# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



# APPROVED MINUTES OF 12/10/2019

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held at 11am at the Comstock Community Center, 180 School Road, Wilton

<ul> <li>Bethel</li> <li>Bridgewater</li> <li>Brookfield</li> <li>Danbury</li> <li>Darien</li> <li>Greenwich</li> <li>Transit Representative – HV</li> <li>New Canaan</li> <li>New Fairfield</li> <li>New Milford</li> <li>Newtown</li> <li>Norwalk</li> <li>Transit Representative - SWR</li> <li>Redding</li> <li>Ridgefield</li> <li>Sherman</li> <li>Stamford</li> <li>Weston</li> <li>Westport</li> </ul>	Assistant Director of Public Works Bob Dibble Absent Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco City Traffic Engineer Abdul Barry Mohamed Director of Public Works Ed Gentile Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel Absent Director of Public Works Tiger Mann Absent Grant Writer and Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon Director of Public Works Fred Hurley Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock Chief Executive Officer Kimberlee Morton Absent Absent Traffic Engineer Garrett Bolella Absent Traffic Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Director of Planning and Land Use Robert Nerney

## Also in Attendance:

Kathryn Faraci, Hugh Hayward and Bill Grant from CT DOT, Bethel Town Planner Beth Cavagna, Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski, Frank Sequenzia from Danbury Department of Public Works, Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremey Ginsburg, Greenwich Town Engineer Jason Kaufman, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, New Milford Assistant Director of Public Works Jack Healy, Wilton Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio, Barry Parfitt from Wright Pierce, Paige Lawrence from CTRides and Jennifer Johnson, Karen Kramer and Norman Kramer from Westport. WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Mike Towle, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Paula Burton and Victoria Ricks were in attendance.

# CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:04am by Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments made.

FEATURED SPEAKER: CTDOT Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program - Hugh Hayward, P.E., Principal Engineer; CTDOT Local Roads Unit gave a presentation on the LOTCIP Program.

## BREAK FOR LUNCH

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**WestCOG Data Workshop:** WestCOG Deputy Director Michael Towle presented a summary of the data collected during the Data Workshop assessment completed by the Public Works professionals at the November TAG meeting.

**Regional Transportation Safety Plan Meeting:** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on the status of the meetings with the municipalities regarding their individual safety plans.

**Regional Transportation Priorities:** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on a live poll she conducted at the November COG meeting on the region's transportation priorities. She compared this data to the region's current project list. The next step is to open this poll up to TAG members for their input.

**LOTCIP On-Call Consultants**: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave on update on the status of a WestCOG-solicited list of On-Call (i.e., Task-based) design and construction administration consultants. WestCOG is advancing this initiative and more information will be shared at the January TAG meeting.

#### ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of 11/12/2019 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michael and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Abdul Barry Mohammed, the minutes of the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved, with abstentions by New Milford Grant Writer and Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon, Norwalk Transit **Chief Executive Officer Kimberlee Morton and Darien Director** of Planning and Zoning Jeremey Ginsburg.

**2020 TAG Meeting Schedule:** After review and on a motion made by New Milford Grant Writer and Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon and seconded by **Darien Director** of Planning and Zoning Jeremey Ginsburg, the 2020 TAG Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved.

**2020 Safety Performance Measure Targets:** After review by WestCOG planner Nicole Sullivan and on a motion made by Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock and seconded by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner James Michael, the 2020 Safety Performance Measure Targets were unanimously approved.

**LOTCIP Project Progress Assessment:** Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented information on the status and progress of COG committed LOTCIP projects. On a motion was made by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremey Ginsburg and seconded by New Milford Grant Writer and Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon, the TAG unanimously recommended to leave the current LOTCIP project list as presented and develop an amount that TAG members are comfortable with for over programming the LOTCIP project list.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG: There were none stated.

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

## UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The next TAG meeting will be held on January 8<sup>th</sup>. On a motion duly made and seconded the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 1:41pm.