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INTERIM MINUTES OF 12/09/2025

Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG)

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

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

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| • Bethel | Public Works Project Manager Jonathan Matz |
| • Bridgewater | Absent |
| • Brookfield | Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco |
| • Danbury | Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda |
| • Darien | Director of Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg |
| • Greenwich | Greenwich Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee |
| • New Canaan | Director of Public Works Tiger Mann |
| • New Fairfield | Absent |
| • New Milford | Director of Public Works Jack Healy |
| • Newtown | Absent |
| • Norwalk | Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers |
| • Redding | Director of Public Works James Gracy |
| • Ridgefield | Absent |
| • Sherman | Absent |
| • Stamford | Traffic Engineer Jianhong Wang |
| • Weston | Absent |
| • Westport | Town Engineer Keith Wilberg |
| • Wilton | Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio |
| • Transit Representative SWR | Absent |
| • Transit Representative HV | Acting Hartransit CEO Bob Yastremski |

Others Attending: Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, Norwalk Principal Engineer Jim Meehan, Stamford Transportation Planner Luke Bittenwieser, Housatonic Area Transit Planner Guyauth Gabbidon, FHWA Transportation Planner Jennifer Brady, and Ridgefield CT Affordable Housing Committee Chair Debra Franceschini.

WestCOG Staff Members: Francis Pickering, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wilson, Nick Trabka, Eddie Provitz, Sagnik Chand, Amal Malik, and Cricket Carpenter.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

New Staff Welcome

WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos introduced new WestCOG Data Scientists Eddie Provitz and Sagnik Chand to the TAG members.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering spoke on Housing and Public Act 25-1

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

WestCOG Traffic Calming Plan and Complete Streets Best Practices Toolbox

WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided an overview.

2025 LOTCIP Project Solicitation

WestCOG Program Director Kevin Mahoney provided an overview.

Concrete Survey

WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an update. Five municipalities participated in the survey. Kristin will send out the link again.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant

Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview. Applications for this program are due on April 24, 2026.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the November 2025 meeting minutes

After review and on a motion made by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda and seconded by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembowski the minutes of the November 2025 meeting were approved with an abstention made by Stamford Transportation Planner Luke Bittenwieser.

FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program

SWRMPO - #0301-0509CN, Stamford; #0301-0189CN, Norwalk; #0301-0187CN, Norwalk; #0301-0176CN, Norwalk; #0300-2026TK, Various. HVMPO - #0300-2026TK, Various; 0170-3795, New Milford 2026 Annual Highway Safety Performance Measures.

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers and seconded by Stamford Transportation Planner Luke Bittenwieser. The FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program Adjustments were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MPO/COG Thursday, December 18th, 2025

TAG Meeting Tuesday, January 13th, 2025

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE TAG MEMBERS