

HVMPO MEETING

Please Note Date, Time and Location

11:30 A.M. on 1/21/2016

To be held at the Ridgefield Library- Lower Level
472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877
Telephone: (203) 431-2774

Prior to the 1/21/2016 12:30 p.m. WestCOG
Meeting at this Location - Lunch Provided at Noon

Chairman- Ridgefield First Selectman Rudolph Marconi; Vice Chairman- New Fairfield First Selectman Susan Chapman;
Secretary- Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton; Bethel First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker;
Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read; Brookfield First Selectman Stephen Dunn; Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton;
New Milford Mayor David Gronbach; Newtown First Selectman Patricia Llodra; Sherman First Selectman Clay Cope

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Determine Quorum, Pledge of Allegiance, Public Comment.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- 2a. Draft Meeting Minutes from 11/19/2015, Item 2a
- 2b. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (placeholder)

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 3a. Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program- HART Project Solicitation
- 3b. CTDOT Community Connectivity Program, Item 3b
- 3c. OPM Responsible Growth and TOD Grant Program, Item 3c
- 3d. Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) Update, Item 3d
- 3e. Future HVMPO Operating Procedures
- 3f. Future HVMPO Meeting Format

4. ELECTION OF HVMPO OFFICERS

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

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11/19/2015 DRAFT
MINUTES FOR THE
HOUSATONIC VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MEETING AT DANBURY CITY HALL
155 DEER HILL AVENUE, DANBURY, CT 06810

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

- Bethel..... First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker
- Bridgewater.. First Selectman Curtis Read
- Brookfield..... Absent
- Danbury..... Mayor Mark Boughton
- New Fairfield. First Selectman Susan Chapman
- New Milford.. Absent
- Newtown..... Absent
- Redding..... Absent
- 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 11:30 AM by Chairman Rudy Marconi, a quorum was determined to be present, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

MINUTES FROM 7/16/2015

After review and on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Susan Chapman, the minutes of the HVMPO meeting of 7/16/2015 were unanimously approved, except for an abstention by Clay Cope.

Concerning the July 16 TIP amendments, Rudy Marconi requested that the staff research the relationship of Project #0170-3227 "Sign Support Inspection" funding, to the dollar amount then specified for Project #0170-3362 "Sign Support Replacement."

Information is needed as to how funds needed for sign support improvements could have been determined so specifically prior to the inspection phase having been completed.

IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AMENDMENTS

Transportation improvement Program amendments requested by CT DOT were then reviewed, requested amendments summarized as follows:

- **CT DOT Project #0016-0101 Utility Breakout of Bridgewater's Route 133 Upgrade:** \$2,400,000 federal, \$600,000 state, total \$3,000,000, federal grant category STP-R. Relocation of interstate internet main cable as well as traditional utility poles, funding includes detour signing and police, CT DOT survey and inspection. Project construction costs are all state funded at \$10,000,000.
- **CT DOT Project #0174-0407 Replacement of Highway Illumination Systems in various locations in District 4,** total of design and construction phases, \$12,000,000 federal, \$3,000,000 state, total \$15,000,000, federal grant category NHPP.

Curtis Read provided a history of the Bridgewater Route 133 project and stated that the improvements are necessary. A memo from CT DOT detailing the Route 133 project was also provided.

Regarding the replacement of highway illumination systems, an accompanying CT DOT memo identified the 1965 I-84 illumination in Danbury and Bethel and also the 1977 illumination on the Route 7 Expressway in Danbury and Brookfield as project locations within the HVMPO region.

There was discussion. Then on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Curtis Read, the TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

RECENT AND UPCOMING TRANSPORTATION STUDIES

Jon Chew gave a PowerPoint presentation on this topic. Recently completed and upcoming studies were each summarized. The 9/2015 Brookfield Route 202 Plan was presented with additional detail.

There was discussion, with members commenting upon the Bethel and Ridgefield transit oriented development studies.

Regarding future studies, Mark Boughton stated that a Danbury transportation issue he would like addressed by HVMPO is the relocation of the HARTransit Pulse Point now at the north end of Downtown Danbury to a site more favorable for its patrons and synergy with Downtown activity, near the railroad station suggested.

ENDORSEMENT OF ROUTE 202 PLAN

Members were requested to endorse the recent completed Brookfield Route 202 Plan, as approved in September by Brookfield's Board of Selectmen, Planning Commission, Zoning Commission and Police Commission. The goal is submission to CT DOT to be followed by priority project initiations.

There was discussion. Then on a motion made by Clay Cope and seconded by Mark Boughton, the Brookfield Route 202 Plan was unanimously endorsed and the HVMPO secretary authorized to sign a resolution to that effect.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion made by Susan Chapman and seconded by Matt Knickerbocker the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



January 12, 2016

TO: WestCOG, HVMPO & SWRMPO Members
FROM: Dave Hannon & Rob Sachnin
RE: Community Connectivity Grant Program Fact Sheet

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has released a solicitation for the Community Connectivity Program. The program seeks to improve accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians (bike/ped) in community centers. Safety improvements and accident reduction are also important facets of the program.

This is a discretionary funding opportunity where successful applicants will receive consultant assistance in conducting road safety audits (RSAs) for important bike/ped corridors and intersections. RSAs will identify safety issues and appropriate countermeasures. A draft report summarizing results will also be prepared at no cost. The scope of funding for this program is limited to the RSA, *there is no money allocated for construction at this time*, although this could change in the future.

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities (all state and local roads)

Deadline: March 1, 2016

Local Match: None

Key Project Components - may include, but are not limited to:

- Bike/ped access & accommodations, including connections to:
 - Commercial/retail
 - Employment
 - Educational facilities
 - Transit (bus, rail, park & ride lots, etc)
 - Other existing bike/ped trails
- Safety improvements & accident reductions
- Building off of other transportation or economic development project efforts (past, current, or future projects), such as:
 - Transit oriented development (TOD)
 - Economic development
 - Housing
 - Other

Attachments:

- Location map (**required**)
- Optional: Collision data, Traffic data (ADT or VMT), Bike/ped data

Additional Information (application and brochure): <https://westcog.org/business-grant-opportunities>

Contact: Mr. Patrick Zapatka, Program Manager, CTDOT, Patrick.Zapatka@ct.gov, 860-594-2047

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TO: WestCOG, HVMPO & SWRMPO Members
FROM: Dave Hannon & Rob Sachnin
RE: Responsible Growth & Transit-Oriented Development Grant Program Fact Sheet

The CT Office of Policy & Management (OPM) has announced a Request for Applications (RFA) for the Responsible Growth and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Grant Program.

Eligible Applicants: Municipalities and Councils of Governments (COGs)

Funding: \$25,000 (min) to \$2,000,000 (max); no local match required

Eligible Projects:

- Transit-oriented development
- Infill development
- Reuse and rehabilitation
- Municipal infrastructure
- Workforce housing
- Facilities for pedestrians and cyclists
- Agriculture
- Community resiliency (to extreme weather events)
- Regional collaboration
- Projects identified in a CEDS
- Any other project that supports the state Plan of C&D

Deadlines:

- Written Questions: Thursday, **December 24, 2015** at 4:00 pm
- Application: Thursday, **February 4, 2016** at 4:00 pm
- Resolutions & Letters of Support: Thursday, ~~January 28, 2016~~ at 4:00 pm
 o **REVISED: February 25th, 2016 at 4:00 pm**

Link to RFA: <http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/secretary/rfp/opm-igp-20151209-rg-tod.pdf>

- Section B: additional eligible project details
- Application Instructions: Sections F and H
- Screening & Rating Criteria: Attachment A

Questions about the RFA may be submitted in writing to the Official State Contact, Matthew Pafford, at either Matthew.Pafford@ct.gov or Office of Policy and Management, 450 Capitol Avenue MS# 54ORG, Hartford, CT 06106-1379.

HVMPD LOTCIP PROGRAM

Implementation Schedule

(Adopted 4/17/2014, Revised 02/19/2015 - Projects Listed Alphabetically by Municipality)

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Project Description</u>	<u>Proposed Calendar Year of Construction</u>			
		<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Brookfield	"Four Corners" Intersection/Pedestrian	-	-\$837,000	-	-
Danbury	White Street Intersections (Dan. Hosp./WestConn))	-	-	-	-\$2,650,000
New Fairfield	"Candlewood Corners" Drainage	-	-\$693,000	-	-
New Milford	Still River Drive Roundabout	-	-\$590,150	-	-
New Milford	Wellsville Avenue Bridge Reconstruction	-	-\$1,381,000	-	-
Newtown	Toddy Hill Road Bridge Replacement (off of Rt 34 near I-84 Exit 11)	-	-	-\$2,596,000	-
Ridgefield	Farmingville Road Combined-Use Trail	-	-	-\$1,100,000	-
Sherman	Taber Road Pavement Rehabilitation	-	-\$398,000	-	-
Estimated Project Costs		\$0	-\$3,899,150	-\$3,696,000	-\$2,650,000
HVMPD's Annual LOTCIP Allocation		\$2,644,000	\$2,644,000	\$2,644,000	\$2,644,000
LOTCIP Carryover from Previous Year		\$0	\$2,644,000	\$1,388,850	\$336,850
HVMPD LOTCIP Program - Annual Net Position		\$2,644,000	\$1,388,850	\$336,850	\$330,850