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## **Approved** MINUTES OF 09/14/2021 Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held via Zoom videoconference

• Bethel	Absent
• Bridgewater	Absent
• Brookfield	Project Manager Greg Dembowski
• Danbury	Traffic Engineer Abdul Mohamed
• Darien	Director of P&Z Jeremy Ginsberg
• Greenwich	Absent
• Transit Representative – HV	Absent
• New Canaan	Town Engineer Maria Coplit
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Public Works Director Jack Healy
• Newtown	Absent
• Norwalk	Absent
• Transit Representative – SWR	NTD Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Morton
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Interim Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise
• Weston	Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Assistant director of Public Works Frank Smeriglio

**Also, in Attendance:** Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, New Milford Grants and Compliance Specialist Tammy Reardon, Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Lynn DiGiovanni from M&J Engineering, WestCOG staff members, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Kevin Mahoney, Nicole Sullivan, Tucker Beckett, Cricket Carpenter, and Mike Towle.

#### CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was called to order at 11:01am by WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos There were no public comments.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**MS4 Mapping Update:** WestCOG GIS Analyst Tucker Beckett gave an overview and a demonstration of the application.

**CTDEEP Volkswagen VOx Mitigation Program:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview. Please note that the deadline for the program is 4:00 PM on September 30<sup>th</sup>2021. For more information and to download the application materials visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/AIR/Mobile-Sources/VW/VW-Settlement---Grants>. If you have any questions, please contact Todd at the office.

**CTDOT Air Quality Modeling Update:** WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an overview of the projects identified by CTDOT that will be included in the upcoming air quality modeling analysis. WestCOG staff will continue to provide updates to the region as CTDOT begins the modeling process.

#### ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of August 10th, 2021, Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg, the minutes of the August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved with abstentions made by Stamford Interim Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, Darien Director of P&Z Jeremy Ginsberg, and Wilton Town Planner Michael Wrinn.

**2021-2024 HVRMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments:** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan reviewed the amendment to project#0090-0100 Failed pipe replacement under Lavalley Avenue in New Fairfield. After further inspection, CTDOT determined that a repair will be needed and completed by State maintenance. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Public Works Director Jack Healy and seconded by Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, the TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

**FTA Section 5310 Priorities:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski seconded by NTD Executive Officer Kimberly Morton the FTA Section 5310 Priorities were unanimously approved.

**LOTICIP Adjustments:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney introduced New Milford Public Works Director Jack Healy who gave an overview of the requested LOTICIP increase for the Pumpkin Hill -Still River project and Acting Bureau Chief Frank Petise from Stamford who gave an overview of the 360 Degree video Detection request. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield project Manager Greg Dembowski and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS and ITEMS OF INTEREST:** No other business was raised.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS:

COG: 09/23/2021

TAG: 10/12/2021

#### ADJOURNMENT

On a motion duly made the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:26am.