

Executive Committee Notes
for the 10/5/2022 Meeting

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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 and Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos

The meeting began at: 2:04

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

- **Grant Programs:**
 - **Safe Streets and Roads for All** – WestCOG submitted a regional application on September 14th. USDOT expects to make award announcements in early 2023.
 - **USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program** – Notice of Funding Opportunity was announced recently, and applications will be accepted through November 18th.
 - **FTA Section 5310** – WestCOG expects CTDOT to announce a solicitation for applications later this fall.
 - **National Culvert Removal, Replacement, & Restoration Grant** – This is a new discretionary grant program through USDOT, a solicitation for projects is expected to open later this year.
- **Transportation Studies:**
 - **Quiet Zone Study** – WestCOG is continuing fee negotiations and drafting contract documents with the selected consultant.
 - **BUILD Grant** – proposals are due October 26th.
 - **Congestion Reduction Study** – WestCOG is signing a contract with the selected consultant, work is expected to begin in October.
- **Public Involvement Plan** – WestCOG has prepared a draft update to the plan, it will be released later this month and there will be a 45-day public comment period.
- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan** – staff are continuing to work on the plan update, there will be stakeholder and public outreach pop-up events this month.

- **LOTICIP Solicitation**–The solicitation is open and will be accepting proposals from municipalities through October 7th.
- **Municipal ADA Transition Plans** – Staff distributed a survey to gauge interest in preparing a grant application to develop plans for each municipality.
- **State Rail Plan** – CTDOT has released a draft plan for review. WestCOG will prepare a draft letter with comments for review at the October MPO meeting.
- **State Freight Plan** – CTDOT has released a draft plan for review. WestCOG will prepare a draft letter with comments for review at the October MPO meeting.

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering provided updates on the following Regional Planning/Services Project Updates, Policy, and Other Business items:

- **Regional Firing Range** – An updated grant application has been submitted to RPIP.
- **Broadband** – WestCOG will be working with Wilton on a pilot study.
- **Flood Mitigation** – WestCOG sent letters out to affected property owners, a workshop will be held later this month to provide more information.
- **CEDS** – A draft will be released later this month for public comment.
- **Cyber Security Grant** – Axiomatic will be preparing a regional grant application.
- **Climate Resilience Grant** – Discussion about this program.
- **Legislative Committee** – The Committee will be meeting to review concepts.
- **Quarterly Financial Update** – Will be presented at the next COG meeting.
- **WestCOG Primer** – This will be a presentation at a future COG meeting.
- **Hiring a Transportation Planner** – WestCOG is reviewing applications.

- **Upcoming meetings**

TAG Meeting: October 11th 2022

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