

**Meeting of the Housatonic Valley & South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organizations
December 15, 2016 at 11:30 am**

Note Location Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Assoc., 27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT,
06877

Agenda

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
3. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - a. Rick Schreiner, Director of Service Development, HARTransit; 2016 SweetHART Study
 - b. LOTCIP Update
4. ACTION ITEMS*
 - a. Approval of November 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes (HV & SWR) Attachment 4-a, pp. 1-4
 - b. 2017 MPO Meeting Schedule Attachment 4-b, pg. 5
 - c. Public Participation Plan (HV & SWR) Attachment 4-c, pg. 6
 - d. Transportation Improvement Program
 - i. HV (no TIP amendments received as of 12/8/16)
 - ii. SWR – Project #301-176, Norwalk, #135-338, Stamford Attachment 4-d, pp. 7-9
 - e. Transportation Alternative Program Attachment 4-e, pp. 10-11
 - i. HVMPO Project Priorities & Contingencies pp. 12-15
 - ii. SWRMPO Project Priorities & Contingencies pp.16-17
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING: January 23, 2017 beginning at 11:30 am, following Legislative Breakfast
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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HVMPO
HOUSATONIC VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
MINUTES OF THE 11/17/2016 MEETING

Held at the WestCOG Office
1 Riverside Road, Sandy Hook, CT 06482
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 Absent
- New Milford Mayor David Gronbach
- Newtown Alternate Director of Public Works Fred Hurley
- 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, New Canaan First Selectman Robert Mallozzi, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, Weston First Selectman Nina Daniel, Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe, Norwalk Chief of Staff Laoise King, WestCOG staff members Robert Sachnin and Jonathan Chew.

CALL TO ORDER

Secretary Julia Pemberton called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(Note: Agenda included notice of opportunity for public comment on CTDOT Ozone and Particulate Matter 2.5 Air Quality Determinations). There was no public comment.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on the Transportation Alternatives Program: Rob Sachnin reviewed the status of the FFY 2016-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program solicitation. He stated that eighteen preliminary applications had been received, these from Brookfield, New Fairfield, Newtown, Redding, Ridgefield, Stamford and Wilton. Final applications will be due on November 28, he said.

As the next step the applications will be reviewed with the Technical Advisory Group on December 6. Recommendations as to priorities will then be made to the MPO at the December 15 meeting.

Draft 2017 Meeting Schedule: The draft meeting schedule for upcoming calendar 2017 was reviewed, attached to the agenda and entitled "Draft 2017 COG and MPO Meeting Schedule." Approval will be requested at the December 15 meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 10/20/2016 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Julia Pemberton and seconded by Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the HVMPO meeting of 10/20/2016 were unanimously approved.

Air Quality Conformity Concurrence: Rob Sachnin explained that federal law requires all transportation projects “conform” to established air quality goals and standards. He noted that this applies to the regional transportation plans and transportation improvement programs, and the MPO is required to submit periodic Air Quality Conformity Statements to the US Federal Highway Administration and to the US Environmental Protection Agency.

To do this, it is first necessary for technical analyses of the two documents to certify that a positive determination of air quality conformity by the MPO is justified. To assist, CT DOT, prepares the two analyses on behalf of all MPOs in the state as a group. The results of the CTDOT analysis confirm that air quality concurrence by the MPO is appropriate, he said.

The two CTDOT documents entitled “September 2016 Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination” and “September 2016 Particulate Matter Air Quality Conformity Determination” were made available to the public for review prior to this meeting, he noted.

Mr. Sachnin then presented the requested approval of the resolutions as attached to the agenda and titled as follows:

--- HVMPO Resolution of Conformity with the Clean Air Act for Limiting Ozone Pollution dated November 17, 2016

--- HVMPO Resolution of Conformity with the Clean Air Act for Limiting Fine Particulate Air Pollution (PM 2.5) dated November 17, 2016

There was discussion. Then on motion made by Rudy Marconi and seconded by Julia Pemberton, the air quality conformity resolutions as titled above were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Rudy Marconi stated that the next meeting would be held at 11:30 AM before the WestCOG meeting scheduled for 12/15/2016 at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association in Ridgefield.

Then on motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Steve Dunne, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 PM.

SWRMPO
SOUTH WESTERN REGION
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
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There was discussion. Then on motion made by Jayme Stevenson and seconded by Rob Mallozzi, the air quality conformity resolutions as titled above were unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

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2017 Annual Meetings Schedule

Meeting Location -Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Assoc., 27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT06877

Agendas - Posted in advance of meetings on website: <https://westcog.org/meetings/>

MPO: Housatonic Valley and South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organizations

WestCOG: Western Connecticut Council of Governments

***Annual Legislative Breakfast:** Monday, January 23rd beginning at 8 am
Followed by Special MPO/COG Meeting
Location: Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Assoc. (Snow date of January 30th)

<u>Date 2017</u>	<u>MPO Meeting</u>	<u>WestCOG Meeting</u>
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

Draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) for HVMPO, SWRMPO, & WestCOG

MPO Action Requested: Review and endorse the revised Public Participation Plan (PPP), following public review and no comments received. This applies to both HVMPO and SWRMPO.

Background: The HVMPO and SWRMPO PPP's provide a framework for public involvement in transportation policy, projects, and planning in our regions. Core objectives of the plan are to educate, inform, and involve the public; ensure information is easily accessible; as well as to improve decision making processes.

The goals and objectives of the PPP are interrelated with Title VI requirements. Title VI prohibits the discrimination on the basis of race, color, and national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Given the similarity in goals and objectives, public participation and Title VI have been combined into one document to more effectively engage all members of the public.

Purpose of Revisions:

The consolidation of HVCEO and SWRPA created WestCOG, which serves as the new host agency for both MPOs. Historically, both MPOs have operated under different PPP's and are thus subjected to different protocols.

Similar to the newly endorsed MPO Operating Procedures, this PPP and Title VI plan is intended to also be adopted by both MPOs and WestCOG. This provides uniform procedures and less administrative logistics, saving staff time which may be utilized towards more effective public outreach and engagement.

The SWRMPO PPP was last updated in 2009 and the region has changed since then. It also references the swrpa.org website, which ceases to exist. The HVMPO PPP, last updated in 2014, provides a template for this revision. Current efforts have revealed an increase in French speaking population and as such, agendas and other materials will now include this translation opportunity.

The PPP will afford both MPOs opportunities to more effectively target the public, including minority, low-income, and Limited English Proficiency populations. The revised document can be accessed here <https://westcog.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Title-VI-and-Public-Participation-Plan-Draft-of-20161020.pdf>

Results of 45-day Public Comment Period: An update of the plan was announced, utilizing the media and a variety of other communications including WestCOG's website and social media networks. This included access to the plan and contact information for additional information or questions. No public comments were received.

Next Steps: Endorsement of the PPP at the December 15, 2016 MPO and COG meetings would implement this uniform document as the formal guide for the regions public participation policy.

FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MPO Action Requested: Review and support TIP amendment endorsement by SWRMPO using Resolutions #2016-012 and #2016-013.

Background: The FFY2015-2018 South Western Region TIP was endorsed by the MPO on October 23, 2014. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on January 21, 2015.

Amendments (SWRTIP #Am2016-008):

301-176: Replacement: Norwalk (WALK) River Railroad Bridge (Discretionary Disaster Relief)
This CTDOT has requested this TIP amendment seeks to increase funding for the Replacement of the Norwalk River Railroad (WALK) Bridge, State Project No. 0301-0176, in the amount of \$172.6 million (\$129.5 million federal). The \$129.5 million represents the remainder of the \$161 million allocated to the project in 2014 by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), as part of the Hurricane Sandy Public Transportation Resilience Projects program.

Of the total funding associated with this grant, \$31.5 million was previously included for design activities. The remaining funding is broken out as follows:

- \$80 million of the current planned to complete the design phase
- \$49.5 million to fund a portion of the construction phase.

The FTA requires that the project be in the current year TIP in order expend funds.

Region	FACode	Proj#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments
01	5324P	0301-0176	X6	NHL-ML	VARIOUS	REPLACEMENT NORWALK (WALK) RIVER RR BRIDGE-DISCRNTY DISASTER RELIEF FY17	ALL	2017	172,639	129,479	43	0	NEW PROJECT

AQC X6 - exempt

135-338: Mill River Greenway – Phase 2

The requested TIP amendment pertains to the Mill River Greenway Trail – Phase 2. This project builds off the existing Mill River Greenway, adding an additional 2,250 in linear feet of paved multi-use trail from Hanrahan Street to Scalzi Park and along the west bank of the Mill River (also known as the Rippowam River). This effort also includes a 35 ft. long pedestrian bridge.

The source of the federal project funding is through repurposed earmarked funds. The construction phase of this project is currently estimated to cost \$2.7 million and is shown as FYI, as it is currently scheduled beyond the FY 2015-2018 STIP period. The project includes some 100% locally funded items such as an outdoor classroom and amphitheater. The broader vision for the Mill River Greenway trail would connect Scalzi Park to Long Island Sound.

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01	REP	0135-0338	X6	TRAIL	STAMFORD	MILL RIVER GREENWAY - PHASE 2	PE	2017	50	40	0	10	NEW PROJECT

AQC X6 - exempt

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**RESOLUTION #2016-012 Resolution to Endorse the South Western Region
FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program – FTA**

WHEREAS: Present federal regulations governing federal transportation assistance in urban areas prescribe that a Transportation Improvement Program be structured for each urban area which realistically balances need and financial resources over a four year period; and

WHEREAS: The *South Western Region FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* has been reviewed by the transportation technical and policy boards as well as the public.

WHEREAS: The projects are consistent with the *South Western Region Long Range Transportation Plan 2015-2040*, and are financially constrained.

WHEREAS: The projects meet the conformity requirements of the Clean Air Act

- *Connecticut Department of Transportation Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination; of the 2015 Regional Transportation Plans and the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Programs for the Connecticut Portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Marginal Nonattainment Area and the Greater Connecticut Ozone Nonattainment Area, September 2016, and*
- *Connecticut Department of Transportation PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination; of the 2015 Regional Transportation Plans and the FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Programs for the Connecticut Portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area PM_{2.5} Attainment/Maintenance Area, September 2016.*

WHEREAS: The TIP is based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation process carried on cooperatively by the State, MPO, and transit operators in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49) U.S.C. app. 1607.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby:

Endorses the *South Western Region FFY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*.

This resolution is effective December 15, 2016.

Date: December 15, 2016.

Jayme Stevenson, Chairman

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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**RESOLUTION #2016-013 Resolution to Endorse the South Western Region
FY2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program - FHWA**

WHEREAS: Present federal regulations governing federal transportation assistance in urban areas prescribe that a Transportation Improvement Program be structured for each urban area which realistically balances need and financial resources over a four year period; and

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**2016-2020 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Solicitation
Project Prioritization and Recommendations**

MPO Action Requested: Review and endorse TAP project priorities and contingencies, based on WestCOG Technical Advisory Group (TAG) recommendations.

Background: On September 13, 2016 a solicitation for TAP projects was issued by WestCOG, as host agency to HVMPO and SWRMPO. In accordance with the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), eligible projects must conform to the activities described in § 1109; 23 U.S.C. 133(h) and as referenced in the CTDOT guidance, include: on-and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, infrastructure projects for improving non-driver access to public transportation and enhanced mobility, community improvement activities, multi-use trail projects, and safe routes to school projects.

Geography & Funding: The FAST act allocates funding based on Urbanized Area (UZA) and does not sub-allocate to our MPOs. The result means funding may also be applied towards projects in the Bridgeport and Naugatuck areas, increasing the importance of developing competitive projects in our region. The breakdown of funding eligibility by geography is included below:

- Bridgeport-Stamford UZA: funding shared with GBVMPO, HVMPO (portions), SWRMPO
- Danbury-Other UZA: funding shared with CNVMPO and HVMPO (portions)

TAP funding under the FAST Act has a three-year window for obligation. Should funds not be obligated, they are to be returned to the federal government. This "use it or lose it" policy creates a strong need for contingency projects, which under certain conditions, may replace priorities that encounter delays or other issues. Contingency projects are eligible for TAP funding and are also included below

Summary of Applications Received:

Following review of preliminary applications, staff worked with municipal sponsors to enhance projects satisfying the program requirements and with the greatest potential for receipt of this competitive funding program. Revised project applications were shared with municipal members of the TAG. On December 6, 2016, representatives of the TAG discussed each project and have made project recommendations which follow CTDOT guidance and are provided below:

Bridgeport-Stamford UZA:

- Priorities: #1: Norwalk River Valley Trail (NRVT) - Phase 3 (Norwalk), #2 Branchville TOD Infrastructure Improvement - Phase 1 (Ridgefield), #3 NRVT - East Side Wilton Loop (Wilton)
- Contingencies: Stillwater Avenue Roadway & Pedestrian Safety Improvements (Stamford), Magee and Shippan Avenues Roadway & Pedestrian Safety Improvements (Stamford), NRVT - Redding Mile (Redding), Norwalk Traffic Signal Upgrade - Phase 3 (Norwalk).
- CTDOT-Recommended Contingencies: West Main Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge (Stamford), NRVT - Phase 2 (Norwalk)

Danbury-Other Urbanized Area:

- Priorities: #1 Streetscape Project, Phase 2 (Brookfield), #2 Hawleyville Streetscape (Newtown), #3 Route 7 Danbury Road Sidewalk and Shoulder Improvement Project (New Milford)
- Contingencies: Old Boardman Bridge Multi-use Trail Rehabilitation (New Milford).

Next Steps: Completed applications for all priority and contingency projects are due to WestCOG by 10:00 am on December 19, 2016. A complete application includes one digital and two paper copies. Staff will work with project sponsors, where applicable, to revise and complete applications. The final applications will then be transmitted and reviewed by CTDOT.

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RESOLUTION #2016-003 Resolution to Endorse the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Selected and Ranked Projects

WHEREAS: a portion of the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (HVMPO) is located in the Danbury Urbanized Area, an urbanized area with a population under 200,000 .

WHEREAS, for the ten HVMPO municipalities located within the Danbury Urbanized Area, the HVMPO is authorized by the *Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* to select and rank projects for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding through a competitive process.

WHEREAS, the TAP provides funding for transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, community improvements such as historic preservation and vegetation management, and environmental mitigation related to stormwater and habitat connectivity.

WHEREAS, the HVMPO developed criteria to select and rank projects for Transportation Alternatives Program funding through a competitive selection process.

WHEREAS, the TAP requires that the project is submitted by an eligible entity, is deliverable between fiscal years 2016 and 2020 (design complete/construction started) and, if a new project, has a minimum cost of \$500,000.

WHEREAS, the new and existing projects described and listed hereafter are eligible for TAP funding and were ranked through a competitive selection process.

WHEREAS, the proposed projects listed below are consistent with the goals and objectives of the long-range transportation plan for the Housatonic Valley Region.

Priority Projects:

Rank	Name	Municipality	Type	Federal Funding Requested
#1	Town Center Streetscape Project – Phase 2	Brookfield	New	\$475,000
#2	Hawleyville Streetscape Project	Newtown	New	\$690,600
#3	Route 7 (Danbury Road) Sidewalks	New Milford	New	\$720,000

Contingency Project: should additional TAP or other funding be made available

Name	Municipality	Type	Federal Funding Requested
Old Boardman Bridge- Multi-Use Trail Bridge	New Milford	New	\$800,000

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby:

Endorses the *TAP Selected and Ranked Projects*.

This resolution is effective December 15, 2016.

Date: December 15, 2016.

Julia Pemberton, Secretary

**HOUSATONIC VALLEY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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RESOLUTION #2016-004 Resolution to Endorse the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Selected and Ranked Projects

WHEREAS: a portion of the Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (HVMPO) is located in the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area, an urbanized area with a population over 200,000 .

WHEREAS, for the three HVMPO municipalities located within the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area, the HVMPO is authorized by the *Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* to select and rank projects for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding through a competitive process.

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Stillwater Avenue Roadway & Pedestrian Safety Improvements	Stamford	New	\$498,520
Magee & Shippan Avenues Roadway & Pedestrian Safety Improvements	Stamford	New	\$513,040
Norwalk River Valley Trail – Redding Mile	Redding	New	\$473,440
Norwalk Traffic Signal Upgrade – Phase 3	Norwalk	Existing	\$395,400
West Main Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge	Stamford	Existing	Varies – supplement to other federal funding
Norwalk River Valley Trail – Phase 2	Norwalk	Existing	Varies – supplement to other federal funding

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RESOLUTION #2016-014

Resolution to Endorse the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Selected and Ranked Projects

WHEREAS: the South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (SWRMPO) is located in the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area, an urbanized area with a population over 200,000.

WHEREAS, as the MPO for eight municipalities within the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area, the SWRMPO is authorized by the *Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act)* to select and rank projects for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding through a competitive process.

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#3	Norwalk River Valley Trail – East Side Wilton Loop	Wilton	New	\$1,200,000

Contingency Projects: should additional TAP or other funding be made available

Name	Municipality	Type	Federal Funding Requested
Stillwater Avenue Roadway & Pedestrian Safety Improvements	Stamford	New	\$498,520
Magee & Shippan Avenues Roadway & Pedestrian Safety Improvements	Stamford	New	\$513,040
Norwalk River Valley Trail – Redding Mile	Redding	New	\$473,440
Norwalk Traffic Signal Upgrade – Phase 3	Norwalk	Existing	\$395,400
West Main Street Bicycle & Pedestrian Bridge	Stamford	Existing	Varies – supplement to other federal funding
Norwalk River Valley Trail – Phase 2	Norwalk	Existing	Varies – supplement to other federal funding

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the South Western Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby:

Endorses the *TAP Selected and Ranked Projects*.

This resolution is effective December 15, 2016.

Date: December 15, 2016.

Jayme Stevenson, Chairman