# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



## APPROVED MINUTES OF 02/14/2023

Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG)

1 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 and via Zoom: <a href="https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89531093509">https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89531093509</a>

Bethel AbsentBridgewater Absent

Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski

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
 Town Engineer Maria Coplit

New Fairfield Absent

New Milford
 Director of Public Works Jack Healy

Newtown Deputy Director of Planning Rob Sibley

Norwalk
 Asst. Director of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking Garrett Bolella

• Transit Representative-SWR Absent

• Redding Director of Public Works James Gracy

Ridgefield Absent

• Sherman Public Works Department Supervisor Kris Fazzone

Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise
 Weston Director of Land Use Tracy Kulikowski

Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg

Wilton Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio

Others Attending: Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, Norwalk Traffic Engineer Fred Eshraghi, FHWA Transportation Planner Jennifer Carrier, CTDOT Transportation Planner Kevin Tedesco, WestCOG staff members Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, and Cricket Carpenter. Others in attendance: Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective

#### CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION: Metropolitan Transportation Plan:** WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos and senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided the presentation. To

view the plan please visit: <a href="https://westcog.org/transportation/foundational-plans/metropolitan-transportation-plans/">https://westcog.org/transportation/foundational-plans/metropolitan-transportation-plans/</a>

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

CTDEEP Recreational Trails Grant Program: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the review. Applications are now open. The deadline Is March 1<sup>st</sup> 2023.

USDOT RAISE Grant Program: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update.

Unified Planning Work Program: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update.

**Microtransit Grant Program:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview. Applications are now open. The deadline is April 28<sup>th</sup> 2023.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of January 10<sup>th</sup> 2022 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel the minutes of the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved.

**2021-2024** Transportation Improvement Program: WestCOG's Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown Deputy Director of Planning Rob Sibley and seconded by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise the 2021-2024 TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

Transit Asset Management Performance Targets: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy and seconded by New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit the Transit Asset Management Performance Targets were unanimously approved.

Transit Safety Performance Targets: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Assistant Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking, Garrett Bolella and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the Transit Safety Performance Targets were unanimously approved.

**LOTCIP Adjustments:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the LOTCIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Kristin Hadjstylianos announced that DOT will be releasing the Connectivity Grant Program in the next couple of weeks.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- MPO/COG/WestCOG Foundation meeting- 02/16/2023
- TAG Meeting 03/07/2023

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:11 p.m.