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INTERIM MINUTES OF 09/12/2023 Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG)

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

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- Bethel Absent
- Bridgewater Absent
- Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski
- Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda
- Darien Director of Public Works Ed Gentile
- Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel
- New Canaan Director of Public Works Tiger Mann
- New Fairfield Absent
- New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy
- Newtown Absent
- Norwalk Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers
- Redding Absent
- Ridgefield Absent
- Sherman Public Works Supervisor Kris Fazzino
- Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise
- Weston Absent
- Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
- Wilton Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio
- Transit Representatives-SWR CTtransit Dir. of Rapid Transit & Zero Emissions Programs Barry Diggs
- Transit Representative-HV HARTtransit Transit Planner Guyauth Gabbidon

Others Attending: New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, Wilton Director of Planning & Land Use Management Michael Wrinn, Norwalk Senior Traffic Engineer Ben Yeung, CTDOT Transportation Planner Jennifer Pacacha, WestCOG Staff Members: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Mike Wilson, and Nicole Sullivan. Also in attendance was Tom Reese.

CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Stormwater Update: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the update.

USEPA Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA): WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the update.

Reconnecting Communities – Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program: WestCOG's Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided the update.

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant Program: WestCOG's Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided the update.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of July 11th 2023 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg, the minutes of the July 11th meeting were unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Program Funds Management Policy and Guidance: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers and seconded by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, TAG members voted to table the LOTICIP Program Funds Management Policy and Guidance until next month to allow for further review and potential modifications, Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski opposed.

LOTICIP Project Solicitation: WestCOG's Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers and seconded by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise, TAG members voted to table the LOTICIP Solicitation until next month to allow for further review and potential modifications, Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski opposed.

LOTICIP Adjustments: Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers and seconded by Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

Public Involvement Plan (Amended PIP): WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the TAG unanimously recommended the COG endorse the Public Involvement Plan.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments (SWR & HV): WestCOG's Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers and seconded by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel the Transportation Improvement Program Adjustments were unanimously approved.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- MPO/COG Meeting: 09/21/2023
- TAG Meeting: 10/10/2023

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:14PM

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE TAG MEMBERS