

Executive Committee Notes

Wednesday April 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

The Ridgefield Town Hall Annex

66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Bethel	First Selectman Dan Carter
Brookfield	First Selectman Steve Dunn
Darien	First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky
Newtown	First Selectman Jeff Capeci
Redding	First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield	First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Wilton	First Selectman Toni Boucher

OTHERS ATTENDING: WestCOG Staff: Executive Director Francis Pickering, Deputy Director Michael Towle, and Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos.

The meeting began at: 2:00

Action Items:

USDOT Procurement Procedures – Staff provided an overview of the draft procedures. On a motion made by Darien First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Dan Carter, the USDOT Procurement Procedures were unanimously adopted with the modification of adding “WestCOG shall not request, accept or consider any information relative to fees, costs, pay rates, etc. from any consultant firm or give preference to locally-based consultant firms in the evaluation, ranking, interview or selection of any consultant firm.” for design and construction projects.

Transportation

FHWA Active Transportation Infrastructure and Investment Program (ATIIP) – This is a new discretionary grant program from USDOT for projects that will enhance active transportation networks to improve community connections; applications are due June 17th.

TAP Solicitation – WestCOG issued the regional solicitation for municipal proposals which are due April 26th.

Matching Grant Program (MGP 13b) – Applications are due May 15th.

Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox – WestCOG will be interviewing for this project next week.

Transportation Improvement Program FY25-28 – The public comment period began March 1st and closed on April 1st. WestCOG held public information meetings in March. In response to the comments received so far during the SWRMPO TIP public comment period, CTDOT has initiated an adjustment to the description for Project #0158-0214. The Draft 2025-2028 SWRMPO TIP has been updated to adjust the existing description; the new description for Project #0158-0214 is “BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS – BR 01349 o/ SAUGATUCK RIVER”. Updated TIP documents will be shared with the TAG and MPO members and this will be an action item for MPO endorsement this month.

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Performance Measure – Following recent court rulings, states and MPOs are not required to establish targets or report on this performance measure.

Regional Planning/Services Project Updates

Firearms Training Facility – WestCOG toured a pre-fab facility and a designed facility and will be finalizing a contract to develop cost estimates. WestCOG will be submitting a Congressionally Directed Spending request for \$1,200,000 to fund equipment at the facility.

Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Implementation Grant – WestCOG submitted an application seeking \$2,100,000 to develop land use regulations and processes to be more climate friendly.

Sanborn SAID Project – This project is not moving forward due to aerial photography not being available until later this spring.

Land Deed and Parcel Automation – WestCOG is exploring a project to improve digital workflow.

ADA Transition Plans RFQ – WestCOG released an RFQ seeking a consultant to provide assistance to the municipalities in developing ADA Transition Plans; submissions are due April 29th.

Affordable Housing Financing Study – Consultants are updating the draft document and there will be a presentation at an upcoming COG meeting.

Future Projects – Update on the Municipal Retirement Performance Evaluation project.

Legislative Update – There was a discussion on current legislative bills.

DEEP Grant – WestCOG was awarded funds for a regional waste authority.

Upcoming meetings

TAG – Tuesday April 9th

MPO/COG Meeting – Thursday, April 18th 2024

The meeting concluded at: 3:17