

## APPROVED MINUTES OF 2/9/2021

### Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held via Zoom videoconference

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| • Bethel                       | Director of Public Works Eric Swenson              |
| • Bridgewater                  | Absent   |
| • Brookfield                   | Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco             |
| • Danbury                      | Absent   |
| • Darien                       | Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsburg    |
| • 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 Kimberly Morton            |
| • Redding                      | Absent   |
| • 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, New Milford Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn, HARTransit Planner Alex Dashev, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Victoria Vetre from SLR Consulting, and Ken Radzwion from BL Companies. WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kevin Mahoney, 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

UConn CIRCA Resilient CT: WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan shared the materials and presentation from the Resilient Connecticut workshop which occurred on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Victoria Vetre, from SLR Consulting, gave an update on the progress made on the Resilient CT CIRCA project during January, in which four regional workshops were completed with over 100 registrants. The next steps are to incorporate the workshop feedback

into the Climate Change Vulnerability Index and Zones of Shared Risk. If you have any questions about the workshop or about the work being completed, please contact WestCOG staff members.

**Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program:** WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the Congestion Mitigation and 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. WestCOG staff discussed that applications must be prioritized by the MPOs, the top three priorities will advance to CTDOT for consideration and will compete against applications from other MPOs in the state with preference given to projects that have regional significance. WestCOG staff will provide an overview of all submitted applications at the March TAG meeting, and TAG members will be asked to recommend the projects for endorsement at the March MPO meeting.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of 01/12/2020 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Weston Director of Land Use Tracey Kulikowski and seconded by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, the minutes of the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved, with an abstention made by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsburg.

**FTA Transit Safety Performance Targets:** WestCOG Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on CTDOT's proposed FTA transit safety targets for 2021. With consultation between WestCOG staff and HARTransit the HVMPO targets are finalized. The SWRMPO final safety targets remain in development pending review by CTDOT/CTTransit and Norwalk Transit District. After review and on a motion made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg, the HVMPO FTA transit safety performance targets were unanimously approved and will be presented to MPO members at the February meeting.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Discussion Items as Raised by the TAG:** Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley is working with PURA to discuss how virtual net metering credits are being applied to municipalities. PURA is working on a re-allocation plan for the existing credits. If any municipality would like to be added to the filing with PURA regarding this re-allocation, please contact Fred. Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley also brought up that he is working with some private companies that have offered to install charging stations for free and the municipality will only be required to pay for the electricity. If any municipality would like more information on this, please contact Fred.

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

#### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT**

The next TAG meeting will be held on March 9<sup>th</sup>. The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup>. On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:23am.