

HVMPO
HOUSATONIC VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

APPROVED MINUTES OF 1/21/2016

Meeting at the Ridgefield Library
472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Rudy Marconi Chairman
Susan Chapman Vice Chairman - Julia Pemberton Secretary

ATTENDANCE

- Bethel..... First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker
- Bridgewater.. First Selectman Curtis Read
- Brookfield..... First Selectman Stephen Dunn
- Danbury..... Chief of Staff Dean Esposito

- New Fairfield. First Selectman Susan Chapman
- New Milford.. Absent
- Newtown..... First Selectman Patricia Llodra

- Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton
- Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
- Sherman..... First Selectman Clay Cope

Roxane Fromson of CT DOT, Richard Schreiner of HARTransit, Charles Burnham of Eversource, a citizen and WestCOG staff.

CALL TO ORDER / COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 11:35 AM by Chairman Rudy Marconi with a quorum present. There was no public comment.

MINUTES

After review and on a motion made by Curtis Read and seconded by Susan Chapman, the minutes of the HVMPO meeting of 11/19/2015 were unanimously approved.

INFO / DISCUSSION

FTA Section 5310 Grants: Rick Schreiner presented this Federal Transit Administration grant related item, which includes setting priorities for grant applications for wheelchair accessible vans serving seniors and persons with mobility impairments, also for projects and activities supporting same.

It was noted that HARTransit had in past years assisted HVMPO, and now both HVMPO and SWRMPO, by reviewing and ranking applications received, using CTDOT's criteria and point system. There was discussion, with Mr. Schreiner to report back at a future meeting with his recommendations.

CTDOT Community Connectivity Program: Rob Sachnin provided the overview, noting that CTDOT is now accepting applications for its new Community Connectivity Program.

An approved application enables a Road Safety Audit to be provided by a CTDOT consultant, both state and local roads eligible. However there are no follow-up construction funds currently allocated, he said.

Key project components of the Audit are bicycle and pedestrian access, safety improvements and accident reduction. An agenda attachment gave details of the program and web access to application forms.

OPM Responsible Growth and TOD Grant Program: Staff commented on the applications that are now being accepted for “transit oriented development, infill development, reuse and rehabilitation, municipal infrastructure, workforce housing and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.”

Also qualifying are “agriculture, resiliency to extreme weather events, regional collaboration, projects identified in a CEDS and any other project that supports the state Plan of C&D.”

An agenda attachment provided details on the program. There was discussion. Endorsements of applications will be scheduled for the 2/18/2016 HVMPO meeting.

Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) Update: Dave Hannon provided an update on the CT DOT funded LOTICIP program for the following projects:

- Brookfield: Four Corners Intersection and Pedestrian
- Danbury: White Street Intersections
- New Fairfield: Candlewood Corners Drainage
- New Milford: Wellsville Avenue Bridge Reconstruction
- Newtown: Toddy Hill Road Bridge Replacement
- Ridgefield: Farmingville Road Combined Use Trail
- Sherman: Taber Road Pavement Rehabilitation

There was discussion, with the WestCOG meeting to follow to also address this topic.

Operating Procedures and Meeting Formats: Dave Hannon reviewed the staff effort to prepare draft MPO Operating Procedures that are identical for the two MPOs within WestCOG. Also that a coordinated meeting format with WestCOG, SWRMPO and HVMPO is planned for the 2/18 meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There was discussion of the HVMPO officer positions, the current slate being Rudy Marconi Chairman, Susan Chapman Vice Chairman and Julia Pemberton Secretary.

Then on a motion made by Curtis Read and a second by Steve Dunn it was voted unanimously to retain the same officers for 2016, with thanks to those continuing to serve.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Susan Chapman the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.