Chairman William Brennan called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. The meeting was held at the Stamford Offices of the Western CT Council of Governments.

1. **South Western Region MPO Minutes – November 20, 2014**
   Ms. Jayme Stevenson made a motion to approve the MPO November 20, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Mallozzi and carried unanimously.

2. **Public Involvement**
   There were no comments from the public.

3. **Action Items**
   a. **Transportation Improvement Program: FFY 2015-2018**
      Ms. Sue Prosi referred the MPO to the TIP amendments and actions requested by CTDOT and discussed and supported by the TTAG.

   **FHWA Amendments (SWRTIP#2015-001)**
   102-0355 – Pedestrian Safety Improvements in the Vicinity of the Roton Middle School
   PE (2015): $40,000 federal; CON (2016): $465,000 federal  Total: $505,000 federal
Located in the City of Norwalk, this project will implement pedestrian safety improvements to Roton Middle School using Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding. SWRPA’s Roton Middle School Plan is the basis for the project which will be designed and constructed by the City of Norwalk.

The project entails the installation of new sidewalks, curb ramps, and crossing lights on Highland Avenue from Witch Lane to Knollwood Road. The existing sidewalk along Highland Avenue would also be relocated. Project efforts are 100% federally-funded and total $505,000 in Engineering (PE) and Construction (CON) phases.


Funding has been requested for the design and installation of traffic control signals at eleven (11) locations in CTDOT District 3. Two locations are located in the South Western Region, and listed below:

- **New Canaan**: Route 123 at Lakewood Avenue Exit & Little Brook Road
- **Norwalk**: Route 136 at Strawberry Hill Avenue

The FHWA’s Surface Transportation Program Anywhere (STP-A) is the proposed funding. The project is eligible for 100% funding as a safety project.

102-0356 – Rehab Bridge 00722 at West Rocks Road and Route 15 (Merritt Parkway) PE (2015 & 2016): $256,000 federal; $64,000 State Total: $320,000

A funding revision is sought to add two engineering design (PE) phases for bridge rehabilitation at West Rocks Road and Route 15 in Norwalk. The FHWA’s Surface Transportation Program Anywhere (STP-A) is the proposed federal funding source. Proposed construction activities will utilize the state’s “Fix it First” (FIF) bond program, and are 100% state funded.

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FHWA Actions (SWRTIP#2015-002)

135-270 – Route 15 (Merritt Parkway Resurfacing/Safety Improvements, Stamford to New Canaan
CON (2015): $8,528,000 federal, $2,132,000 state
Total (2015): $10,660,000

CTDOT seeks approval for construction of Merritt Parkway improvements between Stamford and New Canaan. The 2012 TIP for FY2014 indicated $26.5M CON funding. Sue Prosi advised that CTDOT phased funding for the project. CTDOT programmed $16M in FFY2014 and that the FFY2015 $10.6M is the full funding amount for the project.

56-305 – Replace Bridge 01872 over Greenwich Creek
PE (2015): $140,000 federal, $35,000 state
Total (2015): $175,000

CTDOT seeks approval to move engineering funding from FY13 to FY15. The funding type will change from FHWA’s STP-A to STP-B. Project details include the replacement of Bridge #01872, located along Route 1 in the Town of Greenwich, at Greenwich Creek. The Region’s STP&LOTCIP Working Group recommends approval of use of STP-B for this project.

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Mrs. Jennifer Johnson said that she could not support the projects without additional information. The example of the need for more information cited by Mrs. Johnson cited was Project 135-270 Merritt Parkway Improvements from Stamford to New Canaan. Ms. Prosi advised that CTDOT advised the TTAG that funding for the project was phased with $16m obligated in FFY2014. The requested action funds the balance with FFY2015 funding. Ms. Prosi encouraged persons with questions to contact her. The questions and answers will be shared with the TTAG and MPO.

Following the discussion, Ms. Stevenson made a motion to approve the TIP amendments and actions using Resolution #2015-001. The motion was seconded by Mr. James Marpe. The motion carried with the exception of Mrs. Johnson who voted against approval.

4. South Western Region MPO 2015 Meeting Schedule

Mr. Brennan led the discussion about SWRMPO meetings. He noted that the Housatonic Valley MPO is revising their schedule to always meet in the Housatonic Region. Mr. Brennan recommended that SWRMPO meetings be held after Western CT COG meetings when the COG meets in the South Western Region. On other months when the COG meets out of the region, teleconference meetings can be held at 8:15 a.m. Mrs. Johnson supports SWRMPO meetings in the region, but it is her opinion that the meetings should always be held in one location – the Norwalk Transit District. Ms. Stevenson explained that the February 19, 2015 COG meeting will be held in Greenwich rather than Darien, and that the April 16, 2015 COG meeting. The SWRMPO agreed to revise the 2015 meeting schedule subject to their review. Ms. Prosi will update the SWRMPO 2015 meeting schedule for the MPO’s consideration. Ms. Prosi was also asked to update the COG meeting schedule and send it out to the members.
Mr. Brennan announced that Commissioner Redeker would meet with the COG on April 16, 2015. Ms. Stevenson recommended that the MPO develop topics and talking points for the Commissioner. Mr. Brennan asked that the information be provided to Ms. Prosi.

5. **Information Items**
   a. **Upcoming Meetings**
   Mr. Brennan identified the upcoming meetings.

   b. **Transportation Technical Advisory Group – January 6, 2015**
   Ms. Prosi summarized TTAG topics of particular interest and future SWRMPO and COG action, including:
   - The WCCOG Stamford office issued the solicitation for CMAQ candidate projects. Each region may submit up to 3 projects. One page concepts are due at the Stamford office by 2/13/15; full applications are due at Stamford office by 3/2/15; TTAG review and ranking will require SWRMPO endorsement 4/16/15. Note: the WCCOG Brookfield office may submit 3 projects as well.
   - Designation of WCCOG as the transportation planning agency for the South Western Region – this is a COG and SWRMPO and HVMPO action item.
   - FY2015 Transportation Planning Work Program Adjustments will reflect a new burden fringe and overhead (BFO) rate for the WCCOG. The FY2015 UPWP adjustments will show the revised BFO rate, staff and maximum hourly rates of combined COG staff. There will be no changes in actual pay rates.

   Ms. Johnson objected to COG and MPO approval of the COG as the transportation planning agency for the SWRMPO because she supports an MPO that extends east-west rather than south-north.

   Mr. Brennan asked that the CTDOT report on regions and MPO boundaries be requested from CTDOT and provided to the SWRMPO.

6. **Other Business**
   a. **Old Business**
   Mr. Brennan announced that Norwalk passed the ordinance to join the Western CT COG. Ms. Prosi will advise the SWRMPO of the approval date.

   b. **New Business**
   Mr. Brennan announced that Commissioner Redeker would meet with the COG on April 16, 2015. Ms. Stevenson recommended that the MPO develop topics and talking points for the Commissioner. Mr. Brennan asked that the information be provided to Ms. Prosi.

7. **Adjournment**
   The MPO meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m. on a motion by Mr. Brennan and a second by Mr. Mallozzi which was unanimously approved.

MPO approved as revised: March 19, 2015
SWRMPO AGENDA – February 2, 2015 8:15 a.m.
Location: Western CT COG – Stamford Office
3rd Floor – 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford CT 06901

1. South Western Region MPO Minutes – November 20, 2014 *(pages 1-4)

2. Public Involvement – Comments and questions from the public are welcome at this time.

3. Transportation Improvement Program: FFY2015-2018* (pages 5-7)
   Amendment of the TIP is requested by CTDOT.
   Resolution #2015-001 FFY2015-2018 TIP Endorsement* (page 7)

4. South Western Region MPO 2015 Meeting Schedule* (page 8)
   The 2015 SWRMPO meeting schedule will be reviewed.

5. Information Items
   a. Upcoming Meetings
      1/22/15 12:00 p.m. Western CT COG – Sherman Volunteer Fire Department
      2/19/15 12:00 p.m. Western CT COG – Greenwich Town Hall
      2/19/15 1:30 p.m. SWRMPO – Greenwich Town Hall
   b. Transportation Technical Advisory Group Minutes – January 6, 2015 (pages 9-12)

6. Other Business
   a. Old Business
   b. New Business

7. Adjournment
   * Action Item

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