

Executive Committee Notes

Wednesday May 1st at 2:00 p.m.

The Ridgefield Town Hall Annex

66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

MEMBERS ATTENDING

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

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

The meeting began at: 2:03

Transportation

TAP Solicitation – Proposals were due on April 26th; staff are reviewing and will present the proposals and MPO priorities to the TAG and MPO this month.

FTA Section 5310 – Proposals were due last month; the evaluation committee is reviewing and will present MPO priorities to the TAG and MPO this month.

CTDOT Microgrants Program – There will be an action item at the COG meeting this month to authorize WestCOG to receive funding from CTDOT, execute contracts with awarded applicants and disburse funds.

Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox – WestCOG is in negotiations with a consultant.

RAISE (Western CT Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Project) – WestCOG is continuing to develop documents for the grant agreement.

SS4A (Regional Safety Improvements) – WestCOG is continuing to develop documents for the grant agreement.

NAE (Regional Transit Study) – WestCOG has communicated with FTA and is awaiting a meeting to discuss the grant.

Route 7 – There was discussion regarding concerns raised by the municipalities for Route 7.

Regional Planning/Services Project Updates

Active

ADA Transition Plans RFQ – WestCOG received RFQ submissions on April 29th and anticipates holding consultant interviews next month.

Firearms Training Facility – The Contract for Architectural services is being finalized.

Affordable Housing Financing Study – A meeting will be held later this month to review the consultant's work and there will be a presentation at an upcoming COG meeting.

WCEDD – Discussion about new members.

Farm Viability Project – Consultant is working on data collection.

FMA (Flood Assistance Program) – Annual mailers are being prepared.

Upcoming:

Sustainability Adoption Exploratory Analysis (PICS) – Intern will begin at the start of June and will analyze adoption of heat pumps and solar panels within the region.

Sustainable CT Program – WestCOG will be hosting interns again this summer.

Municipal Benchmarking Study – Meeting with consultant next week.

Digital Land Records – Proposing working with a consultant to explore opportunities for digital workflow.

Financial/Personnel

Draft Agency Budget – Discussion on revenues and expenditures.

Pending Grant Applications

There was a discussion regarding pending grant applications (Brownfields Westport, CTDEEP Recreational Trails, Earmarks, NFWF Grant Program, and USDOT Transportation Access Pilot Program)

Upcoming meetings

TAG – Wednesday May 8th

MPO/COG Meeting - Thursday, May 16 2024

The meeting concluded at: 3:24