

APPROVED MINUTES OF 8/18/2020

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 Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg
• 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 Logistics Officer Lori Hammill
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers
• Weston	Absent
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Assistant Director of Public Works Frank Smeriglio

Also in Attendance:

Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, New Milford Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon, Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn, Alex Dashev from HARtransit, and Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt. WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kevin Mahoney, Kristin Floberg, Nicole Sullivan, 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

2021-2024 Draft HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP Schedule: WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on the draft HVMPO and SWRMPO 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The draft TIP will be considered for endorsement at the October 15, 2020 MPO meetings. All materials for the draft 2021-2024 HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP update will be available on the WestCOG website beginning August 24, 2020. In accordance with the WestCOG Public Participation Plan, the required public comment period for the draft TIP is a minimum of 30 days.

Trails Data Collection: WestCOG Planner Kristin Floberg gave an update on the data collection services offered to each municipality for project planning. WestCOG has 3 infrared trail counters, which we have started to collect data at some of the major parks in the region that have seen an uptick in users. If you have any parks or trails in your towns that you would like to get counts, we can place one counter or up to three on a system of trails. This data can help you understand how residents are using your trails. These cameras are also available for sidewalk data collection. If you have any questions or would like to use this service, please reach out to WestCOG staff member, Kristin Floberg.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 7/14/2020 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and seconded by Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock, the minutes of the July 14th meeting were unanimously approved.

2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program: After a review by WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and seconded by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg, the SWRMPO TIP *Amendment#2020-0820: Norwalk Transit District – Facility Rehabilitation and Improvements and Pulse Point Rehabilitation and Improvements* were unanimously approved as presented in the memo.

Section 5310 Review of Applications Priorities: After a review by WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella and on a motion made by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg, and seconded by Norwalk Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock, the prioritization of Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Applications for both the HVMPO and SWRMPO were unanimously approved as presented.

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 September 8th. The next MPO and COG meetings will be held August 20th. On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:18 am.