

Executive Committee Notes

for the 3/1/2023 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: 2:02

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

- **Unified Planning Work Program** – Staff are working on a draft of the UPWP and will share next month for review.
- **Metropolitan Transportation Plan** – The draft of the plan has been released and a public comment period is open until March 9th. Three public information meetings were held to present the draft plan and receive public comments. Staff will update the plan and present the final version for endorsement later this month.
- **Transportation Studies** –
 - **BUILD** – The draft contract is under legal review.
 - **Quiet Zone** – The consultant has started data collection and has coordinated the Diagnostic Team Meeting and will coordinate additional stakeholder meetings in March.
- **Grant Opportunities/Updates:**
 - **Community Connectivity Grant Program** – CTDOT has issued a solicitation for new projects. Applications are due in July.
 - **RAISE** – WestCOG submitted the regional application on 2/28.
 - **SS4A** – WestCOG’s application was not awarded this round. WestCOG plans to resubmit the application during the next solicitation later this year.

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

- **Regional Firearms Training Facility Update** – WestCOG is working on cost estimates for the project.
- **Stormwater Mapping Program** – WestCOG has interviewed candidates and plans to hire three interns to assist with this project.
- **Broadband Project Update** – A draft of Ridgefield’s plan is almost ready and New Fairfield’s draft document will follow shortly. Work has started in Brookfield for their plan.

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

- **WestCOG Foundation** – elections will take place in March.

- **Policy and Legislation** – WestCOG has submitted testimony on thirty bills, all testimony can be viewed on WestCOG’s website.
- **Financial-Finance and Grant Updates** – overview of spending for each grant and updates on projects.

Upcoming meetings

- TAG Meeting: March 14, 2023
- MPO/COG/WestCOG Foundation Annual Meeting: March 16, 2023

The meeting concluded at: 3:05