Western Connecticut
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

APPROVED MINUTES OF 10/13/2026
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 Land Use Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg
• Greenwich	Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee
• New Canaan	Town Engineer Maria Coplit
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Director Of Public Works Jack Healy
• Newtown	Absent
• Norwalk	Absent
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Director of Public Works Jake Muller
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Absent
• Weston	Absent
• Westport	Director of Public Works Larry Roberts
• Wilton	Director of Planning Michael Wrinn
• Transit Representative SWR	NTD Director of Service Planning Rick Schreiner
• Transit Representative HV	Absent

Others Attending: Danbury Engineer Tom Altermatt, Ridgefield Public Works Foreman Rich Morrell, Westport Deputy Town Engineer Matthew Niski, Wilton Interim Town Engineer Steve Santacroce, CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott, and FHWA Transportation Specialist Jennifer Brady.

WestCOG Staff Members: Francis Pickering, Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Amal Malik, Mike Wilson, Kathleen Maeder, Garrett Read, and Harrison Lewis.

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
Regional Safety Action Plan
WestCOG Data Scientist Sagnik Chand and Associate Planner Amal Malik presented an overview of the Regional Safety Action Plan, data analysis, public engagement, and upcoming municipal coordination.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

CTDOT Strategic Highway Safety Plan – WestCOG Area Workshop
WestCOG's Amal Malik provided an update.

LOTCIP Solicitation
WestCOG Program Director Kevin Mahoney provided an update.

Annual Report
WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle provided an update.

Water Supply & Water Treatment Study
WestCOG's Mike Towle provided the update.

Hazard Mitigation Plan
WestCOG's Mike Towle provided the update.

Flood Grants Program
WestCOG Planner Kathleen Maeder provided the update.

Bridge and Culvert Mapping Update
WestCOG Associate Planner Garrett Reed provided the update.

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

FY27-30 Transportation Improvement Program
WestCOG's Amal Malik provided an overview on the HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP amendments. After review and on a motion made by Darien Director of Land Use Planning and Zoning Jeremy Ginsberg

and seconded by New Milford Director of Public Works Jack Healy the FY27-30 Transportation Improvement Program amendments were unanimously approved for HVMPO and SWMRPO endorsement.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion of SS4A Planning grants and RFQ examples.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

MPO/COG Thursday, October 22 2026 @ 12:00 p.m.
TAG Meeting Tuesday, November 10, 2026

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made at 11:47 a.m.