# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



## APPROVED MINUTES OF 05/08/2024

Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG)

1 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 475-323-2070 and via Zoom: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89531093509

Bethel AbsentBridgewater Absent

Brookfield Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco
 Danbury Director of Public Works Antonio ladarola
 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 Superintendent Russ Loudon

New Milford
 Director of Public Works Jack Healy

Newtown Absent

Norwalk
 Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers

Redding AbsentRidgefield AbsentSherman Absent

Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise
 Weston Town Administrator Karl Kilduff,

Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg

• Wilton Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio

Transit Representative SWR AbsentTransit Representative HV Absent

Others Attending: Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski, Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda, Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, , and Jane Dunbar from CTDOT. WestCOG Staff Members: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Mike Towle, Kevin Mahoney, Kristin Floberg, Mike Wilson, Tucker Beckett, and Cricket Carpenter.

**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**

Congestion Reduction Project Scope Workshops: WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview.

Visit us online at **westcog.org** Telephone/fax 475-323-2060 ADA Transition Plans: WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided the update.

Non-Endorsed LOTCIP Proposals: WestCOG's Kevin Mahoney provided the update. Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski made a motion to include the Non-Endorsed LOTCIP Proposals in the TAG meeting packet on a quarterly basis or when requested by a municipality. The motion was seconded by New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy. After review it was unanimously approved to include the Non-Endorsed LOTCIP proposals in the TAG meeting packet on a quarterly basis or when a municipality makes a request.

Mapping Data Collection: WestCOG Data Scientist Tucker Beckett provided the update. If municipalities are interested in learning more about the Mapping Data Collection Program. Contact Tucker at tbeckett@westcog.org.

Microgrants: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided the update.

T2 – Road Safety Assessments for Local Roads – Fairfield Workshop: WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. For more information visit UCONN's Transportation website: <a href="https://www.cti.uconn.edu/assnfe/ev.asp?MODE=&ID=2514">https://www.cti.uconn.edu/assnfe/ev.asp?MODE=&ID=2514</a>

Sustainable CT Program: WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided the review.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Approval of the April 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting minutes: After review and on a motion made by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda and seconded by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

**LOTCIP Adjustment:** WestCOG's Kevin Mahoney provided the update. On a motion made by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the LOTCIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

Prioritization of FTA Section 5310 Grant Applications: Kristin Hadjstylianos provide the update. On a motion made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the Prioritization of FTA Section 5310 Grant Applications was unanimously approved.

**2021–2024 TIP Amendments**: Kristin Hadjstylianos provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the 2021–2024 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments were unanimously approved.

**Transportation Alternatives Program Prioritization:** WestCOG's Kristin Floberg provided the update. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski and seconded by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise the Transportation Alternatives Program Prioritization was unanimously approved.

### OTHER BUSINESS:

Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an update on CTDOT Bus Shelter Enhancement Program survey. The Survey can be completed by the municipalities by visiting <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/USYfhKXbbR">https://forms.office.com/g/USYfhKXbbR</a>. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Todd Fontanella at <a href="mailto:tfontanella@westcog.org">tfontanella@westcog.org</a>

UPCOMING MEETINGS
MPO/COG/ May 16th, 2024
TAG Meeting Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> 2024

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:00PM.