

# Executive Committee Notes

for the 1/5/2023 Meeting



## MEMBERS ATTENDING

Darien                First Selectman Monica McNally  
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: 11:00

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 in January and February to go over elements of the plan.
- **2020 Census Urban Areas** – U.S. Census Bureau announced on December 29<sup>th</sup> the new urban areas based on data from the 2020 Census. Staff will provide updates on changes in the region and any impacts on transportation funding.
- **Study Updates:**
  - **BUILD** – WestCOG is drafting contract documents and expects to sign with the consultant in January.
  - **Quiet Zone** – Contract will be signed with the consultant in early January.
- **Grant Updates:**
  - **Community Connectivity Grant Program** – expect a new solicitation from CTDOT later this month.
  - **SS4A** – USDOT is expected to make award announcements in early 2023.
  - **Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP)** - WestCOG staff will coordinate directly with the eligible municipalities to discuss potential projects. Applications are due to CTDOT on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** – USDOT announced a new solicitation for applications. WestCOG will be coordinating meetings to discuss potential applications for the region.

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

- **Georgetown-Branchville Sewer Feasibility Study (Matching Requirements)** – Discussion with Redding and Ridgefield about providing the local match.
- **Affordable Housing Financing Study** – This study will begin soon, WestCOG will be coordinating a Steering Committee to oversee development of the project and will be looking for representatives to participate.
- **Broadband Project Update** – Work is underway for Ridgefield, Wilton and New Fairfield.
- **Regional Firearms Training Facility Update** – Discussion on budget.
- **WestCOG Foundation** – Meeting will be held on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

- **Legislative Committee** – Discussion on legislative topics.

#### Upcoming meetings

- TAG Meeting: January 10, 2022
- WCEDD: Thursday, January 12, 2023 @ 1pm via Zoom
- MPO/COG: January 19, 2023
- WestCOG Foundation Annual Meeting: January 19, 2023