

APPROVED MINUTES OF 1/8/2020

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held via teleconference

• Bethel	Director of Public Utilities Tom Villa
• Bridgewater	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
• Transit Representative – HV	Transportation Planner Alex Dashev
• New Canaan	Absent
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Director of Public Works Jack Healy
• Newtown	Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
• Transit Representative - SWR	Chief Executive Officer Kimberlee Morton
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	First Selectman Rudy Marconi
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Traffic Engineer Frank Petise
• Weston	Absent
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Director of Planning and Land Use Robert Nerney

Also in Attendance:

Kathryn Faraci from CT DOT, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, Ridgefield Town Engineer Charles Fisher, Ridgefield Director of Parks and Recreation Dennis DiPinto, and Paul DeStefano from Milone and MacBroom. WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kristin Floberg, Kevin Mahoney, and Victoria Ricks were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:02am by Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments made.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Draft RFQ for Task-Based Consultants: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an update on the draft RFQ for Task-Based Consultants. He requested each municipality that intends to use consultant services through the FRQ to that their municipal procurement division review and comment on the document for conformance with their requirements. Kevin also requested all TAG members review the draft and provide comments on suitability and ways to improve the RFQ before it is finalized and issued.

EPT Clean Diesel National DERA Grant Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on a Clean Diesel National DERA Grant that is currently open for solicitation on projects that reduce diesel

emissions. Example projects include verified idle reduction technologies, certified engine replacements , certified vehicle replacements and exhaust control technologies. The max award is \$1,000,000. Please contact Kristin Hadjstylianos at WestCOG with any questions or for more information.

Regional Plan of Conservation and Development – Public Hearing: WestCOG Planner Kristin Floberg gave an update on the public hearing scheduled for the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development at the January 16th COG meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 12/10/2019 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock and seconded by Newtown Public Works Director Fred Hurley, the minutes of the December 10th meeting were unanimously approved, with abstentions by Bethel Director of Public Utilities Tom Villa

LOTICIP Adjustment: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented a requested adjustment to the COG's LOTICIP project commitments. The adjustment will result in a negative balance (overcommitment) of \$1,666,045. On a motion made by Ridgefield Town Engineer Charles Fisher and seconded by Newtown Public Works Director Fred Hurley, the TAG unanimously recommended approving the increase of the Ridgefield Farmingville Road and Ligi's Way Project from \$1,530,000 to \$2,810,000, with abstentions made by Norwalk Transit Chief Executive Officer Kimberlee Morton.

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 January 16th. The next TAG meeting will be held on February 5th. On a motion made by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski and seconded by Newtown Public Works Director Fred Hurley the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:27am.