

# Executive Committee Notes

for the 2/1/2023 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: 2:15

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

- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan** – The draft of the plan will be released in early February, there will be presentations at the upcoming TAG and MPO meetings, and there will be three public information meetings.
- **Transportation Studies** –
  - **BUILD** – The draft contract is under legal review and the study is expected to begin this month.
  - **Quiet Zone** – Contract was signed in January, the consultants have started data collection and stakeholder coordination.
  - **Norwalk Route 1** – draft solicitation materials have been sent to Norwalk for review, a DBE goal was assigned to the study, and WestCOG is awaiting final approval from CTDOT to begin solicitation process.
- **Grant Updates:**
  - **CTDEEP Recreational Trails Grant Program** – CTDEEP is accepting applications through March 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - **Community Connectivity Grant Program** – expect a new solicitation from CTDOT soon.
  - **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)** – USDOT is accepting applications through February 28<sup>th</sup>. WestCOG is coordinating a regional application for trail planning, routing and design.
- **SWRMPO Transit Representative** – discussion to be held at next MPO meeting.

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided updates on the following items:

- **Regional Firearms Training Facility Update** – WestCOG has prepared a revised budget for review by OPM.
- **Stormwater Mapping Program** – WestCOG is seeking to hire three interns this summer to map underground to help with MS4 requirements.
- **Broadband Project Update** – Work is underway for Ridgefield, Wilton and New Fairfield. Funding is available to do work for one more municipality.

- **Cyber Security Program** – National Guard is offering cyber security assessments to the municipalities.

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

- **WestCOG Foundation** – There will be a meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Affordable Housing Financing Study** – WestCOG held the kick-off meeting and will be coordinating an Advisory Committee to oversee development of the project and will be looking for representatives to participate.
- **Policy and Legislation** – WestCOG is continuing to review bills and provide testimony, any testimony provided is updated on the WestCOG website for review.
- **Financial-Auditor RFQ** – WestCOG will continue with existing auditor.

#### Upcoming meetings

- TAG Meeting: February 7th, 2022
- MPO/COG/WestCOG Foundation Annual Meeting: February 16, 2023