

## Executive Committee Notes

Wednesday June 5th 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
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, Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos, and Sustainable CT Fellows Ella Burns-DeMelo and Dylan Steer.

The meeting began at: 2:03

### Transportation

**TAP Solicitation** – submitting East-West Trail Feasibility Study as another priority for the Danbury Urbanized Area.

**RAISE (Western CT Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Project)** – WestCOG is revising the grant agreement documents based on feedback from FHWA. WestCOG was awarded a CTDEEP Recreational Trails Grant for \$566,000 which will support this project and reduce the non-federal match.

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

**Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox** – WestCOG is in negotiations with a consultant and expects to execute a contract later this month.

**Norwalk Route 1** – First public information meeting was held on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Congestion Reduction Project Scopes** – Working with consultant to refine list of congestion locations and will be holding a workshop with municipal staff to review the data analysis and locations.

**Quiet Zone** – Held meeting with municipalities and a Project Advisory Committee meeting to review draft recommendations. Public engagement will be planned for the early fall.

**BUILD** – Consultant is working on an economic analysis and preparing for next Project Advisory Committee meeting.

**CTDOT Microgrants Program** – Executed contracts will the awarded applications from the previous quarter and issued funds. The next deadline for applications is June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**PL Studies** – There was discussion on upcoming transportation planning studies.

**Route 7 Corridor Discussion**– There was discussion regarding concerns raised by the municipalities for Route 7 and discussion about a potential transportation study in Wilton.

### **Regional Planning/Services Project Updates**

**ADA Transition Plans RFQ** – WestCOG interviewed all consultants that submitted proposals and is evaluating their submissions.

**Firearms Training Facility** – Continuing work with consultant and preparing for a site visit in Newtown with the architect.

**Affordable Housing Financing Study** – The study is complete and presented at the last Project Advisory Committee meeting. The consultant is planning to present at the July COG meeting.

**WCEDD** – There was discussion about new members, the brownfields program, and the next WCEDD meeting in July.

**Farm Viability Project** – No update.

**FMA (Flood Assistance Program)** – WestCOG staff are meeting with municipalities to discuss projects.

**Solar Adoption Analysis (PICS)** – No update.

**Sustainable CT Program** – WestCOG staff introduced Ella Burns-DeMelo and Dylan Steer who will be working at WestCOG this summer and coordinating with the municipalities.

**Municipal Benchmarking Study** – Consultant is working on project tasks.

**Digital Land Records** – Project to streamline data upload of land records. WestCOG and the consultant will begin working with the municipalities that are part of the pilot.

**Regional Waste Authority** – WestCOG is scheduling meetings with municipalities.

**Sewer Study** – Staff are working on RFQ materials and plan to issue the solicitation on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Climate Action Plan** – Staff monitor EPA CPRG grant award, replies expected in July. WestCOG is working with MetroCOG and Contractor to develop the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan (CCAP). This document is anticipated for completion by July 2025.

### **Financial/Personnel**

**Regional Services Grant Spending Plan** – There was discussion on projects.

**Draft Agency Budget** – There was discussion on draft revenues and expenditures.

### **Pending Grant Applications**

There was a discussion regarding pending grant applications – Transportation Access Pilot Program (TAPP) Letter of Interest and resubmitting WestCOG’s application to the Promoting

Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) program this year.

### Upcoming meetings

TAG – Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>

MPO/COG Meeting - Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>

The meeting concluded at: 3:28