

APPROVED MINUTES OF 08/10/2021

Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held via Zoom videoconference

• Bethel	Director of Public Works Eric Swenson
• Bridgewater	Absent
• Brookfield	Project Manager Greg Dembowski
• Danbury	Traffic Engineer Abdul Mohamed
• Darien	Director of Public Works Ed Gentile
• Greenwich	Absent
• Transit Representative – HV	CEO Rick Schreiner
• New Canaan	Town Engineer Maria Coplit
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Grants and Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon
• Newtown	Absent
• Norwalk	Director Transportation, Mobility and Parking, Jim Travers
• Transit Representative – SWR	Manager of Transportation Planning and Marketing Paul Chenard
• Redding	Director of Public Works Jeff Hanson
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Absent
• Weston	Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Absent

Also, in Attendance: Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, Norwalk Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock, WestCOG staff members, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Stevenson, Tucker Beckett, Cricket Carpenter, and Mike Towle.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was called to order at 11:04am by WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle. There were no public comments.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

DEEP Recreational Trails Grants Program: Mike Towle gave an overview. The deadline for Proposals is November 1st, 2021. For more information, please visit the website: <https://portal.gov/DEEP/Outdoor-Recreation/Trails/CRT--Funding>

LOTICIP Project Solicitation: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney indicated WestCOG intends to solicit projects for LOTICIP fundings. The LOTICIP Solicitation has been drafted and will involve the following requirements:

1. The COG needs to authorize the Solicitation.
2. The DOT is expected to update to the LOTICIP guidelines before the Solicitation is released.

Municipalities should be putting together anticipated projects as once the Solicitation is released, there will a deadline. If you have any questions, you may contact Kevin at the office.

Study for Conceptual Development of Congestion Reduction Project: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney indicated an intent to issue a RFQ for a consultant to study congestion hotspots across the region. The intent is to create a pipeline of municipally-administered, congestion reduction projects, the study will exclude consideration of mainline freeways (e.g., Route 15, I-84, I-95).

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of June 8th, 2021, Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt and seconded by Norwalk Principal Engineer Michael Yeosock, the minutes of the June 8th meeting were unanimously approved.

2021-2024 SWRMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments: WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle reviewed the amendments to project # 0173-0497: Upgrade and install CCTV Cameras at various locations in the SWRMPO, and to project # 0102-0296: Resurfacing, Bridge, and safety improvements – CT 124 to Newtown Turnpike in Norwalk and New Canaan. After review and on a motion made by Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski and seconded by Norwalk Principal Planner Michael Yeosock, the TIP amendments were unanimously approved with abstentions made by HV Transit CEO Rick Schreiner, and Redding Director of Public Works Jeff Hanson.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

COG: 08/19/2021

TAG: 09/14/2021

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:24am.