

Executive Committee Notes

for the 08/11/2022 Meeting

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel..... First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Darien First Selectman Monica McNally
New Canaan..... First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Wilton..... First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice

OTHERS ATTENDING: WestCOG Staff- Executive Director Francis Pickering, Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos

The meeting began at: 11:13 a.m.

WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided updates on the following Transportation items:

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)** – Working on the MTP plan, updates will be provided at future MPO meetings about progress and public engagement.
- **LOTICIP** – The draft solicitation has been reviewed and approved by the TAG members. A copy will be shared at the upcoming COG meeting for approval.
- **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Greenhouse Gas Emissions** – The WestCOG staff will prepare a draft letter with comments in September for COG review.
- **Discretionary Grants Applications**
 - **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program** – A Regional application is in development for the September 15th deadline.
 - **Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program** –A meeting was held with Darien, Norwalk, and Stamford to discuss a potential regional project.
- **BUILD Reallocation Award – Regional Value Capture Mechanism Study** – USDOT approved additional funding for the study, WestCOG will need to increase the local match.
- **Central Business District Tolling Program – Environmental Assessment** – The Draft Environmental Assessment is available for review. The public comment period is open August 10th – September 9th.
- **Transportation Studies** – Brief update on status of planning projects.

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided updates on the following projects:

- **Regional Performance Incentive Program Update** – An application was submitted for the Regional Firearm Training Facility.
- **Fee Schedule** – Continuing updates
- **Affordable housing financing study** – Interviewing consultant in September.
- **Flood management assistance** – Identified municipal projects eligible under the BRIC program, staff will be reaching out to affected property owners.
- **Legislative Committee** – Reaching out for volunteers to serve on a committee and develop priorities for 2023.
- **ACIR/CCDF** – ACIR will be looking at municipal data and how it's used. ACIR will also be looking at property tax reform.
- **Broadband Survey Strategy** – Reminded municipalities about sharing the survey to collect more responses.
- **CEDS Update** – A draft of the plan is under development.
- **Recruitment (Transportation Planner)** – The job posting is still open.

Upcoming meetings

- COG/MPO August 18th, 2022
- TAG Meeting September 13th, 2022