Western Connecticut
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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INTERIM MINUTES OF 11/10/2026

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	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	Director of Public Works Tiger Mann
• New Canaan	Town Engineer Maria Coplit
• New Fairfield	Absent
• New Milford	Road Design Engineer Chuck Ballard
• Newtown	Absent
• Norwalk	Director of Transportation Jim Travers
• Redding	Absent
• Ridgefield	Absent
• Sherman	Absent
• Stamford	Absent
• Weston	Absent
• Westport	Town Engineer Keith Wilberg
• Wilton	Absent
• Transit Representative SWR	NTD Director of Service Planning Rick Schreiner
• Transit Representative HV	HARTransit CEO Robert Yastremski

Others Attending: Danbury Engineer Tom Altermatt, Greenwich Chief Engineer Gabriella Circosta-Cohee, Ridgefield Public Works Foreman Rich Morrell, Westport Deputy Town Engineer Matthew Niski, Wilton Interim Town Engineer Steve Santacroce, CTDOT Transportation Planner II Matthew Abbott, Reyna Vallejo from the Ridgefield First Selectman's office, and FHWA Transportation Specialist Jennifer Brady. Associate State Director, Advocacy & Community Outreach at AARP Natalie Shurtleff, Neil Blaszkiewicz and Anne Cheng.

WestCOG Staff Members: Mike Towle, Todd Fontanella, Amal Malik, Mike Wilson, Harrison Lewis, and Cricket Carpenter

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: WestCOG Deputy Director Mike Towle 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
Natalie Shurtleff, Associate State Director of Advocacy & Outreach spoke on the AARP Livable Communities. For more information or to sign up for their newsletter visit https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/livable-community-news-alerts/

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
Regional economic plan update, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, CEDS
WestCOG Manager Betsy Paynter provided an overview.

Safety Performance Measures – 2027 CTDOT Safety Targets
WestCOG Associate Planner Amal Malik provided an update.

Infrastructure & Reliability Performance Measures – 2027 & 2029 CTDOT Targets
WestCOG Planner Harrison Lewis provided an overview.

2027 Proposed Meeting Dates
Mike Towle provided an overview. Please send any scheduling conflicts to Cricket Carpenter @ ccarpenter@westcog.org

ADA Training Opportunities November 17th
WestCOG Senior Planner Mike Wilson provided an overview.

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ACTION ITEMS
Approval of the October 2026 meeting minutes
After review and on a motion made by Keith Wilberg and seconded by Veera Karukonda the minutes of the October 2026 minutes were unanimously approved.

FY27-30 Transportation Improvement Program
SWRMPO - #0302-0023CN, Various; #0412-2025CN, Norwalk; #0412-2025EQ, Norwalk; #0412-2025PA, Norwalk HVMPO - #0302-0023CN, Various
Amal Malik provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Jim Travers and seconded by Jeremy Ginsberg the FY 27-30 were unanimously approved.

UPCOMING MEETINGS
MPO/COG Thursday, November 19 2026 @ 12:00 p.m.
TAG Meeting Tuesday, December 8, 2026

The meeting was adjourned on a motion duly made at 11:40 a.m.

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