Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 6/15/2017 Meeting
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 Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater  First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield   First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury      Mayor Mark Boughton
New Fairfield Absent
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
HART Transit Development Director Richard Schreiner
CTDOT       Transportation Supervising Planner Roxane Fromson (non-voting)
MPO Staff    Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

CALL TO ORDER
HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:37 am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was no public participation.

STAFF PRESENTATION

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Regional Electric Vehicle Analysis: Carl Zimmerman presented an analysis on electric vehicles, and described the varying differences between electric vehicle models. He stated that charging stations are a critical component of the electric vehicle (EV) system, and described the relationship between the commute and lifestyle of the driver. He then presented the EV and charging station regional data found in Connecticut, along with the locations of public charging stations. Finally, he described the difference in EV usage in urban and rural areas.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program: Robert Sachnin spoke to this topic, and stated that a public comment period will likely commence at the end of June.

Community Connectivity Program: Robert Sachnin stated that this program is a construction funding opportunity from CTDOT that applies to both state and local roads. Each municipality can submit only one application, WestCOG staff are happy to assist in the application process.

ACTION ITEMS
HVMPO Approval of 5/18/2017 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Steve Dunn and seconded by Patricia Llodra, the minutes of the meeting of 5/18/2017 were unanimously approved, except for abstentions by Clay Cope and Matt Knickerbocker.

HVMPO 2015-2018 TIP Endorsement Request: A CT DOT request for a TIP amendment by HVMPO, labeled as HVTIP #Am2017-005, was reviewed by Rob Sachnin, referring to the summaries attached FFY 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The CTDOT requested TIP amendments pertain to project 30c-xxx: New Haven Line Track Program and project 170-3403: Transit Capital Planning. There was brief discussion. Then on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Clay Cope the TIP amendments above was unanimously approved.

HVMPO FTA SGR Performance Targets: Rick Schreiner referenced the performance target program from the Federal Transit Administration on the newly implemented federal standard and from the memo attached. On a motion made by David Gronbach and seconded by Clay Cope, the action item was unanimously approved.

COMMENT AND DISCUSSION
Roxane Fromson was recognized with a Resolution of Appreciation for her years of service at the CTDOT and dedication to the Region and the State of Connecticut. Jonathan Steinberg spoke briefly regarding the CT budget.

HVMPO ADJOURNMENT
Chairman Rudy Marconi stated that the July MPO meeting will be canceled. Then on a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 pm.