

Executive Committee Notes

Wednesday November 6th 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
Redding	First Selectwoman Julia Pemberton
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: 2:05

Transportation

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

SS4A (Regional Safety Improvements) – WestCOG submitted the draft grant agreement to FHWA.

Regional Transit Authority – WestCOG is continuing coordination with FTA and CTDOT on grant coordination and obligating funding.

Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox – Coordinating with municipalities on data collection.

Norwalk Route 1 – A walk audit of the corridor was held on October 8th and a public workshop is being planned.

Congestion Reduction Project Scopes – Consultant hosted workshops with ten municipalities to discuss congested locations and concepts.

Quiet Zone – Coordinating with consultant to address comments received by CTDOT.

BUILD – Held stakeholder meetings with and coordinating with municipalities on potential PPP sites.

CTDOT Microgrants Program – 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.

CTDOT Transportation Rural Improvement Program – CTDOT announced a solicitation on November 1st and will be accepting applications through February 7th. WestCOG has forwarded the solicitation to the eligible municipalities.

HVMPO Transit Representative – WestCOG is seeking interested parties to serve as the transit representative for HVMPO. This will be an action item at the upcoming MPO meeting.

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

Regional Planning/Services Project Updates

ADA Transition Plans RFQ – WT Group conducted site visits in October in Norwalk, Redding, and New Milford. Coordination meetings are being held with municipalities to review progress.

Firearms Training Facility – Design and cost estimates were shared with the working group for review.

WCEDD – Next meeting will be in January. There was discussion on the brownfield assistance WestCOG is providing and an interest in seeking additional grants and funding sources for projects.

Farm Viability Project – The draft report will be shared with the working group in November for review. A presentation on the project is planned for the January COG meeting.

Flood Assistance Program (FMA) – WestCOG sent mailers out to properties and has received correspondence from 20 interested applicants.

Municipal Benchmarking Study – Consultant is on track to share the preliminary document by the end of the year.

Assessor AI Tools – Project is on track for completion in December and there will be a presentation at the January COG meeting.

Regional Waste Authority – WestCOG will release an RFP soon.

Sustainable Materials Management – Grant applications are due December 8th.

Branchville/Georgetown Sewer Study – WestCOG is working on a contract with a 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), resubmitting WestCOG’s application to the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) program this year, and the Brownfield EDA grant, and the DECD Brownfields Grant.

Finance

There was a discussion on annual municipal dues and WestCOG's grant match allocations.

Upcoming meetings

TAG – Tuesday November 12th

MPO/COG Meeting - Thursday November 21st

MPO/COG/Legislative Reception – Thursday December 19th

January COG Meeting – Thursday January 16th – Featured presentation: Farm Viability Study

The meeting concluded at: 3:46