

APPROVED MINUTES OF 12/8/2020

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held via Zoom videoconference

• Bethel	Director of Public Works Eric Swenson
• 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	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 of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Assistant Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock
• Transit Representative – SWR	Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Morton
• Redding	Director of Public Works Jeff Hanson
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Absent
• Weston	Director of Land Use Tracey Kulikowski
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Assistant Director of Public Works Frank Smeriglio

Also in Attendance:

Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, New Milford Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Joanna Wozniak-Brown from Resilient CT and Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center. WestCOG staff members: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Mike Towle, Todd Fontanella, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, Tucker Beckett, and Victoria Ricks were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:30am by Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments made.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FHWA Highway Safety Performance Targets for 2021: WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on CTDOT's proposed safety targets for 2021. CTDOT has proposed returning to the 2014/2015 safety target levels. The next step is for TAG members to consider recommending the MPO's to endorse the CTDOT safety targets as presented or to develop different safety targets before the 180-day window closes on February 26, 2021.

UConn CIRCA Resilient CT: Joanna Wozniak-Brown from Resilient CT gave an update on the Resilient CT CIRCA project, which is a project to develop resilience planning framework and assessments, develop implementation plans, assess flood risk, evaluate adaptation options, and engage stakeholders in New Haven and Fairfield counties to address vulnerabilities to future climate change and sea level rise.

MS4 Update: WestCOG GIS Analyst Tucker Beckett gave an update on the status of the municipal stormwater infrastructure mapping project and informed TAG members that WestCOG is exploring a grant application that would fund the assistance of the data collection.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 11/10/2020 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg, the minutes of the November 10th meeting were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle conducted a poll with TAG members to determine if they would find value in WestCOG doing a study to develop a “Reduced Capacity” snowplow optimization scenarios, or if there is any value in WestCOG hosting a Winter Maintenance Workshop, the last one was held in 2018. The results will be shared with TAG members after the meeting.

WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Program (CMAQ), which is a federal program that provides funds to transportation projects and programs that contribute to maintenance of air quality standards. She asked TAG members to start thinking about project concepts and reviewing the program guidelines and application from CTDOT. Based on the preliminary schedule, complete applications will be due to WestCOG by February 21, 2021. WestCOG will issue a formal regional solicitation soon.

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 January 12th. The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on December 17th. On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:05pm.