning and programming. On a motion made by CEO Kimberlee Morton and seconded by Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock the TIP amendment was unanimously recommended to the HVMPO and SWRMPO for endorsement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG: There was none stated.

Future Presentations & Items of Interest: A transportation survey was discussed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on June 21st. The next TAG meeting will be tentatively held on July 2nd. On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:53am.