

# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: WestCOG Council, HVMPO and SWRMPO Members  
FROM: Francis Pickering, Executive Director  
DATE: November 10, 2016  
RE: **Draft 2017 COG and MPO Meeting Schedule**

The following dates are proposed for regular COG and MPO meetings in 2017. As in the past, the third Thursday of each month is proposed, except during February and December. Deviations in scheduling in these two months are to work around school breaks and holidays. Meetings are proposed to be held at the Visiting Nurses Association, 27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877.

Date 2017	MPO Meeting	WestCOG Meeting
Jan. 19	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Feb. 23	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Mar. 16	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Apr. 20	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
May 18	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
June 15	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
July 20	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Aug. 17	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Sept. 21	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Oct. 19	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Nov. 16	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Dec. 14	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Should you have any comments or questions regarding the draft schedule, please contact me. COG and respective MPO votes are scheduled for the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meetings.

**Meeting of the Housatonic Valley & South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organizations  
November 17, 2016 at 11:30 am**

**\*New Location\*** WestCOG Offices, 1 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT, 06482

**Agenda**

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
*Includes public participation for CTDOT Ozone and PM 2.5 Air Quality Determinations*
3. **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**
  - a. Transportation Alternatives Program Briefing
  - b. Draft 2017 MPO Meeting Schedule  
*(action to be taken in December)* Attachment, pg. COG-2
4. **ACTION ITEMS\***
  - a. Approval of October 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes (HV & SWR) Attachment 4-a, pp. MPO 1-7
  - b. Air Quality Conformity Concurrence Attachment 4-b
    - i. HV – Ozone and PM 2.5 pp. MPO 8-9
    - ii. SWR – Ozone and PM 2.5 pp. MPO 10-11
  - c. Transportation Improvement Program – no items received as of 11/10/16
    - i. SWR
    - ii. HV
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**
6. **NEXT MEETING:** December 15, 2016 at the Ridgefield VNA
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

*\*Separate votes are taken by HV and SWR MPOs*

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**HVMPO**  
**HOUSATONIC VALLEY**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

**DRAFT** MINUTES OF 10/20/2016

Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association  
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Chairman Rudy Marconi - Vice Chairman Susan Chapman  
Secretary Julia Pemberton

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

- Bethel First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker
- Bridgewater Absent
- Brookfield First Selectman Stephen Dunn
- Danbury Absent
- New Fairfield First Selectman Susan Chapman
- New Milford Mayor David Gronbach
- Newtown First Selectman Patricia Llodra
- Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton
- Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi
- Sherman Absent
- Transit HARTransit Development Director Richard Schreiner
- CTDOT Supervising Planner Roxane Fromson (non-voting)
- MPO Staff Deputy Director David Hannon (non-voting)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesej, New Canaan First Selectman Robert Mallozzi, Stamford Mayor David Martin, Weston Alternate Selectman Chris Spaulding, Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard and Norwalk Transit CEO Kimberly Morton.

Also, Stamford Traffic Engineer Robert Zaitooni, Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Newtown First Selectman's Intern John Board, Norwalk Transit Manager of Planning Stephanie Scavelli, Tracey Alston of Eversource, WestCOG staff members Michael Towle, Patty Payne, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Robert Brinton, Elizabeth Esposito, Robert Sachnin and Jonathan Chew.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:40 AM. New WestCOG staff members Kristin Hadjstylianos and Robert Brinton were introduced.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kim Morton spoke to the upcoming reductions to Norwalk Transit District services. She distributed a descriptive summary entitled “Proposed Fare Increase and Service Reductions Effective January 1, 2017.” Having taken the position of CEO early in 2015, it soon became apparent that there were serious financial challenges, she said.

It was determined early on that there are no missing funds. Rather, that the overall operation was incurring a growing deficit. She then described the actions being taken to regain control over the finances. There was considerable discussion.

Rob Sachnin then reviewed current activity by HVMPO and SWRMPO regarding CTDOT Air Quality Conformity determinations for their Regional Transportation Plans and Transportation Improvement Programs. A 30-day public input process has been initiated with the documents and staff available to provide technical assistance.

He mentioned that following the public process, MPO action would be required as part of the November meeting. The results will be forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration and to the Environmental Protection Agency to enable continued federal transportation project funding, he said.

## INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Update on the Transportation Alternatives Program:** Rob Sachnin reviewed the status of the FFY 2016-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program solicitation. Nine applications have been received from within the SWRMPO area, and another nine from within the HVMPO area. The applications are under review, with recommendations as to priorities to be brought to the Technical Advisory Group for input and then to the COG, he said.

**Update on 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program:** Dave Hannon reviewed the draft TIP, commenting upon the municipal priority projects included. The draft document distributed was entitled “2018-2021 TIP Projects List – HVMPO Review Comments.”

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of 6/16/2016 and 8/12/2016 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Pat Llodra, the minutes of the HVMPO meetings of 6/16/2016 and 8/12/2016 were unanimously approved.

**Transportation Improvement Program Amendments:** There were two CTDOT requested TIP amendments, grouped for administrative tracking as “HVTIP Amendments 2016-04,” as follows:

1) **Project #0034-0305** in Danbury for the realignment of Route 37 at Stacey Road, Pembroke Terrace and Barnum Road to address traffic flow and safety concerns. Dave Hannon explained that this amendment is for the construction phase which totals to \$4,500,000 of which 80% is to be federally funded thru STP-O and Earmark funds.

The project has been off the TIP for many years and reinstatement will facilitate its completion, he said. There was brief discussion. Then on a motion made by Matt

Knickerbocker and seconded by Susan Chapman, the TIP amendment for Project #0034-0305 was unanimously approved.

2) **Project #0096-0204** in Newtown for intersection redesign at I-84 Interchange 11 with Route 34 and Route 490 (Wasserman Way). Dave Hannon explained that the design phase is with state funds, and that the current amendment is for right of way funds totaling \$1,800,000 of which 80% is federal STPA funds and 20% is state funds.

He provided project background, noting that I-84 Interchange 11 ramps were designed for connection only to an expressway approaching from the south, not for local traffic. The proposed approaching expressway has long been abandoned and the current access arrangements were never intended to be permanent, he said.

The redesign will give priority to local access, significantly reducing traffic congestion at this strategic regional crossroads, also the location of the highest traffic volume in Newtown. He noted that a public information meeting on this project is planned by CTDOT.

There was discussion. Then on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Pat Llodra, the TIP Amendment for Project #0096-0204 was unanimously approved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**SWRMPO**  
**SOUTH WESTERN REGION**  
**METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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## ACTION ITEMS

**Approval of 7/21/2016 and 8/12/2016 Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Rob Mallozzi and seconded by David Martin, the minutes of the SWRMPO meetings of 7/21/2016 and 8/12/2016 were unanimously approved, except for abstentions by Chris Spaulding and Jim Marpe.

**Transportation Improvement Program Amendments:** There were four CTDOT requested TIP amendments, grouped for administrative tracking as “SWRTIP Amendments 2016-07”, as follows:

1) **Project #56-316** in Greenwich and Stamford on I-95 in those communities. Rob Sachnin reviewed the project which includes seven miles of pavement rehabilitation, selected median barrier replacement, movement of illumination from the shoulder into the median, and selected bridge rehabilitation. Certain critical I-95 features are ending their useful service life, he said.

He referenced the agenda attachment in which the seven components of Project #56-316 total to \$177,532,000 in federal NHPP funds and with a State matching component of 20%.

2) **Project #56-305** in Greenwich for the replacement of State Bridge #01872 on Route 1 over Greenwich Creek. The bridge has been rated as structurally deficient due to the poor condition of its superstructure, and functionally obsolete due to poor deck geometry.

Rob Sachnin noted that the combined final design and right of way components total to \$1,775,000, of which 80% is to be federally funded thru STPB and STPA-BRX funding categories respectively, the 20% remainder State funds.

3) **Project #135-287** in Stamford will make safety and operational improvements along Route 106, also known as Courtland Avenue, including the intersection of Route 106 with Route 1. Exclusive left turn lanes will be provided at Route 106 intersections with Route 1 and to the north at Hamilton Avenue.

Funding has been redirected from state to federal, which has prompted this amendment. The amendment is for the construction phase and totals to \$5,500,000, 80% of which is federal from the STPB category.

4) **Project #158-214** in Westport for major rehabilitation and replacement of State Bridge #01349 on Route 1 over the Saugatuck River, this amendment for the preliminary design phase at a total of \$2,000,000, 80% of which is federal thru the STPB program.

The requested TIP amendments for this project build off of existing efforts, which proposed minor rehabilitation to damaged portions of the bridge. But following further review, a need for more rigorous improvements were determined to be warranted to address structural and functional deficiencies.

The MPO action then requested by staff was endorsement of the four amendments above and collectively titled “SWRTIP Amendments 2016-07” by way of “Resolution #2016-009 to Endorse the South Western Region FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.”

There was brief discussion. Then on a motion made by Peter Tesei and seconded by Rob Mallozzi, the requested resolution was unanimously approved.

**Preliminary Approval of Draft Public Participation Plan:** Robert Sachnin commented upon the draft update which had been distributed earlier, entitled “Draft Title VI Civil Rights and Public Participation Plan.”

The new document will be a combination of current SWRMPO and HVMPO public participation and Title VI policies, updated and standardized into one text for both organizations as well as WestCOG, he said.

He noted that due to differences between current MPO adoption policies for public participation policy components, SWRMPO has two additional steps prior to joint public distribution of the draft for comment. These are a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) recommendation for preliminary approval to SWRMPO, followed by SWRMPO preliminary approval.



The regional TAG action has been completed. Then on a motion made by David Martin and a second by Rob Mallozzi, the Draft Title VI Civil Rights and Public Participation Plan was unanimously recommended for preliminary approval.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**RESOLUTION OF CONFORMITY  
WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT FOR  
LIMITING OZONE POLLUTION**

Adopted by the Housatonic Valley  
Metropolitan Planning Organization on 11/17/2016

**WHEREAS**, the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (HVMPO) is required to submit an Air Quality Conformity Statement to the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the final conformity rule promulgated by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93) when adopting an annual Transportation Improvement Program or when effecting a significant revision of the Region's Long Range Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) states that conformity of transportation plans and programs will be demonstrated if: 1) the plans and programs are consistent with recent estimates of mobile source emissions; 2) the plans and programs provide for the expeditious implementation of certain transportation control measures; 3) the plans and programs contribute to annual emissions reductions consistent with the Clean Air Act of 1977, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of the HVMPO that the plans and programs approved today, 11/17/2016 and submitted to FHWA and EPA conform to the requirements of Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) as interpreted by EPA (40 CFR 51 and 93); and

**WHEREAS**, The State of Connecticut has elected to assess conformity in the Connecticut portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Marginal Nonattainment area (Fairfield, New Haven and Middlesex Counties) and the Connecticut Department of Transportation has jointly assessed the impact of all transportation plans and programs in these Nonattainment areas as documented in its September 2016 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination; and

**WHEREAS**, The Connecticut Department of Transportation's assessment above has found that plans and programs jointly meet mobile source emission's guidelines advanced by EPA pursuant to Section 7506 (3) (A).

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the HVMPO finds that the 2015 Long Range Transportation Plan and the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the September 2016 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during the public comment period.

**CERTIFICATE**: The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the HVMPO certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted at a legally convened meeting of the HVMPO on 11/17/2016.

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Julia Pemberton, Secretary  
and First Selectman of Redding, CT

**RESOLUTION OF CONFORMITY  
WITH THE CLEAN AIR ACT FOR**

**LIMITING FINE PARTICULATE AIR POLLUTION (PM 2.5)**

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**WHEREAS**, the Connecticut portion of the New York – Northern New Jersey – Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area is designated a PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance area; and the State of Connecticut has elected to jointly assess conformity in all PM 2.5 attainment/maintenance areas in Connecticut (Fairfield County and New Haven County) and

**WHEREAS**, the results of the required emissions analysis performed by the Connecticut Department of Transportation on the 2015 Long Range Transportation Plan and the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and Amendments show that the implementation of the projects contained therein will result in emissions of PM 2.5 in each analysis year that are less than the emissions of the baseline year;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the HVMPO finds that the 2015 Long Range Transportation Plan and the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and all Amendments conform to air quality requirements of the U.S. Environmental Protection Administration (40 CFR 51 and 93), related U.S. Department of Transportation guidelines (23 CFR 450) and with Title 42, Section 7506 (3) (A) and hereby approves the September 2016 PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination contingent upon no major adverse comments being received during the public comment period.

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