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INTERIM MINUTES OF 03/12/2024 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	Absent
• Newtown	Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
• Norwalk	Senior Traffic Engineer Ben Yeung
• Redding	Director of Public Works James Gracy
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Public Works Supervisor Kris Fazzone
• Stamford	Traffic Engineer Jianhong Wang,
• Weston	Absent
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio
• Transit Representatives SWR	Absent
• Transit Representative HV	Absent

Others Attending: Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, Norwalk City Traffic Engineer Fred Eshraghi, CTDOT Transportation Planner Olivia Rizzuto, and Jonathan Smalls from Richard Blumental’s office. WestCOG Staff Members: Kristin Hadjstylianos,

Mike Towle, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Nicole Sullivan, Nick Trabka, Cricket Carpenter, and Jaclyn Reelick. Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, and Melissa Evans Safety Circuit Rider from the Training and Technical Assistance Center at UCONN.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

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

FEATURED PRESENTATION: Melissa Evans from the Connecticut Training and Technical Assistance Center at the University of Connecticut.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Southwest CT Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP): WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided the overview.

Transportation Alternatives Program: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the review.

Active Transportation Microgrants Program: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. The first round of applications are due to Kristin at: khadjstylianos@westcog.org by March 26th 2024.

Hazard Mitigation Plan Check-In: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan is providing the opportunity to record the status of any municipal actions/projects that have been completed, scheduled, or delayed since the HMP's 2023 adoption.

Draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program: WestCOG's Nicole Sullivan provided the review.

Section 5310 Grant Program Solicitation: WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the update. Applications are due April 2nd, 2024. Please contact Todd at tfontanella@westcog.org with any questions.

Safe Streets for All 2024: WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided the update. There are three deadlines for Planning and Demonstration grant applications: April 4, May 16 and August 29, 2024. The sole deadline for Implementation grant applications is May 16, 2024.

Drone Demonstration: WestCOG Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka provided an overview. A demonstration of the drone was provided after the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of February 7th 2024 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Newtown Director of Public Works Fred Hurley and seconded by Norwalk Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers the minutes of the February 7th 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

LOTICIP Adjustments: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review a motion was made by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski and seconded by Newtown Director of Public works Fred Hurley to defer the LOTICIP Adjustments until more accurate estimates are obtained. The motion was unanimously approved. Fred Hurley requested additional information regarding in process LOTICIP applications be provided on memos at the monthly meetings.

2021-2024 HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP Amendments: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Newtown Director of Public works Fred Hurley and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the 2021 -2024 HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MPO/COG: Thursday, March 21th, 2024

TAG Meeting: Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:42 pm

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE TAG MEMBERS