

**APPROVED MINUTES OF 5/12/2020**

**Technical Advisory Group (TAG)**

Held via Zoom videoconference

• 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	Chief Executive Officer Rick Schreiner
• New Canaan	Director of Public Works Tiger Mann
• 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 Kim Morton
• Redding	Director of Public Works Jeff Hanson
• 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:**

James Mahoney, Associate Program Director for CT Transportation Lab and Executive Program Director for CT Advanced Pavement Lab, Alex Bernier, Program Director for CT Advanced Pavement Lab, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Mike Fisher from BL Companies, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, HARtransit Planner Alex Dashev, Bethel Assistant Director of Public Works Bob Dibble, **Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt**, New Milford Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon and Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn. WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Nicole Sullivan, Todd Fontanella, Kevin Mahoney, 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.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION**

James Mahoney, Associate Program Director for CT Transportation Lab and Executive Program Director for CT Advanced Pavement Lab presented an asphalt pavement deterioration review. Mr. Mahoney shared photos and results of the asphalt samples taken in our region. Going forward he recommends municipalities should ensure proper preparation and proper compaction on edges for full depth reclamations to get the maximum life out of

asphalt and recommends that municipalities should measure density at time of construction to insure it meets CTDOT specifications.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**FTA Section 5310 Grant Program:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the grant solicitation availability to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible recipients include private non-profit organizations, state or local government authorities and operators of public transportation. If you would like WestCOG to review your application for completeness, please submit your draft application to WestCOG staff by June 19<sup>th</sup>. Final applications are due to WestCOG and CTDOT by June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**State Matching Grant Program (MGP) for Elderly and Demand Response Transportation:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the 2021 application process for the MGP, which provides matching funds for transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities to each municipality. Applications are due to WestCOG and CTDOT by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of 4/8/2020 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, the minutes of the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved.

**2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program:** After a review by WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan and on a motion made by Weston Director of Land Use Tracey Kulikowski and seconded by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, the SWRMPO TIP *Amendment#2020-0521: Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations* was unanimously approved as presented in the memo.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

**Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG:** WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on the Hazard Mitigation Plan. WestCOG consultants Milone and MacBroom have scheduled 11 of the 18 municipality meetings. WestCOG staff are hoping to have the remaining municipality meetings complete by the end of May.

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

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The next TAG meeting will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup>. On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:52am.