

APPROVED MINUTES OF 07/12/2022
Technical Advisory Group (TAG)

Held at: 1 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 and Zoom webinar

• Bethel	Director of Public Works Eric Swenson
• Bridgewater	Absent
• Brookfield	Project Manager Greg Dembowski
• Danbury	City of Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda
• Darien	Director of Public Works Ed Gentile
• Greenwich	Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel
• Transit Representative - HV	HARTransit Chief Executive Officer Rick Schreiner
• New Canaan	Town Engineer Maria Coplit
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Absent
• Newtown	Public Works Director Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Assistant Director of Transportation Services Garrett Bolella
• Transit Representative-SWR	Chief Norwalk Transit Executive Officer Kimberlee Morton
• Redding	Director of Public Works James Gracy
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise
• Weston	Director of Land Use Tracy Kulikowski
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio

Also, in Attendance: Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, Norwalk City Traffic Engineer Fred Eshraghi, NTD Chief Financial Officer Matt Pentz, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, WestCOG staff members, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Michael Towle, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, and Cricket Carpenter.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT:

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CT Office of Policy and Management TOD Grant Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview. Program information and forms are available at [2022 TOD \(ct.gov\)](https://www.ct.gov/2022TOD) and must be

submitted by 5:00pm on September 1, 2022. If you have any questions, contact Todd Fontanella at WestCOG, (475) 323-2076 or tfontanella@westcog.org.

USDOT RCP Discretionary Grant Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview. The Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is available at: https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-06/RCP_NOFO_FY22.pdf. Applications are due on October 13, 2022. If you have any questions, contact Todd Fontanella at WestCOG by phone at (475) 323-2076 or by email at tfontanella@westcog.org.

FTA Section 5310 Update: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an update. Those interested in being on the FTA Section 5310 committee should contact Todd.

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. The deadline for applications is September 15th 2022.

2022 LOTCIP Solicitation: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an update.

LOTICIP Project Progress Review: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an update.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the June 8th 2022, Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Newtown Public Works Director Fred Hurley the June 8th minutes were unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Assistant Director of Transportation Services Garrett Bolella and Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

Regional Transportation Safety Plan Addendum: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an update. After review and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the Regional Transportation Safety Plan Addendum was unanimously approved.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (SWRMPO): WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel and seconded by Wilton Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio the 2021-2024 TIP SWRMPO amendments were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS and ITEMS OF INTEREST: WestCOG Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an update on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski discussed raising the cap on LOTICIP adjustments.

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided an update on the Broadband Study and requested that municipalities participate on the internet survey that can be found on the WestCOG website: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WestCOG_CS

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MPO/COG: 08/21/2022

TAG: 08/09/2022

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at **12:07 p.m.**