

**South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
October 22, 2015
Meeting Minutes**

Chief Elected Officials:	Hon. William Brennan, Wilton; Hon. Gayle Weinstein, Weston; Hon. Jayme Stevenson, Darien; Hon. Robert Mallozzi, New Canaan; Hon. James Marpe, Westport; Hon. David Martin, Stamford;
Transit District Officials:	Mrs. Kimberlee Morton, Norwalk Transit District; Mr. Mani Poola, Stamford Transit District; Mrs. Jennifer Johnson, Westport Transit District
Official Voting Members:	Ms. Elizabeth Stocker (for Hon. Harry Rilling, Norwalk);
WestCOG:	Mr. Francis Pickering, Executive Director; Ms. Sue Prosi, Sr. Transportation Manager; Mr. Rob Sachnin, Sr. Planner; Ms. Elizabeth Esposito, Associate Planner;
CTDOT:	Mrs. Roxane Fromson, Supervising Transportation Planner, CTDOT;
USDOT:	No one
Other:	Mr. Michael Pollard, Stamford; Mr. Joshua Benson Stamford Transportation; Ms. Tracey Alston, EVERSOURCE; Mr. Richard Schreiner, HART.

Mr. William Brennan called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm. The place of meeting was the Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Blvd., Stamford, CT 06901.

1. South Western Region MPO Minutes – August 20, 2015*

Mr. William Brennan made a motion to approve the August 20, 2015 minutes, the motion was seconded by Mr. Robert Mallozzi and carried unanimously. Mr. William Brennan abstained from voting.

2. Public Involvement

There were no comments from the public.

3. Transportation Improvement Program FFY2015-2018*

Ms. Sue Prosi provided background on the CTDOT requested TIP amendment for Project 125-325 Route 1 Bridge over I-95 noting the change in year and funding. Ms. Prosi explained the proposed project will not accommodate future widening of I-95. The TTAG discussion and request for additional information from CTDOT was described. In response to this request, CTDOT provided additional project information and discussed the project with the City of Stamford. The outcome was that the City of Stamford agreed to approve the project as proposed.

Mayor David Martin stated that improvements to I-95 and Metro-North were priorities. The Mayor expressed his disappointment the widening of I-95 would not proceed with design and construction in the near term, and concern that the abutments of the Route 1 project over I-95 would have to be replaced for I-95 widening.

Mrs. Gayle Weinstein asked if the associated bridge abutments could be retrofitted at a later time, to allow for a future widening. Mayor Martin responded that this was unlikely given the design of the Route 1 bridge project.

Mrs. Weinstein made a motion to approve **Resolution #2015-016 FFY2015-2018 TIP Endorsement – October 2015**. Mr. Mallozzi seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Information Items

4a. Upcoming Meetings

Mr. Brennan informed the group of the upcoming meetings, which were included on the agenda.

4b. TTAG Meeting Minutes – October 6, 2015

Ms. Prosi referenced the October 6, 2015 TTAG minutes, indicating their function in providing the SWRMPO reference regarding the requested TIP amendment discussed above in Section 3.

4c. Other

Mayor Martin introduced Mr. Joshua Benson who is Stamford's new Transportation Bureau Chief. Mayor Martin also acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Mr. Mani Poola, Stamford Traffic Engineer and thanked him for his service and expertise.

On behalf of the SWRMPO and the TTAG, Mr. Brennan presented Mr. Poola with a certificate of appreciation from the region. Mr. Brennan thanked Mr. Poola for his participation in the South Western Region transportation planning program as Stamford's representative to the technical and policy committees and wished Mr. Poola a happy and healthy retirement.

On behalf of the Connecticut Department of Transportation, Ms. Roxane Fromson presented a retirement card to Mani Poola and wished him a happy and healthy retirement. She stated that she, and many others at the Department, felt that Mr. Poola was a pleasure to work. She thanked him for his dedication and professionalism in carrying out his responsibilities.

5. Adjournment

The MPO meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm on a motion by Mr. William Brennan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mallozzi and carried unanimously.

Minutes approved as revised by SWRMPO on November 19, 2015