

**APPROVED** MINUTES OF 04/09/2024  
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                    | Absent   |
| • Norwalk                    | Senior Traffic Engineer Ben Yeung                      |
| • Redding                    | Absent   |
| • Ridgefield                 | Absent   |
| • Sherman                    | Absent   |
| • Stamford                   | Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise               |
| • Weston                     | Absent   |
| • Westport                   | Town Engineer Keith Wilberg                            |
| • Wilton                     | Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio |
| • Transit Representative SWR | Absent   |
| • Transit Representative HV  | Absent   |

**Others Attending:** Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, CTDOT Transportation Planners Kevin Tedesco and Olivia Rizzuto, and FHWA Transportation Planner Jennifer Brady. WestCOG Staff Members: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Kristin Floberg, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Jaci Reelick, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance: Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, and Mike Fisher from BL Companies.

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**Active Transportation Alternatives Program Project Solicitation (TAP):** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided the overview. The deadline for proposals is April 26, 2024.

**FY 2025-2028 MGP 13b:** WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided the update. The application deadline for this program is May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024.

**Non-Endorsed LOTCIP Proposals:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. This topic will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program:** WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. The application deadline for this program is June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

#### **ACTION ITEMS:**

**Approval of the March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, meeting minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> TAG meeting were unanimously approved.

**LOTICIP Adjustment:** WestCOG's Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the LOTICIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

**2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (SWR):** WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. On a motion made by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel and seconded by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski the 2021-2024 SWR Transportation Improvement Program amendments were unanimously approved.

**Draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program:** WestCOG's Nicole Sullivan provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel the HVMPO and SWRMPO Draft 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Programs were unanimously approved.

**Safe Streets for All Letters of Support:** WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the review. If municipalities would like a letter of support from CTDOT, they must send their information to CTDOT by the following deadlines: By April 25 for the May 16, 2024 deadline and by August 8 for the August 29, 2024 deadline. There was no action needed at this time.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an update on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plans.

WestCOG Project Manager Jaci Reelick introduced the projects she will be working on to assist municipalities.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

MPO/COG/ April 18th, 2024

TAG Meeting **Wednesday** May 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:51 am.