

APPROVED MINUTES OF 10/11/2022

Technical Advisory Group Special Meeting (TAG)

Held at: 1 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

• Bethel	Director of Public Works Eric Swenson
• Bridgewater	Absent
• Brookfield	Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco
• 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	Director of Public Works Tiger Mann
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Public Works Director Jack Healy
• Newtown	Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking, Jim Travers
• Transit Representative-SWR	Absent
• Redding	Absent
• 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 Planning & Land Use Michael Wrinn

Others Attending: Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dombrowski, Norwalk Transportation, Mobility, and Parking Engineer Mike Yeosock, Norwalk City Traffic Engineer Fred Eshraghi, Weston Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Danbury Wilton Director of Planning & Land Use Michael Wrinn, Sara Radacsi from CTDOT COG Coordination Unit, WestCOG staff members Michael Towle, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, and Cricket Carpenter.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle. There were no public comments.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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

Technical Advisory Committee, Congestion Reduction Project Scopes: Kevin Mahoney provided the overview and invited TAG members to join the Steering committee.

USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Program: WestCOG Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview. The deadline for applications is November 18th at 5 p.m. For more information you may visit the USDOT website at:
<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/smart/how-apply>

USDOT National Culvert Removal, Replacement and Restoration–Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage Program: Todd Fontanella provided an overview. The deadline for applications is February 6, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. For more information please visit:
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/culverts_fact_sheet.cfm

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update: WestCOG Planner Kristin Floberg provided the update. There will be a MTP workshop at the November TAG meeting.

CTDOT Draft Statewide Rail Plan and Draft Statewide Freight Plan: Todd Fontanella provided a review of the Statewide plans. Comments will be shared at the November COG meeting.

T2 Center – CT Green Snow Pro Training: Kristin Floberg provided a review on the training available. The WestCOG website has a video on winter maintenance training. To view the video, please visit:
<https://westcog.org/environmental/winter-maintenance/>

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the September 20th 2022 Special Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Norwalk City Traffic Engineer Fred Eshraghi and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the September 20th Special meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

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

LOTICIP Adjustments: Kevin Mahoney provided a review. 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 LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS and ITEMS OF INTEREST: WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle gave a brief update on Broadband. WestCOG will be working with Wilton on a pilot study. If your municipality is interested in being part of the program, please contact Mike at: mtowle@westcog.org

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MPO/COG: 10/20/2022

TAG: 11/08/2022

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:45 a.m .