

APPROVED 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 HARTransit 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.