Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



APPROVED 6/25/2015 MINUTES WESTERN CONNECTICUT COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Meeting held at the WestCOG Office, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT and by Telephonic Participation

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

•Bethel First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Chairman

•Bridgewater Absent

Brookfield First Selectman William Tinsley

Danbury Absent

• Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Vice Chairman

Greenwich First Selectman Peter TeseiNew Canaan First Selectman Robert Mallozzi

New Fairfield First Selectman Susan Chapman, Secretary

•New Milford Mayor Patricia Murphy

•Newtown First Selectman Patricia Llodra

Norwalk AbsentRedding Absent

•Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi

•Sherman Absent

Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard (non-voting)

Weston Absent

Westport First Selectman James MarpeWilton First Selectman William Brennan

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

CT DOT Supervising Planner Roxane Fromson, Kenneth Shooshan-Stoller of the FHWA, HARTransit Service Development Director Richard Schreiner, Tracey Alston of Eversource, Stamford Traffic Engineer Mani Poola, and from the WestCOG staff Francis Pickering, Sue Prosi, Rob Sachnin, Matt Weinstein, Mike Towle, Liz Esposito and Jon Chew.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 PM by Chairman Matthew Knickerbocker and a quorum was determined to be present.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no comments from the public.

MINUTES FROM 5/21/2015

After review and on a motion made by Pat Llodra and seconded by Susan Chapman, the minutes of the meeting of 5/21/2015 were unanimously approved as amended, with an abstention by Bill Brennan.

BUDGET FOR FY2016

The draft FY2016 budget attached to the agenda was reviewed. Then on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Jayme Stevenson, the Draft FY2016 budget was unanimously approved.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SWRMPO LOTCIP CONSULTANT SERVICES

Francis Pickering and Sue Prosi spoke to this item, requesting approval of a resolution authorizing agreements with consultants to perform LOTCIP Transportation Task Based Services for the SWRMPO.

The title of the resolution attached to the agenda and reviewed was "Resolution Authorizing Execution of Professional Services Agreements for LOTCIP Transportation Task Based Services."

It was explained that contract amounts will not exceed what is available from the CT Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program, and that each region may use up to 3% of its regional capital allocation for defined administrative and engineering review responsibilities.

There was discussion. Then on a motion made by Susan Chapman and seconded by Pat Llodra, the resolution was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pat Llodra initiated a discussion of the upcoming office consolidation, timeline, costs and locational issues. A general discussion followed. The consensus was that the Executive Committee should take the lead and accelerate the resolution of this issue.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Knickerbocker stated that the next WestCOG meeting is scheduled to be held at the Stony Hill Volunteer Fire Department on Route 6 in Bethel on July 16, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Pat Murphy and seconded by Pat Llodra the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.