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INTERIM MINUTES OF 3/10/2026 Technical Advisory Group Meeting (TAG)

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

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• Bethel	Absent
• Bridgewater	First Selectman Eric Gsell
• Brookfield	Greg Dembowski Brookfield Director of Public Works Ralph Tedesco
• Danbury	Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda
• Darien	Director of Public Works Ed Gentile
• Greenwich	Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee
• New Canaan	Public Works Director Tiger Mann
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	First Selectman Pete Bass
• Newtown	First Selectman Bruce Walczak
• Norwalk	Absent
• Redding	Director of Public Works Jamie Gracie
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Public Works Supervisor Kris Fazzino
• Stamford	Senior Transportation Planner Luke Buttenwieser
• Weston	Absent
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Director of Public Works/Town Engineer Frank Smeriglio
• Transit Representative SWR	NTD Director of Service Planning Rick Schreiner
• Transit Representative HV	HARtransit acting CEO Bob Yastremski

Others Attending: Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembrowski, Danbury Project Engineer Tom Altermatt, New Milford Engineer Chuck Ballard, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy, Stamford Traffic Engineer Jianhong Wang, CTDOT Transportation Supervising Planner Mike Salter, CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott, CTDOT Transportation Planner2 Rebecca Andreucci, and FHWA Transportation Planner Jennifer Brady, Susie Blank, and Tom Marino

WestCOG Staff Members: Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Mike Wison, Nicholas Trabka, 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.

ACTION ITEMS

FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program

SWRMPO - #0170-3795; Various

HVMPO - #0170-3795; Various

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an over view. After review and on a motion made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Stamford Transportation Planner Luke Bittenweiser the FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement amendments were unanimously approved.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FY27-30 Transportation Improvement Program

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an overview.

ADA Transition Plans Assistance Project

WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided an update.

Prohibition of certain unmanned aircraft systems

WestCOG Senior Data Scientist Nick Trabka provided an update.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the February 2026 meeting minutes

After review and on a motion made by New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy and seconded by Brookfield Community Development Specialist Greg Dembrowski the minutes of the February 2026 meeting were unanimously approved.

FY25-FY28 Transportation Improvement Program

SWRMPO - #0056-0237; Greenwich, #0102-0358; Norwalk, #0102-0383; Norwalk, #0158-0225;

Westport, #0161-0148; Wilton

HVMPO - #0034-0364; Danbury, #0096-0211; Newtown

WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by

Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by Danbury Traffic Engineer Veera Karukonda the TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

2026 Transit Safety Performance Targets

WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided an update. After review and on a motion made by New Canaan Public Works Director Tiger Mann and seconded by New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy the 2026 Transit Safety Performance Targets were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MPO/COG Thursday, March 19th, 2026 @ 12:00 p.m.

TAG Meeting **Wednesday April 8th, 2026

ADJOURNMENT: On a motion duly made, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE TAG MEMBERS