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INTERIM MINUTES OF 09/09/2025

Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG)

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89531093509>

- Bethel Absent
- Bridgewater Absent
- Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski
- Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda
- Darien Director of Public Works Ed Gentile
- Greenwich Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee
- New Canaan Absent
- New Fairfield Absent
- New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy
- Newtown Absent
- Norwalk Assistant Director Garrett Bolella
- Redding Absent
- Ridgefield Absent
- Sherman Absent
- Stamford Transportation Planner Luke Bittenwieser
- Weston Absent
- Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
- Wilton Director of Planning & Land Use Management Michael E. Wrinn
- Transit Representative SWR NTD Director of Service Planning Richard Schreiner
- Transit Representative HV Acting HARTransit CEO Bob Yastremski

Others Attending:

Stamford Traffic Engineer Jianhong Wang, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Collective, and Carrie Long and Shawna Kitzman from Toole Design Group.

WestCOG Staff Members: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Kristin Floberg, Todd Fontanella, Amal Malik and Cricket Carpenter.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

No member of the public spoke when asked to do so.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Traffic Calming and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox

Carrie Long and Shawna Kitzman presented on the WestCOG study, progress on tasks, feedback from focus group meetings, and draft concepts.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2026 Proposed Meeting Dates

WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. An updated list will be provided at the next meeting.

Update – ADA Transition Plan Assistance Project

WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview.

CTDEEP Trees for Communities Grant Application

WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided an update.

Task-Based Transportation Engineering Consultants

WestCOG Program Director Kevin Mahoney indicated the selection process was complete and that implementation information will be distributed in the near future.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the July 2025 meeting minutes

After review and on a motion made by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski and seconded by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg the minutes of the July 2025 meeting were approved.

2025 LOTCIP Project Solicitation

Program Director Kevin Mahoney indicated the solicitation was provided as a draft for information and comment at the July 8, 2025 TAG meeting and asked if there any questions of comments on the proposed final version. Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski requested clarification regarding the status of design. After review and on a motion made by

Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski and seconded by Stamford Transportation Planner Luke Bittenwieser the 2025 LOTCIP Project Solicitation voted unanimously to recommend that the COG approve the solicitation.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Stamford Traffic Engineer Jianhong Wang requested information on when the Task-Based Transportation Engineering Consultants document would be available for the municipalities to use.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MPO/COG: Wednesday, September 24, 2025

TAG Meeting: Tuesday, October 7, 2025

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE TAG MEMBERS