Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



APPROVED MINUTES OF 06/11/2019

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held at 11am via teleconference

Bethel AbsentBridgewater Absent

• Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski

• Danbury City Traffic Engineer Abdul Barry Mohamed

• Darien Director of Public Works Ed Gentile

• Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel

• HARTransit Development Director Richard Schreiner

New Canaan AbsentNew Fairfield Absent

• New Milford Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon

Newtown Absent

• Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock

Norwalk TD Absent
 Redding Absent
 Ridgefield Absent
 Sherman Absent

• Stamford Traffic Engineer Garrett Bolella

Weston Absent

Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg

• Wilton Director of Planning and Land Use Robert Nerney

Also in Attendance:

HARTransit Planner Alex Dashev, Danbury City Engineer Tom Altermatt, and Wilton Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio. WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, and Victoria Ricks were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:03am by Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments made.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Pavement Technology and Management Meeting: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos has coordinated a meeting between TAG members, Leo Fontaine, Jim Mahoney and Aron Steeves on Wednesday, June 26th at the Mark Twain Library in Redding to discuss pavement challenges. WestCOG will provide a lunch at 12pm and the meeting will begin at 12:30pm, seating is limited so please RSVP by June 19th.

USDOT BUILD Grant Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the USDOT BUILD Grant, which provides funds for investments in surface transportation infrastructure such as roads, bridges, transit, rail, ports and intermodal transportation. Applications must be submitted through the Grants.gov website by July 15th.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 04/30/2019 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Mike Yeosock and seconded by Stamford Traffic Engineer Garrett Bolella the minutes of the April 30th meeting were unanimously approved, with an abstention made by Wilton Director of Planning and Land Use Robert Nerney.

Transportation Improvement Program: After review by WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan and on a motion made by Wilton Director of Planning and Land Use Robert Nerney and seconded by Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Mike Yeosock both the HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP amendments was unanimously approved.

LOTCIP: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented the proposed LOTCIP project commitment updates. On a motion made by New Milford Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon and seconded Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski, the TAG unanimously recommended increasing the Stamford Strawberry Hill Avenue & Rock Spring Road project from \$1,750,000 to \$1,820,000 and adding the New Milford Pumpkin Hill Road–Still River Drive Intersection in the amount of \$634.800.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG: There were not stated.

Future Presentations & Items of Interest: WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan informed the TAG that VN Engineers has been selected to assist CTDOT in developing a Regional Transportation Safety Plan for WestCOG. VN Engineers will be giving a presentation at the July TAG Meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on June 25thth. The next TAG meeting will be held on July 9th. On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:25am.