

**Meeting of the
WestCOG Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
October 30th, 2018 at 11:00 am
Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road, Wilton, CT 06897**

Agenda

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
3. FEATURED PRESENTATION
4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
 - a. MS4 Update
 - b. Air Quality Monitoring Program
5. ACTION ITEMS
 - a. Approval of September 12, 2018 Minutes
 - b. 2019 TAG Meeting Schedule
 - c. LOTCIP Adjustment
 - d. Transportation Improvement Program
 - e. Performance Measures

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6. OTHER BUSINESS
 - a. Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG
 - b. Future Presentations & Items of Interest
7. UPCOMING MEETINGS
 - 11/15/2018 – MPO and COG Meetings
 - 11/27/2018 -TAG Meeting
8. ADJOURNMENT

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INTERIM MINUTES OF 09/12/2018

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	Traffic Engineer Abdul Mohamed
• Darien	Director of Public Works Edward Gentile
• Greenwich	Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel
• HARTransit	Service Development Director Rick Schreiner
• New Canaan	Director of Public Works Tiger Mann
• New Fairfield	Zoning Enforcement Officer Evan White
• New Milford	Absent
• Newtown	Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
• Norwalk TD	Manager of Planning Dennis O’Connor
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Signal Engineer Veera Karukonda
• Weston	Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski
• Westport	Consulting Engineer Steve Edwards
• Wilton	Director of Planning and Zoning Bob Nerney

Also in Attendance:

WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Jamie Bastian, Kristin Floberg, Kevin Mahoney, Ariana Vera, and Victoria Ricks were in attendance. WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering, New Caanan Town Planner Lynn Brooks-Avni, HARTransit Alex Dasher, Danbury Engineer Tom Altermatt and Alec Slatky of AAA Northeast were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am by Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. Alec Slatky of AAA Northeast introduced himself during public comment and invited the TAG members to an Autonomous Vehicle Forum on Oct 12th at U-Conn Stamford.

FEATURED PRESENTATION:

Snow Plow Study: A presentation was given via teleconference by Patrick Santoso of Axiomatic on the Winter Maintenance Optimization draft. There was an overview of the draft by Patrick and then a discussion on the comment time needed to complete the study. The TAG members agreed to increase the comment period to October 17th.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CT DEEP Recreational Trails Program Grant: Jamie Bastian provided an update on the CT DEEP Recreational Trails Grant opportunity which provides funding for trail planning and construction. Applications are due by Oct 31st.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 07/31/2018 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel the minutes of the July 31st meeting were unanimously approved, except with abstentions made by Brookfield Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco and HARTtransit Service Development Director Rick Schreiner.

LOTICIP Draft Solicitation: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney reviewed the framework for applying for, selecting and administering regional LOTICIP projects. There was a discussion among the TAG members regarding the proposed framework. On a motion made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock the proposed LOTICIP format was approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney led a review of a LOTICIP adjustment requested by Stamford for the TAG members to recommend that the COG program/commit \$2,750,000 in LOTICIP funds to their Greenwich Avenue project. On a motion made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Bethel Director of Public Works Douglas Arndt the proposed LOTICIP adjustment was unanimously recommended to take to the next COG meeting for endorsement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG: Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos discussed setting up meetings with each municipality to review Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTP). There will be a public participation portion at each of these meetings.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO and COG meetings will be tentatively held on September 27th. The next TAG meeting will be held on October 2nd. On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:08pm.

WestCOG Technical Advisory Group (TAG) 2019 Annual Meeting Schedule

Meeting Location - Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road, Wilton, CT, 06897

***Held on the Tuesday two weeks before the monthly MPO meeting, unless otherwise noted.

<u>Date 2018</u>	<u>TAG Meeting</u>
***Tuesday, Jan. 8	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 5	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday, March 5	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday, April 2	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
***Tuesday, May 7	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday, June 4	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
***Tuesday, July 9	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
***Tuesday, Aug. 6	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
***Tuesday, Sept. 10	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 1	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 5	11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Tuesday, Dec. 3	11:00 am – 12:00 pm

WestCOG LOTCIP Program - 10/30/2018 Proposed Adjustments

State Fiscal Year	Municipality	Project	Amount	Balance
Available funding (FY14-16), net of admin. costs*				\$27,505,920
FY14	Brookfield	"Four Corners" Intersection & Bike/Ped Improvements	(\$798,351)	
FY14	New Fairfield	Candlewood Corners Drainage Project	(\$553,981)	
FY14	New Milford	Still River Drive Roundabout	(\$1,219,175)	
FY14	Norwalk	SoNo Streetscape	(\$2,069,045)	
FY14	Stamford	Fiber Optic Trunk Cable	(\$5,411,892)	
FY15	Greenwich	Frontage Rd & Delavan Ave Streetscape	(\$1,080,000)	
FY15	Newtown	Toddy Hill Road Bridge Replacement	(\$2,247,047)	
FY15	Norwalk	Hamilton Ave Staircase	(\$600,000)	
FY15	Stamford	West Ave & West Main St Intersection	(\$2,000,000)	
FY16	Darien	Noroton Ave & West Ave Intersection	(\$1,200,000)	
FY16	New Milford	Wellsville Avenue Bridge Reconstruction	(\$1,148,534)	
FY16	Norwalk	Traffic Signal System Upgrade - Phase 3 (Pedestrian Items Only)	(\$500,000)	
FY16	Ridgefield	Farmingville Road Multi-Use Trail	(\$1,530,000)	
FY16	Stamford	Greenwich Ave & Pulaski St Roundabout	(\$2,750,000)	
FY16	Westport	Main St & Compo Rd North Sidewalks	(\$850,000)	
			Remaining Balance	\$3,547,895
Funding (FY17-19) authorized by Legislature but not yet allocated by CT State Bond Commission, net of admin. costs				\$33,669,000
FY17	Bethel	Downtown TOD Pedestrian and Streetscape Improvements	(\$1,500,000)	
FY17	Danbury	White Street Intersection Improvements	(\$2,650,000)	
FY17	Greenwich	Sound Beach Ave Bridge & Roundabout	(\$4,900,900)	
FY17	Greenwich	Davis Ave Bridge	(\$2,500,000)	
FY17	Sherman	Wakeman Hill Road Pavement Rehabilitation	(\$750,000)	
FY17	Stamford	Strawberry Hill Rd & Rock Spring Rd Intersection	(\$1,750,000)	
FY17	Westport	Riverside Ave Sidewalks	(\$925,200) ①	
FY18	Greenwich	Glenville Rd & Brookside Dr Intersection	(\$1,750,000)	
FY18	Westport	Compo Rd South Sidewalks	(\$300,000)	
FY18	New Canaan	Locust Ave Parking	(\$2,000,000)	
			Remaining Balance	\$18,190,795

TAG: Approval recommended

COG: Approval

① Adjustment: increase amount from \$607,115 to \$925,200 based on revised preliminary cost estimate

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HVMPO FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

TAG Action Requested: Review and support TIP amendment endorsement by HVMPO.

Background: The FFY2018-2021 Housatonic Valley TIP was endorsed by the MPO on August 17, 2017. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on October 19, 2017.

Amendment #2018-1115:

0095-0256: New Milford- Bike/Ped Improvements to Route 7 & Aspetuck Avenue

This CTDOT-requested amendment is intended to add a new project to the TIP for the Town of New Milford. The project entails bicycle and pedestrian improvements along Route 7 and Aspetuck Avenue. The project was solicited through WestCOG in 2016 and is funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program. Notable improvements include curb ramps, crosswalks, roadway restriping, and approximately 7,300 Linear Feet of sidewalk. This will promote connectivity to local businesses from New Milford High School and Canterbury School.

Preliminary Engineering (PE) includes a Preliminary Design and Final Design split. The PE phase will total \$340,000. Preliminary Design is anticipated to begin in April 2019. The Construction phase will total approximately \$1.7 million. The project includes a 20% local match to the Federal funds for the total project cost.

Region	FACode	Proj#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments
02	TAPO	0095-0256	X6	VARIOUS	NEW MILFORD	PED/BIKE IMPROVS ALONG US 7 & ASPETUCK AVE	PD	2019	170	136	0	34	NEW PROJECT
02	TAPO	0095-0256	X6	VARIOUS	NEW MILFORD	PED/BIKE IMPROVS ALONG US 7 & ASPETUCK AVE	FD	2020	170	136	0	34	NEW PROJECT
02	TAPO	0095-0256	X6	VARIOUS	NEW MILFORD	PED/BIKE IMPROVS ALONG US 7 & ASPETUCK AVE	CON	2021	1,715	1,372	0	343	NEW PROJECT

AQC X6- exempt