

**APPROVED MINUTES OF 7/14/2020**

**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	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	Absent
• 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:**

Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Meg Hafner from the Kennedy Center, Mike Fisher from BL Companies, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski, Darien Assistant Director of Public Works Darren Oustafine, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, New Milford Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon, Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn, and Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt. WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Mike Towle, Todd Fontanella, Kevin Mahoney, Tucker Beckett, Hamsa Ganapathi, Chad Schroeder and Victoria Ricks were also in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**Sustainable CT Intern Fellows 2020:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle gave an update on the sustainable CT program and introduced our fellows, Chad Schroeder and Hamsa Ganapati. The program is intended to recognize communities' sustainability actions and achievements. Currently, thirteen of our member municipalities are working on this program.

**Regional Stormwater Mapping – Meet Tucker Beckett:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle introduced our newest employee, Tucker Beckett. He will be the project lead on the WestCOG MS4 stormwater mapping project. WestCOG’s objective is to provide mapping services to close the gaps between towns and the MS4 permit requirements. Please reach out to Tucker if you have any questions.

**CTDOT Title VI Program, Proposed Service and Fare Equity Policies – Public Comment Period:** WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos asked TAG members to provide feedback on CTDOT’s Proposed Services and Fare Equity Policies as they complete their Title VI Program update. Comments will be accepted from July 1 through August 14<sup>th</sup> via email.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of 6/9/2020 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel and seconded by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski, the minutes of the June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved.

**LOTICIP Proposals:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided a summary of the proposals and staff review results and analysis from the most recent LOTICIP solicitation. Of the thirteen project proposals submitted, ten are recommended for COG endorsement at this time. The LOTICIP funds associated with these ten projects is approximately \$17.8 million. The preliminary determinations of LOTICIP eligibility were made by WestCOG staff. The eligibility of some projects will depend on detailed information regarding existing infrastructure condition and proposed remedial work. Final eligibility determinations will be made by CT DOT upon submission of an Application and supporting information. 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 concurred with the WestCOG staff recommendations.

#### **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 TAG meeting will be held on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The next MPO and COG meetings will be held August 20<sup>th</sup>. On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:28 am.