

Executive Committee Notes

for the 5/31/2023 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: 2:07

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

- **Quiet Zone** – staff are working with the consultant on public outreach and survey distribution.
- **BUILD** – staff are working with the consultant on organizing the Project Advisory Committee and anticipate a kick-off meeting in June.
- **Matching Grant Program** – applications due 6/30.
- **FTA Section 5310 Solicitation** – application due 6/30 and MPO priorities will be endorsed in July.
- **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant** – Applications due 7/10 and staff are working on a regional Implementation Grant.
- **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation** – WestCOG will be preparing a regional planning grant application to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan. Applications are due 8/18.
- **CTDOT Community Connectivity Grant Program** – Applications are due on 7/21. If municipalities would like a Letter of Support, they must send their information to WestCOG by 6/7 so the draft letters can be reviewed during the June COG meeting.

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

- **Regional Firearms Training Facility Update** – Meeting in June with the municipal Chief Elected Officials to discuss the project.
- **Climate Pollution Reduction Grant** – Coordinating with COGs and other state agencies on development of grant and upcoming activities.
- **Broadband** – Ridgefield's plan is complete, New Fairfield's plan is being updated and Brookfield is finishing their survey data collection.
- **Aerial orthophotography and planimetric options** – Discussion on flyover and data.
- **FEMA Flood Mapping Grant** – Discussion on flood mapping and application due 6/19.
- **Summer Interns** – Stormwater mapping interns have started, Sustainable CT interns are training, and Princeton intern will start soon.

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

- **Farm Viability Grant** – WestCOG submitted a grant application.
- **Affordable Housing Financing Study** – Consultants are working on data collection and analyses.
- **Change Finding Project** – Project was discussed, and RFP reviewed.
- **Personnel Policies** – Discussion on employee policies.
- **Agency Budget and RSG Spending Plan**– Overview of revenues and expenditures. Discussion on project ideas that can be undertaken with regional funds.
- **Legislative Update** – Discussion on bills.

Upcoming meetings

- TAG Meeting: June 7, 2023
- MPO/COG Meeting: June 15, 2023

The meeting concluded at: 3:33