

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
HARTransit	Development Director Richard Schreiner
CTDOT	Transportation Supervising Planner Roxane Fromson(non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Suggs of Westport RTM and Martin Fox of the Westport Transit District, Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, and WestCOG staff members Francis Pickering, Patricia Payne, Robert Sachnin, Carl Zimmerman, Christian Schmidt, and Nicole Sullivan. Ken Shooshan-Stoller and Michelle Hilary from FHWA, Carolann Belforti and Sharon Okoy'e from CTDOT, Jonathan Steinberg from the Connecticut General Assembly, Mark Massaro, Tracy Alston, Garrett Sheehan and Jim Hunt from Eversource- as well as Dan Lingus. Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei, New Canaan First Selectman Robert Mallozzi, Norwalk Chief of Staff Laoise King, Stamford Signal Systems Engineer Veera Karukonda, Weston First Selectman Nina Daniel, Westport First Selectman James Marpe, and Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice.

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

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 300-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.