

Executive Committee Notes

Wednesday September 6th, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The Ridgefield Town Hall Annex

66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

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: 2:05

Transportation

Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Regional application submitted in July.

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) – WestCOG, in collaboration with MetroCOG, submitted a grant application in August seeking funds to develop a Resilience Improvement Plan.

Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhood Access & Equity grant – WestCOG is planning to submit a grant application seeking funds to develop a Regional Transit Study.

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) – WestCOG will be updating and resubmitting last year’s application to study traffic management strategies.

LOTICIP – Discussion on upcoming solicitation.

BUILD Study – Consultant is currently working on data collection inventory and analysis.

Quiet Zone Study – Survey has received 720 responses so far. Consultants are prepping for the next advisory committee meeting and a public meeting to be held later this fall.

RAISE Grant – Staff are coordinating with FHWA on the grant agreement and identifying municipal representatives to serve on a working group.

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Norwalk Route 1 Study – Consultant interviews were held in August, WestCOG is beginning scoping and negotiations with the highest ranked consultant.

Congestion Analysis – Consultant prepared a document identifying the most congested locations in the region, this has been shared with the municipalities for comment.

Public Involvement Plan – WestCOG made minor administrative additions to the plan, there is an open public comment period and two public meetings will be held in September.

EcolInteractive TIP portal – WestCOG is working with the vendor to set up the new portal to manage the MPO TIPs.

Regional Planning/Services Project Updates

Project Manager Update – WestCOG will not be hiring for this position.

Stormwater Mapper – WestCOG will be hiring staff to complete mapping for six municipalities throughout the fall and spring.

Regional Firearms Training Facility – Discussion on next steps for project and consultant management to guide working group.

CPRG Program – WestCOG is a subrecipient and will receive funds from MetroCOG to assist with project activities.

Drone Test Cases – This is a new program and staff will be getting certified to operate the drone for various planning and data collection needs in the region.

WCEDD – There will be a meeting next week.

Flood Program – Consultant looking at scoping grants and possibility of bundling applications.

HMP – Staff are working on securing funds to prepare the next plan update.

Radio Interoperability – staff sent a scope of work to DEMHS for review.

Finance and Grant Update

There was a discussion on grant programs and non-federal matches needed for awarded projects.

Policy

There was a discussion on proposed revisions to the Employee Handbook and an update on legislative activities.

Upcoming meetings

TAG- September 12th, 2023

MPO/COG- Thursday, September 21st, 2023

The meeting concluded at: 3:06