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INTERIM MINUTES OF 01/11/2022 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 P & Z Jeremy Ginsberg
• Greenwich	Town Engineer Jason Kaufman
• Transit Representative – HV	HARTransit Chief Executive Officer Rick Schreiner
• New Canaan	Director of Public Works Tiger Mann
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Public Works Director Jack Healy
• Newtown	Absent
• Norwalk	Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking, Jim Travers
• Transit Representative – SWR	NTD Manager of Transportation & Planning Paul Chenard
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Absent
• Weston	Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski
• Westport	Absent
• Wilton	Assistant Director of Public Works Frank Smeriglio

Also, in Attendance: Brookfield Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Maria Coplit from New Canaan, Principal Engineer Mike Yeosock, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Alec Slatky from AAA, NW Regional Mobility Manager April Chaplin, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, Paul Hearn from Baralmar Advisors LLC, WestCOG staff members, Michael Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, and Cricket Carpenter.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEM

Using Your Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP):

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle gave a demonstration. The Hazard Mitigation Plan may be accessed on the WestCOG website: <https://westcog.org/>

UConn T2 Center updates:

WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update. The events are scheduled for January 27th and February 24th. For more information please visit: <https://www.cti.uconn.edu/assnfe/ev.asp?ID=2124>

CTDOT Draft Capital Plan:

WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of December 8th, 2021, Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Darien Director of Public Work Jeremy Ginsberg and seconded by Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski the minutes of the December 8th, 2021, meeting were unanimously approved.

CTDOT 2022 Safety Targets:

WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking, Jim Travers and seconded by New Milford Public Works Director Jack Healy, the CTDOT 2022 Safety Targets were unanimously approved.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski and seconded by Wilton Assistant Director of Public Works Frank Smeriglio, the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS and ITEMS OF INTEREST:

WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an update on the CMAQ applications and the Corridor Study applications. The CMAQ applications are still being reviewed. In regards to the Corridor Study applications, the DOT is assigning project managers internally for the planning studies that will move forward. There is no word yet on what studies will be selected.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MPO/COG: 01/20/2022

TAG: 01/11/2022

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:28 am.