

## APPROVED MINUTES OF 10/10/2023

### Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG)

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

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89531093509>

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| • Bethel                      | Absent   |
| • Bridgewater                 | Absent   |
| • Brookfield                  | Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski                    |
| • Danbury                     | Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda                                   |
| • Darien                      | Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg                    |
| • 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                     | Director of Public Works Fred Hurley                               |
| • Norwalk                     | Asst. Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Garrett Bolella |
| • Redding                     | Absent   |
| • Ridgefield                  | Absent   |
| • Sherman                     | Absent   |
| • Stamford                    | Transportation Planner Luke Buttenwieser                           |
| • Weston                      | Absent   |
| • Westport                    | Absent   |
| • Wilton                      | Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio             |
| • Transit Representatives-SWR | Absent   |
| • Transit Representative-HV   | HARTransit Chief Executive Officer Rick Schreiner                  |

**Others Attending:** Brookfield Land Use Director Richelle Hodza, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, Norwalk Senior Traffic Engineer Ben Yeung, CTDOT Transportation Planner Kevin Tedesco, Jane Dunbar from CTDOT, HARTransit Transit Planner Guyauth Gabbidon, FHWA Transportation Planner Jennifer Carrier. WestCOG Staff Members: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Nick Trabka, Tucker Beckett, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, and Cricket Carpenter.

### CALL TO ORDER/ PUBLIC COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos. There were no public comments.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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**Stormwater Update:** WestCOG Data Scientist Tucker Beckett provided the update.

**LOTCHIP:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. The Submission due date has been moved from November 10<sup>th</sup> to November 13<sup>th</sup> 2023.

**FHWA Charging Repair Program:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview. Applications for this program are due on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**CTDOT – Vulnerable Roadway User Assessment:** WestCOG’s Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

**T2 Center – Resources and Training Opportunities:** Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

**USDOT Thriving Communities Grant Program:** Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

**FHWA Bridge Improvement Program:** WestCOG’s Todd Fontanella provided the overview. Applications for this program are due on 11/27/2023.

**EDA Funding Opportunity:** WestCOG Project Manager Betsy Paynter provided the overview.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Approval of September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda and seconded by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski, the minutes of the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were unanimously approved.

**Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Adjustments (SWR):** WestCOG’s Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski and seconded by Director of Public Works Fred Hurley the Transportation Improvement Program Adjustments were unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** WestCOG Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka announced WestCOG’s procurement of Drone. He encouraged members to reach out to him with potential projects.  
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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- WCEDD Meeting 10/12/2023
- MPO/COG Meeting: 10/19/2023
- TAG Meeting: 11/07/2023

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11: 41 a.m.