FINAL 3/19/2015 MINUTES

HOUSATONIC VALLEY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

HELD AT NEW MILFORD TOWN HALL

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel.....Absent

Bridgewater.....Selectman Alan Brown

Brookfield......First Selectman William Tinsley

Danbury.....Absent

New Fairfield.....First Selectman Susan Chapman, Vice Chairman

New Milford......Mayor Patricia Murphy

Newtown......Public Works Director Fred Hurley

Redding.....Selectman Leon Karvelis

Ridgefield......First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Chairman

Sherman.....First Selectman Clay Cope

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Schreiner and Stephanie Scavelli of HARTransit, WestCOG staff.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairman Rudy Marconi, after which attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rick Schreiner of HARTransit spoke to his organization's upcoming grant application for enhanced transit services to Belimo, Inc. in Danbury.

MINUTES FROM 2/19/2015

After review and on a motion made by Susan Chapman and seconded by Pat Murphy, the minutes of the HVMPO meeting of 2/19/2015 were unanimously approved.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Dave Hannon presented the one amendment received from CT DOT, Project 0174-0375 for various District 4 traffic signal installations, District 4 right of way for \$100,000 and construction for \$1,150,000, to delete both amounts from the TIP.

After review and on a motion made by Clay Cope and seconded by Leon Karvelis, the TIP Amendment was unanimously approved.

DESIGNATE PLANNING AGENCY FOR HVMPO

Dave Hannon discussed this item, noting that HVMPO as a federal administrative designation is not a full corporate entity, thus requiring reliance upon a more fully functional entity for office space and staffing.

And that with the sunsetting of HVCEO, the role of MPO transportation Planning agency has migrated to WestCOG. A merger administrative item remaining is to formally designate WestCOG as the transportation planning agency for both HVMPO and SWRMPO.

He then presented a "Resolution Designating WestCOG as the Transportation planning Agency for the HVMPO." There was brief discussion. Then on a motion made by Susan Chapman and seconded by Pat Murphy, the resolution was unanimously approved.

FY2015 TRANSPORTATION WORK PROGRAM ADJUSTMENTS

Dave Hannon noted that due to the 12/31 merger at the half way point in the annual transportation grant cycle for HVCEO, adjustments to the transportation work program is required. A draft of the changes has been submitted to CT DOT for its review and will then be presented to the HVMPO for consideration.

ANTICIPATED LOTCIP PROGRAM CHANGES

Dave Hannon reviewed draft state budget proposals for this grant source. As funding is expected to increase, additional municipal projects will be solicited by HVMPO for the program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Susan Chapman and seconded by Pat Murphy the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.