

**APPROVED** MINUTES OF 01/08/2019  
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	Director of Public Works Ed Gentile
• 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	Absent
• Newtown	Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Absent
• Norwalk TD	Manager of Planning and Marketing Dennis O'Connor
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Absent
• Weston	Director of Public Works Lou Martirano
• Westport	Director of Public Works Peter Ratkiewich
• Wilton	Director of Planning and Land Use Bob Nerney

**Also in Attendance:**

Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg, Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski, Danbury City Traffic Engineer Abdul Barry Mohamed, Danbury Engineer Tom Altermatt, HARTransit Planner Alex Dasher, Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski, WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Michael Towle and Victoria Ricks were in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was called to order at 11:05am by Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments made.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**MS4 Update:** GIS Manager Mike Towle presented an update on the MS4 Mapping Requirements for 2019. WestCOG has joined an MS4 mapping standards committee to develop a field app and a methodology to help municipalities complete the inventory of all stormwater infrastructure outfalls. The deadline for the complete stormwater system mapping date has been corrected to Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of 11/27/2018 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Bethel Director of Public Works Doug Arndt and seconded by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley the minutes of the November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Brookfield Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco.

**2019 Safety Performance Measure Targets:** Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos presented an update on the Federal Highway Administrations ruling for each MPO to adopt or establish highway safety targets. After a discussion and on a motion made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Westport Director of Public Works Peter Ratkiewich the TAG unanimously recommended to support these safety targets and to send them forward to the MPO's for approval.

**Revised 2019 TAG Meeting Schedule:** After review and on a motion made by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg and seconded by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel the 2019 revised TAG Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved.

**LOTICIP Program Development:** Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented background and historic LOTICIP program performance information. He also provided recommendations on which project proposals from the recent solicitation should be recommended to the COG for commitment of LOTICIP funds at its next meeting (Exhibit A), and those proposals that should be further refined before receiving COG commitment (Exhibit B). After a lengthy discussion and review, a motion was made by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski and seconded by Westport Public Works Director Pete Ratkiewich and unanimously approved to support the projects proposed by WestCOG staff (Exhibit A) and send them forward to the COG for approval. A second motion was made by Westport Public Works Director Pete Ratkiewich and seconded by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and unanimously approved to keep the LOTICIP Program on the TAG agenda each month to continue pushing more projects (listed on Exhibit B) forward for COG commitment. A third motion was made by Danbury Public Works Director Antonio Iadarola and seconded by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski and unanimously approved to request that WestCOG staff reach out to each municipality with a project listed on Exhibit B and provide feedback on what is needed to get WestCOG support for their project. A fourth motion was made by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski and seconded by Westport Public Works Director Pete Ratkiewich and unanimously approved to have WestCOG staff request design, construction start, and completion dates for all currently-committed LOTICIP projects and for the TAG to evaluate progress and recommend rescinding projects that we will not start in this Legislative cycle. A fifth motion was made by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski and seconded by Westport Public Works Director Pete Ratkiewich and unanimously approved to change the title of the attachment that lists the projects currently not being sent forward to the COG to "WestCOG LOTICIP Future Project Commitment, Subject to Availability of State Funds."

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG:** A question was asked if WestCOG had heard if the new CT DOT Commissioner was changing any of the state's priorities. Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos responded that she had not but will keep the TAG members informed if anything changes.

**Future Presentations & Items of Interest:** There were none stated.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT**

The next MPO and COG meetings will be tentatively held on January 17<sup>th</sup>. The next TAG meeting will be held on February 12<sup>th</sup>. On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:49pm.