

Executive Committee Notes

Wednesday October 2nd 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
Darien	First Selectman Jon Zagrodzky
Newtown	First Selectman Jeff Capeci
Ridgefield	First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Wilton	First Selectman Toni Boucher

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

The meeting began at: 2:02

Transportation

RAISE (Western CT Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Project) – WestCOG executed a grant agreement with FHWA and is coordinating with CTDEEP.

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

Regional Transit Authority – WestCOG is continuing coordination with FTA on grant administration.

Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox – Consultant is collecting data and WestCOG is looking for municipal staff to join the Project Advisory Committee.

Norwalk Route 1 – Project Advisory Committee meeting was held in September. A walk audit of the project area is being coordinated for October and a public workshop is being planned for later this fall.

Congestion Reduction Project Scopes – Consultant will be reaching out to municipalities to schedule workshops.

Quiet Zone – Public meeting was held on October 1st.

BUILD – Consultant is working on a financial analysis.

CTDOT Microgrants Program – Received seven applications this year. The next quarterly deadline for new applications will be in December.

LOTICIP – Solicitation for new proposals was released on September 20th and WestCOG will accept submissions through November 15th.

eTIP ProjectTracker – WestCOG is coordinating with the vendor and CT DOT on the project listings in the platform.

Regional Planning/Services Project Updates

Brownfield EDA Grant – There was a discussion on applications.

DECD Brownfields Grants – Discussion on applications.

ADA Transition Plans RFQ – WT Group conducted site visits in September in Darien and Norwalk.

Firearms Training Facility – Boring test was completed and a cost estimate will be available at the end of this month. Regular meetings are being held to review the project design and governance.

WCEDD – Next meeting will be on October 10th.

Farm Viability Project – Survey was released in September and the project is on track for completion by end of the year.

FMA (Flood Assistance Program) – Five projects are selected for review under the HMA Grant Program. WestCOG sent mailers out to properties and has received 10 interested applicants. WestCOG has 40 municipal projects available to apply for future grants.

Sustainable CT Program – no update.

Municipal Benchmarking Study – Consultant is reviewing documents.

Digital Land Records – Project is on track for completion by the end of the year.

Regional Waste Authority – WestCOG is coordinating with DEEP on scope.

Branchville/Georgetown Sewer Study – WestCOG is scoping with the consultant.

Comprehensive Climate Action Plan – The CCAP is on schedule for completion by end of 2025.

Pending Grant Applications

There was a discussion regarding pending grant applications – DEMHS-SLC Grant Program Application (cyber security and IT activities) 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 October 8th

MPO/COG Meeting – Thursday October 17th

The meeting concluded at: 3:26