

APPROVED MINUTES OF 03/12/2019

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	Absent
• 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	Town Engineer Daniel Stanton
• Newtown	Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
• Norwalk TD	Manager of Planning and Marketing Dennis O'Connor
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Traffic Engineer Frank Petise
• Weston	Director of Public Works Lou Martirano
• Westport	Director of Public Works Peter Ratkiewich
• Wilton	Director of Planning and Land Use Robert Nerney

Also in Attendance:

HARtransit Planner Alex Dashev, Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg, Danbury City Traffic Engineer Abdul Barry Mohamed, Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski, Wilton Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio, Ali Mohseni from NYMTC and Kathryn Faraci from CT DOT. WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Will Kenny, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, and Victoria Ricks were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:00am by Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments made.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Section 5310 Grant Program: WestCOG Associate Planner, Will Kenny, gave an update on the new application cycle for the 5310 Grant Program. This program is intended to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. WestCOG staff will provide technical assistance; eligible applicants who would like staff to review their application for completeness must submit their materials to WestCOG by April 5th. Applications are due to CT DOT by April 12th.

Unified Planning Work Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianios gave an update on the outline for Transportation planning for the next 2 years. WestCOG is providing municipalities an additional week to submit suggestions for transportation studies.

Transportation Alternative Project Solicitation: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an update on the status of the Transportation Alternative Project Solicitations. The next step is for towns to submit concepts to WestCOG by April 18th.

Long Range Transportation Plan: Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianios presented an update on the Long Range Transportation Plan draft. WestCOG is in the public comment period through March 29th. An updated version of the plan, incorporating the public comments, will be presented at the April TAG and COG meetings for endorsement.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 02/12/2019 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg and seconded by Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski the minutes of the February 12th meeting were unanimously approved.

2018–2021 Transportation Improvement Program: After review and on a motion made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock the SWRMPO TIP amendment was unanimously approved.

LOTICIP: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented a request by two municipalities for COG commitments to two new/additional projects. He further presented the overall financial LOTICIP status and stated that sufficient funds were not available to add the two projects. A discussion ensued on the TAG's planned effort to re-evaluate the progress and viability of projects previously approved for funding by the COG. Following a discussion, it was suggested that New Canaan's Locust Avenue Parking project, with a current COG commitment of \$2,000,000, was not viable and could be rescinded. It was also suggested that Norwalk's Pedestrian Signal System Upgrade project, with a current COG commitment of \$500,000, has been funded with an other-than-LOTICIP source and could be rescinded. On a motion made by Westport Director of Public Works Peter Ratkiewich and seconded by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley the TAG unanimously recommended to approve the changes to the LOTICIP Project list by removing the two projects referenced above from the list and the adding the Darien Noroton Ave-Ledge Road Project for \$1,650,00 and the Stamford Atlantic Street-Main Street Intersection for \$2,460,00.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG: There were no discussion items stated.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on March 21st. The next TAG meeting will be held on April 9th. On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:02pm.