

South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES

For the 2/23/2017 Meeting
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman Robert Mallozzi

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien	First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Chairman
Greenwich	Alternate Selectman John Toner
New Canaan	Absent
Norwalk	Absent
Stamford	Transportation Bureau Chief James Travers
Weston	First Selectman Nina Daniel
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit	Norwalk Transit Chief Executive Officer Kimberlee Morton
CTDOT	Absent
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel First Selectman Matthew Knickerbocker, Brookfield First Selectman Stephen Dunn, 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 First Selectman Clay Cope, and HARTransit Development Director Richard Schreiner.

Former Weston First Selectman Woody Bliss, HARTransit Planner Harrison Wenchell, Weston citizen Dr. Margaret Wirtenberg, Norwalk Transit Manager of Planning Stephanie Scavelli, Eversource representatives Tracy Alston and Garrett Sheehan, WestCOG staff members Nicole Sullivan, William Kenny, James Bastian, Robert Sachnin, Carl Zimmerman and Jonathan Chew.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 11:30 am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Former Weston First Selectman Woody Bliss, representing the CT Alliance Against Casino Expansion, spoke to current legislative trends authorizing casinos on non-Indian land. While this appears to be an issue for the Greater Hartford Area, the I-95 Corridor through WestCOG is the more lucrative market and we must prepare our opposition, he said. There was discussion. Past SWRMPO and HVMPO traffic impact studies were cited.

The chairman welcomed new staff member James Bastian.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Grant Program: Richard Schreiner reviewed the current 5310 Grant Program solicitation, referring to an agenda attachment entitled "Section 5310 Grant Program." This provides funding for capital and operating expenses to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, he said. Questions were answered followed by brief discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 1/23/2017 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Jim Marpe, the minutes of the SWRMPO meeting of 1/23/2017 were unanimously approved, Jim Travers abstaining.

Transportation Improvement Program Amendment SWRTIP #Am2017-002: As requested by Jayme Stevenson, Rob Sachnin reviewed one CT DOT requested TIP amendment. This was attached to the agenda as a memo entitled "SWRMPO FFY2015-2018 TIP" and summarized by him as follows:

1. **CTDOT Project #173-486** to replace traffic control signals at 11 locations, one of which is within the SWRMPO area in New Canaan at Route 106 and Farm Road. CT DOT is to utilize funds from the STPA Category at \$453,000 total of which 100% is federal for preliminary design to be programmed in federal fiscal year 2017, he said.

After brief discussion and then on a motion made by Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Jim Marpe, the SWRMPO unanimously endorsed the amendment using Resolution #2017-002.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Jayme Stevenson stated that the next MPO meeting would be held at 11:30 AM before the WestCOG meeting scheduled for 3/16/2017 at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association in Ridgefield. Then on a motion made by Jim Marpe and seconded by Lynne Vanderslice, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am.