

Executive Committee Notes

for the 4/5/2023 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, CTDOT Transportation Planner Kevin Tedesco, David Arconti from FuelCell Energy, and Darien resident Julie Cannon.

The meeting began at: 2:03

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

- **Unified Planning Work Program** – Draft document has been shared with CTDOT, FHWA, and FTA for initial review.
- **Transportation Studies** –
 - **BUILD** – The draft contract is under legal review.
 - **Quiet Zone** – Diagnostic Team Meeting was held on 3/22, the consultant is preparing a summary of the event and beginning coordination for upcoming public engagement.
 - **Norwalk Route 1** – coordinating with city on solicitation materials.
 - **Congestion** – study underway with data collection and screening analysis.
- **Grant Opportunities/Updates:**
 - **USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All** – WestCOG participated in a debrief on last year’s application and will revise the grant for the upcoming July 10th deadline.
 - **USDOT Charging and Fueling Infrastructure** – New discretionary grant program for electric vehicle and alternative fueling charging infrastructure. Applications are due May 30th.
 - **CTDOT Transportation Rural Improvement Program** – WestCOG staff have coordinated with eligible municipalities and will present project concepts to the TAG and COG for prioritization later this month.

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.
- **Broadband Project Update** – Consultant is editing the draft documents for Ridgefield and New Fairfield. There will be a state roundtable on broadband on April 11th.
- **Stormwater Mapping Program** – WestCOG will be hiring interns to assist with collecting field data.
- **Climate Grant** – Coordinating with MetroCOG on the EPA Climate Reduction Program Grant funds.

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

- **Wastewater Management Grant** – Waiting on EPA for grant administration process.
- **EJ Grant**– WestCOG is working on a grant application to study noise pollution and identify improvements for some municipal and community buildings.
- **Affordable Housing Study** – Consultant is working on data collection and the Steering Committee will meet next week.
- **Policy and Legislation** – Updates on bills.
- **Finance and Grant Update** – Overview on status of grant spending. A draft budget will be shared next month.

Upcoming meetings

- TAG Meeting: April 11, 2023
- MPO/COG Meeting: April 27, 2023

The meeting concluded at: 3:10