

APPROVED MINUTES OF 12/06/2023

Technical Advisory Group Special 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 | Director of Public Works Antonio Iadarola |
| • Darien | Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg |
| • Greenwich | Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee |
| • New Canaan | Town Engineer Maria Coplit |
| • 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 | 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-CT | Transit Dir. of Rapid Transit & Zero Emissions Programs Barry Digg |
| • Transit Representative –HV- | HAR Transit Representative Operations Planner Guyauth Gabbidon |

Others Attending: Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel, CTDOT Transportation Planners Kevin Tedesco and Olivia Rizzuto, FHWA Transportation Planner Jennifer Brady, WestCOG Staff Members: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Mike Wilson, Cricket Carpenter, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, and Nick Trabka. Also in attendance was Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No member of the public spoke when asked to do so.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

LOTICIP New Project Proposals: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview.

2024 CTDOT Highway Safety Performance Targets: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the update. The Targets will be brought back in February for recommendation to potentially support the DOT's targets.

CTDEEP Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview.

USDOT Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation Program: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service: WestCOG Project Manager Betsy Paynter provided the overview.

EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program: Betsy Paynter provided the overview.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of November 8th, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes: 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 minutes of the November 8th 2023 special meeting were approved with abstentions from Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley, Norwalk Asst. Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Garrett Bolella, and Greenwich Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee.

2024 Proposed TAG Meeting dates: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the review. After review and on a motion made by Darien Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the 2024 TAG meeting dates were unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG's Kevin Mahoney presented the proposed adjustments. The Town of Greenwich requested that the cancelation of the Glenville Corridor Improvement project, as indicated in Exhibit 4c of the meeting agenda packet, be removed from the list of adjustments. After review and on a motion made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Greenwich Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee the LOTICIP Adjustments, with the above-noted change, were unanimously recommended for approval by the COG.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- WestCOG Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka provided an overview of the newly attained Drone.
- WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided an overview on the ADA Transition Plans.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MPO/COG/ Thursday December 14th 2023

TAG Meeting Tuesday January 9th 2024

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:54 a.m.