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**INTERIM MINUTES OF 03/14/2023**

**Technical Advisory Group Special Meeting (TAG)**

**1 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 and via Zoom:**

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89531093509**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89531093509)

• Bethel Absent

• Bridgewater Absent

• Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski

• Danbury Absent

• Darien Director of Public Works Ed Gentile

• Greenwich  Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel

• Transit Representative - HV Absent

• New Canaan Director of Public Works Tiger Mann

• New Fairfield Absent

• New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy

• Newtown Absent

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

• Transit Representative-SWR Absent

• Redding Absent

• Ridgefield Absent

• Sherman Absent

• Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise

• Weston Absent

• Westport  Town Engineer Keith Wilberg

• Wilton Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio

**Others Attending**: New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, Wilton Director of Planning & Land Use Michael Wrinn, FHWA Transportation Planner Jennifer Carrier, CTDOT Transportation Planner Kevin Tedesco, WestCOG staff members Kristin Hadjstylianos, Mike Towle, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, Nick Trabka, and Cricket Carpenter. Others in attendance: Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective

**CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT**

The meeting was called to order at 11:01 a.m. by WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**MPO Unified Planning Work Programs:** WestCOG’s Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

**CTDOT Community Connectivity Program:**  Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update. Application deadline is July 21st 4:00 p.m. to DOT.

**USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All Program:** Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update.

**WestCOG Regional Data Collection Services: Update:** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided the update.

**T2 Center Equipment - Pavement Marker Retroreflectometer:** Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview and shared a video tutorial of the Pavement Marker Retroreflectometer from the CT Training and Technical Assistance Program at UCONN. The video can be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oz0kihBbDm4>

**2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program:** WestCog Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the overview.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of February 14th 2023 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy and seconded by Norwalk Asst. Director of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking Garrett Bolella the minutes of the February 14, 2023 meeting were unanimously approved.

**2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (HV& SWR):** WestCOG’s Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Weston Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Norwalk Asst. Director of Transportation, Mobility, and Parking Garrett Bolella the 2021-2024 TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

**Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan Recommendation:** Westcog’s Kristin Floberg provided thereview. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski and seconded by Westport town Engineer Keith Wilberg the Draft Metropolitan Transportation Plan Recommendation was unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** WestCog Senior Data ScientistNick Trabka announced there will be a data flight in 2023 and requested that any municipalities with data needs to please contact him at 475-323-3061 or [ntrabka@westcog.org](mailto:ntrabka@westcog.org)

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

* MPO/COG/WestCOG Foundation meeting 03/16/2023
* TAG Meeting 04/11/2023

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:31 a.m.