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INTERIM MINUTES OF 4/13/2021

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held via Zoom videoconference

• Bethel	Absent
• Bridgewater	Absent
• Brookfield	Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco
• Danbury	Traffic Engineer Abdul Mohamed
• Darien	Director of Public works Ed Gentile
• Greenwich	Sr. Civil Engineer Jason Kaufman,
• 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 Director of Transportation Services Garrett Bolella
• Transit Representative – SWR	Paul Chenard
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Interim Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise
• Weston	Absent
• Westport	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, , Norwalk Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock, Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Alex Dashev from HART Transit, Alec Slatky from AAA Northeast, Bridget Boucaud from VN Engineers, Eric Tang and Steve O’Neill from VHB, David Murphy from SLR Consulting, WestCOG staff members; Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, and Cricket Carpenter were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:02am by Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments made.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Bridget Boucaud from VN Engineers along with Eric Tang and Steve O'Neill from VHB gave a presentation on the WestCOG Regional Transportation Safety Plan 2021. Another Presentation will made to the MPO Board members at the April 22nd meeting. Comments will be accepted by the Municipalities through May 7th. Any questions should be directed to Nicole Sullivan at: nsullivan@westcog.org

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

UCONN CIRCA Resilient CT: David Murphy from SLR Consulting gave an update on the Resilient CT project. The next set of workshops will begin on May 26th for planning Phase 3, which includes engaging with community partners, groups, and health advocates that are working in the WestCOG region. If you have any questions about the workshop or about the work being completed, please contact WestCOG staff members.

Unified Planning Work Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the development of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 22 and 23. The UPWP is a federal requirement for MPOs. A draft was shared with the Region on March 16th. Municipalities will have through Friday April 23rd to review the program. The final version will be shared for endorsement at the May TAG and MPO meetings.

CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the applications process for the CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation. Applications are due by April 30th to WestCOG staff. The applications will be reviewed at the June TAG and MPO meetings. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Todd.

State Matching Grant Program: WestCOG Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview on the State Matching Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to provide funding to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities. The required materials are due to WestCOG and CTDOT by May 3rd. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Todd.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 03/09 Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Abdul Mohamed, the minutes of the March 9th meeting were unanimously approved, with an abstention made by Norwalk Assistant Director of Transportation Garrett Bolella.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program: After a review by WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan, a motion was made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy, to unanimously approve the HVMPO TIP Amendment for Project #0034-0354 *Replace stone box culvert on South Street in Danbury under Rte. 53 with a new culvert approximately 200 feet west of Town Hill Ave.* Project #0116-0135 *Replace bridge 01015 over Saugatuck Reservoir in Redding.* Project #0174-0443 *Traffic signal LED re-lamping in district four.*

LOTICIP Adjustment: After a presentation by WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney, a motion to recommend the COG's endorsement of an additional project sponsored by the City of Stamford, known as the

Shippan-Harbor-Magee Roundabout, was made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg, seconded by Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, and unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

There were none stated.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS/ ADJOURNMENT

The next TAG meeting will be held on May 11th. The next MPO and COG meetings will be held on April 22nd. On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:50am.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE TAG MEMBERS