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## INTERIM MINUTES OF 08/09/2022

### 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	Absent
• Danbury	City of Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda
• Darien	Darien Director of Land Use Jeremy Ginsberg
• 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	Absent
• Redding	Director of Public Works James Gracy
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Municipal representation noted below
• Weston	Director of Land Use Tracy Kulikowski
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Absent

**Others Attending:** Sara Radacsi from CTDOT COG Coordination Unit, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, HARtransit Operations Planner Guyauth Gabbidon, Norwalk City Engineer Mike Yeosock, Norwalk City Traffic Engineer Fred Eshraghi, Stamford DOT Intern Luke Bittenwieser WestCOG staff members, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Michael Towle, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, and Cricket Carpenter. BL Companies Sr. project Manager Michael Fisher and Bonnie Edwards were also in attendance.

## 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 DEEP Volkswagon EVSE Phase 1:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview.

**USDOT SMART Program:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview. The Program Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be released in mid-September. If you have any questions, contact Todd Fontanella at WestCOG by phone at: (475) 323-2076 or by email at [tfontanella@westcog.org](mailto:tfontanella@westcog.org).

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

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of the July 12<sup>th</sup> 2022, Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Newtown Public Works Director Fred Hurley and seconded by Danbury Project Director Tom Altermatt the July 12<sup>th</sup> minutes were unanimously approved.

**2022 LOTCIP Solicitation:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an update. After review and on a motion made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Norwalk Assistant Director of Transportation Services Garrett Bolella the 2022 LOTCIP Solicitation was unanimously approved.

**2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (HVMPO):** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown Director of Public works Fred Hurley and seconded by Weston Land Use Director Tracy Kulikowski the 2021-2024 TIP HVMPO amendments were unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS and ITEMS OF INTEREST:** WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided an update on the Broadband Survey. Mike encouraged municipalities to complete the survey that is available on the WestCOG website at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WestCOG\\_CS](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 **11:27 am** .