

Executive Committee Notes

for the 12/7/2022 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, Deputy Director Mike Towle, and Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos

The meeting began at: 2:03

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

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan** – Staff are continuing to work on the plan update. There will be presentations starting in January to go over elements of the plan.
- **Draft Public Involvement Plan** – The public comment period closes next week and the final plan will be shared with the TAG and MPO for endorsement at the December meetings.
- **Transportation Studies:**
 - **BUILD** – WestCOG interviewed consultants in November and the panel are completing their evaluations.
 - **Quiet Zone** – Draft contract is under legal review, expect to execute this month.
 - **Norwalk Route 1** – WestCOG staff worked on solicitation materials, waiting for Project Authorization Letter.
- **Grant Updates:**
 - **SMART Grant** – WestCOG submitted an application to study ramp metering.
 - **Thriving Communities Program** – WestCOG contacted eligible municipalities. City of Danbury submitted an application and included WestCOG as a community partner.
 - **Municipal ADA Transition Plans** – WestCOG submitted grant application on December 1st.

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

- **PL Funding** – Discussion on the formula used for MPO transportation funding.
- **Land Use Commissioner Training** – WestCOG will assist with coordinating training opportunities, suggested developing a library of training videos.
- **Decarbonization Report** – A draft of this report will be shared soon for review.
- **Legislative Committee/Policy Priorities** – A draft of legislative priorities has been refined based on feedback from the November COG meeting. WestCOG will prepare an executive summary with bill language for the December 15th meeting.

- **Financial and Business** – Discussion on flood management funding. Discussion on projects for summer interns to provide MS4 data collection assistance for municipalities.
- **Internship Projects** – Stormwater mapping is under consideration. WestCOG will explore with the TAG.

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle gave an update on the following:

- **Regional Firearms Training Facility** – update on status of grant and discussion on establishing a working group to guide the development of the facility. WestCOG will reach out to the municipalities with a draft list of participants needed for a task force.

Upcoming meetings

- TAG Meeting: December 13th 2022
- MPO/COG Meeting and Legislative Luncheon: December 15th 2022