

APPROVED MINUTES OF 05/09/2023
Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG)

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89531093509>

• Bethel	Director of Public Works Eric Swenson
• Bridgewater	Absent
• Brookfield	Project Manager Greg Dembowski
• Danbury	Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda
• Darien	Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg
• 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	Absent
• Newtown	Absent
• Norwalk	Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking, Jim Travers
• Transit Representative-SWR	Absent
• Redding	Director of Public Works James Gracy
• 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: Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, CTDOT Transportation Planner Kevin Tedesco, CTDOT Research and Performance Lead Edgardo Block, DTDOT Connecticut Careers Trainee Ricky Milliner, Engineer Michael Cohen and Stamford Traffic Engineer Jianhong Wong.

WestCOG staff members Kristin Hadjstylianos, Mike Towle, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Nicole Sullivan, Tucker Beckett, and Cricket Carpenter.

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.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of April 11th, 2023 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking, Jim Travers and Seconded by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg the minutes of April 11th 2023 were unanimously approved.

Performance Measures and Target Setting: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the Performance Measures and Target Setting was unanimously approved.

Unified Planning Work Program FY 24 and 25: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking, Jim Travers and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the Unified Planning Work Program FY 24 and 25 were unanimously approved.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (HV & SWR): WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the 2021-2024 TIP Amendments were unanimously approved.

LOTICIP: WestCOG Senior project Manager Kevin Mahoney and Norwalk Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

TAG Meeting Schedule: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. The 2024 TAG meetings in June, November, and December all conflict with the COG Coordination meetings. After polling the members, a motion was made by Brookfield Project Manager Greg Dembowski to move the three meetings to the Wednesday of the currently scheduled week. The motion was seconded by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg and unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Matching Grant Program Update: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the update.

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update.

USDOT Safe Streets and Roads for All: WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided the update.

OTHER BUSINESS: WestCOG Data Scientist Tucker Beckett provided a review of the Stormwater Mapping Program that is scheduled to begin shortly. He shared the municipalities that have expressed interest and invited any remaining interested towns or cities to join the program.

WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided an overview of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Program.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- MPO/COG Meeting: 05/18/2023
- TAG Meeting **Weds. 06/07/2023

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:52 a.m.