

**APPROVED MINUTES OF 2/5/2020**

**Technical Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

• 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	Director of Public Works Tiger Mann
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Director of Public Works Jack Healy
• Newtown	Director or Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
• Transit Representative - SWR	Absent
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers
• Weston	Director of Land Use Tracey Kulikowski
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Assistant Director of Public Works Frank Smeriglio

**Also in Attendance:**

Bethel Assistant Director of Public Works Bob Dibble, Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn, New Milford Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, and Stamford Traffic Engineer Garret Bolella. WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Nicole Sullivan, Kevin Mahoney, Mike Towle and Victoria Ricks were also in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was called to order at 11:01am by Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments made.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**LOTICIP Project Status:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented a status summary of all COG-endorsed LOTICIP projects. Status information was requested by the COG and will be provided at a future meeting. To provide accurate information, he requested TAG members review the list and alert him of inaccuracies or omissions.

**EPA Clean Diesel National DERA Grant Program:** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the 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 application deadline is February 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program:** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program, which is a federal program that provides funds to transportation projects and programs that contribute to maintenance of air quality standards. Eligible projects include transit improvements, congestion reduction and traffic flow improvements, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, freight/intermodal projects and idle reduction projects. Please start thinking about project concepts that you might want to submit when the grant program becomes available. Please contact Kristin Hadjstylianos at WestCOG with any questions or for more information.

**CTDEEP – Municipal Clean Fleet Survey and Workshop:** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on a workshop being offered on March 5<sup>th</sup> for municipal fleet managers to learn about the benefits of electrification and funding opportunities.

**Parcel Viewer Map:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle gave a demonstration of the regional parcel viewer map. It will be published on our website and available to the public on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of 1/8/2020 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and seconded by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel, the minutes of the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved.

**Task-Based Consultant RFQ:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an update on the draft Request for Qualifications for Task-Based Consultants. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski and seconded by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, the TAG unanimously recommended that the COG authorize the solicitation.

**LOTICIP Project Solicitation:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney presented a draft LOTICIP Project Solicitation and advised all interested municipalities to begin developing proposals. On a motion made by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski and seconded by Newtown Public Works Director Fred Hurley, the TAG unanimously recommended the project solicitation be authorized by the COG.

**2018–2021 Transportation Improvement Program:** After a review by WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan a motion was made by Newtown Public Works Director Fred Hurley and seconded by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel, the SWRMPO TIP amendment #0089-0129: *New Canaan-Rehab Bridge 05002* was unanimously approved.

#### 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 February 13<sup>th</sup> in Hartford. The next TAG meeting will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>. On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:39am.