

**APPROVED** MINUTES OF 09/10/2024

Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG)

1 Riverside Rd, Sandy Hook, CT 06482 475-323-2070 via Zoom:

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| • Bethel                     | Director of Public Works Eric Swenson                            |
| • Bridgewater                | Absent   |
| • Brookfield                 | Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco                           |
| • 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                | Director of Public Works Jack Healy                              |
| • Newtown                    | Director of Public works Fred Hurley                             |
| • Norwalk                    | Asst. Dir. of Transportation, Mobility & Parking Garrett Bolella |
| • Redding                    | Absent   |
| • Ridgefield                 | Absent   |
| • Sherman                    | Public Works Supervisor Kris Fazzino                             |
| • 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:** Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, Greenwich Chief Engineer Gabrielle Cohee, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, CTDOT Intergovernmental Affairs Jane Dunbar, WestCOG Staff Members: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Kristin Floberg, Mike Wilson, Todd Fontanella, Tucker Beckett, Nicholas Trabka, Amal Malik, Intern Garrett Reed, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance was Meg Haffner and Mike D’Elia from the Kennedy Collective and Director of Economic Development for the town of Bethel, Janice Chrzescijanek.

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

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

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**Transportation Grant Opportunities:** WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided the overview. For information on these opportunities visit the DOT website:  
<https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/key-notices-funding-opportunity>

**WestCOG Data Collection Program:** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided an overview of the Data Collection opportunities for municipalities. WestCOG GIS Data Scientist Tucker Beckett provided an overview of the Stormwater Inventory Mapping program.

**ADA Transition Plans:** WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided the update.

**Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox:** WestCOG's Mike Wilson provided an update.

**eTIP Project Tracker:** WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. The EcoInteractive Project Tracker Tool will go live next month. A demonstration will be scheduled for municipalities.

**Congestion Reduction Project Workshops:** WestCOG Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. Workshop dates will be announced next month.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of the July 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Greenwich Deputy Commissioner of Public Works James Michel and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the minutes of the July 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting were unanimously approved.

**LOTICIP New Project Solicitation:** WestCOG's Kevin Mahoney provided the overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Assistant Director of Transportation, Mobility & Parking Garrett Bolella and seconded by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski the LOTICIP New Project Solicitation was unanimously approved.

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

**FY25-28 HV/SWR TIP Amendments:** Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the FY25-28 HV/SWR TIP Amendments were unanimously approved.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an update on the following:

- Governor Lamont submitted request for major disaster declaration regarding the August 18<sup>th</sup> 2024 flooding.

- Resources being made available by various federal and state agencies for losses caused by the August 18<sup>th</sup> flooding.
- WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle sent out an email to remind municipalities of WestCOG's drone availability to aide in the assessment of flood damage.
- The PROTECT grant.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

MPO/COG/ September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

TAG Meeting October 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

**ADJOURNMENT:** On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:03pm.