

Executive Committee Notes

Thursday December 12th 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: 2:07

Transportation

RAISE (Western CT Trail Bicycle and Pedestrian Project) – WestCOG staff presented the project at a meeting in Danbury and are continuing to work on the draft solicitation documents.

SS4A (Regional Safety Improvements) – WestCOG is coordinating with FHWA on finalizing the grant agreement and applying for additional grant funding.

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 – Consultant is working on draft concepts for the corridor and a public workshop is being planned.

Congestion Reduction Project Scopes – Based on feedback from the municipalities, the concept list has been refined to six locations and the consultant will begin working on developing those concepts.

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

BUILD – Consultant is working on economic analysis and a PAC meeting will likely be held in January.

CTDOT Microgrants Program – For this quarter, CTDOT is limiting one application from each COG. Next year there will be additional funding for new applications.

LOTICIP – WestCOG is reviewing the proposals received from the municipalities and will present recommendations to the TAG and COG in January.

Recruitment– WestCOG is hiring and will be interviewing candidates soon.

Future Studies – There was discussion regarding funding availability for additional planning studies. This will be discussed with the MPO members in the new year.

Regional Planning/Services Project Updates

ADA Transition Plans RFQ – WT Group conducted site visits in November and will be back next week to continue their work.

Firearms Training Facility – Discussion on costs and applying for additional grant funding.

WCEDD – Next meeting will be in January. There was discussion on a recent grant award for Stamford.

Farm Viability Project – A presentation on the project is planned for the January COG meeting.

Flood Assistance Program (FMA) – WestCOG is working with Stamford on potential projects.

Municipal Benchmarking Study – Consultant will share the report in January.

Assessor AI Tools – There will be a presentation at the January COG meeting.

Regional Waste Authority – RFP was released and there was discussion regarding legal counsel to determine structural options for setting up an authority.

Sustainable Materials Management – There was discussion regarding a WestCOG application to set up a regional waste park. Applications are due December 20th.

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.

Upcoming meetings

MPO/COG/Legislative Reception – Thursday December 19th

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

The meeting concluded at: 3:27