

HVMPO
HOUSATONIC VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

APPROVED MINUTES OF 3/17/2016

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

Chairman Rudy Marconi - Vice Chairman Susan Chapman
Secretary Julia Pemberton

HVMPO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel..... First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker
Bridgewater..... First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield..... First Selectman Stephen Dunn
Danbury..... Absent
New Fairfield..... First Selectman Susan Chapman

New Milford..... First Selectman David Gronbach
Newtown..... Absent
Redding..... First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield..... First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman..... Absent

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich Alternate Deputy Public Works Commissioner Jim Michel, New Canaan First Selectman Robert Mallozzi, Norwalk Alternate Development Director Elizabeth Stocker, Stamford Alternate Chief of Staff Michael Pollard, Weston First Selectman Nina Daniel, Westport First Selectman James Marpe, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, Norwalk Transit Manager of Planning Stephanie Scavelli.

In addition Richard Schreiner and Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Ridgefield Selectman's Assistant Charles Robbins, Weston resident Dr. Margaret Wirtenberg, Tracy Alston of Eversource, Frances Ryan of the Ridgefield Health Department, WestCOG Director Francis Pickering and staff members David Hannon, Michael Towle, Patty Payne, Rob Sachnin, Sue Prosi and Jon Chew.

CALL TO ORDER

Rudy Marconi called the HVMPO meeting to order at 11:32 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stephanie Scavelli noted her change of employment from HARTransit to the Norwalk Transit District and that she is the representative of Norwalk Transit at today's meeting.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Upcoming Grant and Informational Items: The Chairman reviewed agenda attachments regarding the following:

USDOT TIGER Program: A \$500 million nationwide discretionary grant program with details in the agenda packet.

USDOT FAST LANE Program: Nearly \$800 in discretionary funding for regionally significant highway and freight projects with details in the agenda packet.

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FTA 5310 Program: There is approximately \$1.3 million statewide. Each MPO is to set priorities for grant applications to CTDOT for wheelchair accessible vans serving seniors and persons with mobility impairments, also for projects and activities supporting same.

It was noted that for past application cycles HARTransit had managed program administration for HVMPO, and for this cycle is so serving both HVMPO and SWRMPO, reviewing and ranking applications received utilizing CTDOT's criteria and point system.

CT State Matching Grant Program: Provides matching funds for the transportation of senior and disabled populations, each municipality eligible for a predetermined programmed amount, including flexibility to pool resources at a regional level or with a transit district. Contact information in the agenda packet.

National Transit Map initiative: Rob Sachnin spoke to this initiative, which seeks to create a National Transit Map displaying stops, routes and schedules for all participating transit agencies. USDOT is asking for access to each transit agency's "General Transit Feed Specification" (GTFS) to populate the map and corresponding web application.

It was noted that Norwalk Transit District has GTFS data and HARTransit will soon have their data in this format. Additional information on participation is in the agenda packet.

CMAQ Program Follow-Up: The four successful applicants from the WestCOG region, Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk and HARTransit, were congratulated on their accomplishment.

ACTION ITEMS

Draft MPO Operating Procedures: The MPOs continued the discussion from the last meeting of the draft MPO Operating Procedures. These are proposed to be identical for both MPOs, the goal to maximize efficiency and reduce the potential for confusion, while also ensuring the procedures adhere to new federal guidance.

With no major questions or comments from members, a motion was then made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Susan Chapman for HVMPO to approve the new joint MPO Operating Procedures, all aye.

HVMPO Minutes from 2/18/2016: After review and on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Susan Chapman, the minutes of the HVMPO meeting of 2/18/2016 were unanimously approved.

HVMPO Transportation Improvement Program Amendments: Dave Hannon stated that none had been received for consideration at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Rudy Marconi stated that the next HVMPO meeting would be held at 11:30 AM before the WestCOG meeting scheduled for 4/21/2016 at the Ridgefield Library.

Then on motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and a second by Susan Chapman, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the HVMPO meeting at 11:55 AM.