Western Connecticut
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Approved MINUTES OF 09/08/2026
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	Dir. of Public Works Tiger Mann
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Dir. Of Public Works Jack Healy
• Newtown	Absent
• Norwalk	Dir. of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	MS4 Compliance Officer Tyler Theder
• Weston	Absent
• Westport	Dir. of Public Works Larry Roberts
• Wilton	Absent
• Transit Representative SWR	Absent
• Transit Representative HV	Absent

Others Attending: Danbury Engineer Tom Altermatt, New Milford Town Engineer Chuck Ballard, New Canaan Town Engineer Maria Coplit, Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott, CDM Smith Client Service Leader Michael Joyce, and James Westlake.

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

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION *limited to topics on this agenda and to 2 minutes per speaker.*
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update
WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Floberg provided an update.

Western Connecticut Regional Trail Project Update
WestCOG's Kristin Floberg provided an update.

CT Port Authority SHIPP Grant
WestCOG Principal Planner Todd Fontanella provided an update.

CTDOT Wildlife Crossing Pilot Program
WestCOG Transportation Director Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview.

Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program
WestCOG's Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview.

ADA Transition Plans Assistance Project
Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an update.

CBYD Location Mark outs for MS4 Stormwater Systems in Advance of Utility Work
Kristin Hadjstylianos introduced Tyley Theder from Stamford's Stormwater Management Department who provided an overview. Greenwich Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee, Norwalk Principal Engineer Jim Meehan, and Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg all provided feedback.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the July 2026 meeting minutes
After review and on a motion made by Brookfield Community Specialist Greg Dembrowski and seconded by Greenwich Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee the minutes of the July 2026 meeting were unanimously approved.

LOTCIP Adjustments
WestCOG Program Director Kevin Mahoney provided an update. After review and on a motion made by Westport Town Engineer Keith Wilberg and seconded by New Canaan Engineer Maria Coplit the LOTCIP Adjustments were unanimously approved.

2026 LOTCIP Solicitation
WestCOG's Kevin Mahoney provided an update. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield Community Specialist Greg Dembowski and seconded by Norwalk Director of Transportation, Mobility and Parking Jim Travers the 2026 LOTCIP Solicitation was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kristin Hadjstylianos announced that several grants are on the horizon. The CTDOT Community Connectivity Grant Program will be announced sometime in November with awards announced in April 2027. The Transportation Rural Improvement Program will be announced in January with awards being announced in July 2027.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MPO/COG Thursday, September 24 2026 @ 12:00 p.m.
TAG Meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2026

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made at 11:46 a.m.