

APPROVED MINUTES OF 6/9/2020

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held via Zoom videoconference

• Bethel	Director of Public Utilities Tom Villa
• Bridgewater	Absent
• Brookfield	Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco
• Danbury	Project Engineer Tom Altermatt
• 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	Absent
• Norwalk	Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
• Transit Representative - SWR	Chief Executive Officer Kim Morton
• 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:

Snow Peng ADA Coordinating Engineer from CTDOT, Kimado Simpson from CTDOT, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Mike Fisher from BL Companies, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, HARtransit Planner Alex Dashev, Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, New Milford Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon, Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn, and Greenwich Senior Engineer Jason Kaufman. 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

Snow Peng, ADA Coordinating Engineer for CTDOT gave on presentation on policies and practices related to ADA compliance for public right of way infrastructure, including CT DOT's transition plan. She is available to municipalities for consultation on specific situations.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Sustainable CT Intern Introduction: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos introduced WestCOG's Sustainable CT summer interns Chad Schroeder and Hamsa Ganapathi.

Task Based Transportation Engineering Consultants: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an update on the status and plans for selecting consultants.

LOTICIP Proposals: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney gave an update on the most recent LOTICIP solicitations. Eight municipalities submitted thirteen project proposals, with an aggregate cost of approximately \$31 million. All the proposals have been evaluated by WestCOG staff. A number of proposals are the subject of discussions, with the DOT and/or municipalities, on eligibility. Several municipalities have also been requested to clarify proposals and address technical concerns. He expects to provide the results of the staff evaluation at the next TAG meeting.

FTA Section 5310 Grant Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the grant solicitation that is currently active, reminding attendees that applications are due on June 19th for WestCOG review for completeness and final applications are due to both WestCOG and CTDOT by June 26th.

Regional Transportation Safety Plan Update: WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on the plan. The consultant, VN Engineers, will assign recommendations to the high crash locations based on the countermeasures and funding sources discussed with the municipalities for the upcoming draft report.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 5/12/2020 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and seconded by New Canaan Director of Public Works Tiger Mann, the minutes of the May 12th meeting were unanimously approved.

2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program: After a review by WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and seconded by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel, the SWRMPO TIP *Amendment#2020-0618: Replace Bridge 01350 over Rippowam River in Stamford* 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 June 18th. The next TAG meeting will be held on July 14th. On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:53 am.