

**Meeting of the Housatonic Valley & South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organizations  
October 5, 2017 at 11:30 am**

**Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Assoc., 27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT, 06877**

**Agenda**

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
3. INFORMATION ITEMS
  - a. Draft 2018 MPO Meetings Schedule Attachment 3a, pg. 1
  - b. Draft 2018-2022 CTDOT Capital Plan
  - c. CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation Attachment 3c, pp. 2-5
  - d. TIGER Grant Opportunity
  - e. Freight Origin/Destination Data
4. ACTION ITEMS\*
  - a. Approval of August 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes (HV & SWR) Attachment 4a, pp. 6-9
  - b. TAP Adjustments Attachment 4b, pp. 10-13
    - i. HV
    - ii. SWR
5. OTHER BUSINESS
6. NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2017 beginning at 11:30 am
7. ADJOURNMENT

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

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## DRAFT 2018 Meetings Schedule

**Proposed Meeting Location** – Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Assoc., 27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

**\*\*\*Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted.**

*Annual Legislative Breakfast, Proposed:* Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:45am.

Location: Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Assoc. (Snow date of Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>)

<u>Date 2018</u>	<u>MPO Meeting</u>	<u>WestCOG Meeting</u>
Jan. 18	8:00 am – 8:15 am	8:15 am – 8:30am
Feb. 15	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Mar. 15	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Apr. 19	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
May 17	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
June 21	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
July 19	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Aug. 16	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Sept. 27***	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Oct. 18	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Nov. 15	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
Dec. 13***	11:30 am – 12:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

MPO: Housatonic Valley and South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organizations

WestCOG: Western Connecticut Council of Governments

# Western Connecticut

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: HVMPO and SWRMPO Members  
 FROM: Robert Sachnin, Kristin Hadjstylianos  
 DATE: September 19, 2017

RE: CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation

### Overview:

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is soliciting applications for potential corridor studies. These planning studies serve as a critical step in enhancing the transportation network throughout the region. Study recommendations become the foundation in addressing transportation concerns, often becoming future design and construction projects.

In previous years, awarded applications have resulted in the development of plans that address topics such as Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), congestion and safety relief, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, as well as mobility. Examples of completed corridor studies in the WestCOG region can be found below:

[Route 1 Corridor Study in Darien](#)  
[Branchville TOD study in Ridgefield](#)

### Program Details:

CTDOT has implemented a cap of two (2) project submissions per region. All applications received will be prioritized based off the methodology described further below. Candidate projects for the WestCOG region will be funded through the Surface Transportation Program (STP). This is a discretionary program, priorities advanced by HVMPO and SWRMPO are not guaranteed funding and are subject to CTDOT review.

### Funding Breakdown and Match\*:

- Local Road(s): 80% federal, 20% local
- State Road(s) and Transit: 80% federal, 10% state, 10% local
- Pooled Project (statewide, multiregional): 80% federal, 20% state

*\*based on guidance provided by CTDOT, may be subject to change.*

### Application Details:

All municipalities in the WestCOG region are eligible to submit a corridor study concept. ***Interested municipalities should complete the attached “Study Screening” application form and submit to WestCOG by October 17, 2017.*** Municipalities should also submit a letter of

commitment signed by their municipal official. Digital copies may be emailed to [khadjstylianos@westcog.org](mailto:khadjstylianos@westcog.org).

Applications will be reviewed by staff and presented to the TAG members for prioritization. Projects identified as the top candidates will then be presented at the November MPO meeting for approval.

#### Important Dates and Deadlines:

October 17, 2017 – Municipalities to submit applications to WestCOG for review

November 7, 2017 – TAG Members to discuss applications and recommend priorities

November 16, 2017 – COG/MPO Board to approve priority applications

November 30, 2017 – WestCOG to submit priority applications to CTDOT

Late spring/early summer 2018: CTDOT announcement of selected studies.

#### Project Prioritization and Methodology:

This is a highly competitive and discretionary program, which increases the importance of identifying competitive candidates with the greatest potential to be awarded funding. Successful project candidates should be able to demonstrate regional significance and need.

Candidate projects will be evaluated on several factors and focus areas, including but not limited to:

- Regional significance
- Complete Streets
- TOD opportunities
- Mobility
- Connectivity
- Safety
- Consistency with Long Range Transportation Plan
- Consistency with Congestion Management Plan
- Equity
- Coordination with CTDOT

#### Contacts:

WestCOG is happy to work with your respective municipal staff to help them navigate the application process. Questions regarding this solicitation should be directed to Edgar Wynkoop, at CTDOT (860) 594-2036 or [edgar.wynkoop@ct.gov](mailto:edgar.wynkoop@ct.gov); and/or Kristin Hadjstylianos at [khadjstylianos@westcog.org](mailto:khadjstylianos@westcog.org) or (475) 323-2073.

#### Attachments:

1. “Study Screening” Application

**Project Title** – *Provide the title of project.*

**Council of Governments (COG):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Regional Ranking:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Sponsor:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature*

*Date*

**Project Contact (Representative from Project Sponsor) and Commitment Statement**

*First Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Title:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Last Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Street Add:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Telephone No:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Facsimile No:* \_\_\_\_\_

*CT Municipality:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Email Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Zip Code:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Division/Office:* \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Location**

*(Briefly describe the project. – Provide GIS Mapping if available)*

**Primary CT Municipality:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Identify the municipality(ies) having boundaries encompassing the project location.*

**Municipality(ies):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description**

*Briefly describe the project. - Additional pages can be attached*

## Purpose and Need

Briefly explain the purpose and need for the project, including anticipated significance and impacts of this project. Provide any additional information that may assist with determining the eligibility of and ranking of this project. This is an opportunity to discuss why this study should be selected for funding.

## Community Character and Regional Significance

Briefly describe the relationship and fit of this candidate project to other projects planned or underway as well as how this project is consistent with the municipal plan(s) of development in the area served.

## Project Cost Estimation

- Local Road(s)\*: 80% federal, 20% local
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FUNDING YEAR	FUNDING SOURCE	FEDERAL	STATE	LOCAL	TOTAL COST

## Project Vision – Other’s, Partner’s

Briefly describe what you envision will be the outcome of this study. If possible include what funds will be used in the future for this project.

## Project Location Map

Attach a separate map indicating the general location of the project on a suitable map ( an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet is adequate)

## Attachments and Additional Information/Materials

Comment 1

Comment 2



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Housatonic Valley  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**INTERIM HVMPO MINUTES**  
For the 8/17/2017 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	Absent
New Fairfield	First Selectman Susan Chapman
New Milford	Absent
Newtown	First Selectman Patricia Llodra
Redding	First Selectman Julia Pemberton (teleconference)
Ridgefield	First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Chairman
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

Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, and WestCOG staff members Francis Pickering, Patricia Payne, Robert Sachnin, Kristin Floberg, Nicole Sullivan, William Kenny and Jamie Bastian. Ron Corwin of Coalition For Westport, John Suggs of Westport RTM, Morley Boyd of Westport Preservation Alliance; as well as Jennifer Johnson and Dave Matlow. Steve Edwards from Westport DPW, Sara Harris Westport Operations Director, Joe L. from Westport Now, Cathy Lezan from Eversource, Patricia Cimarosa and Martin Fox of Westport Transit District, as well as Laura Weiss from Westport News were also in attendance. As well as First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, First Selectman Peter Tesei, First Selectman Robert Mallozzi, Mayor Harry Rilling, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, First Selectman James Marpe, First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, and Norwalk Transit CEO Kimberlee Morton.

## CALL TO ORDER

HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:32am.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public comment related to HVMPO activities.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**5310 Update:** Robert Sachnin provided an update on this program. Rudy Marconi expressed interest in a follow-up discussion with CTDOT and Rides for Ridgefield.

**TAP Update:** Robert Sachnin provided a Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area program update. He recapped activities to date, including submission of additional information for the Norwalk River Valley Trail – Phase 3 project in Norwalk and for CTDOT consideration. He noted the program funding and schedule constraints, explaining that any deviations between Norwalk and CTDOT estimates may require further discussion and action by the MPO.

## ACTION ITEMS

**HVMPO Approval of 6/15/2017 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Steve Dunn, the minutes of the meeting of 6/15/2017 were unanimously approved.

**HVMPO 2018-2021 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) & Air Quality Conformity:** Robert Sachnin addressed this topic, including an overview of the TIP, it's relationship to Air Quality Conformity, and the associated public comment period. Patricia LLodra noted an error of misspelling on the TIP, stating that the Town of Newtown was spelled as "Newton" and should be corrected. A motion was then made by Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Clay Cope to endorse the TIP and corresponding CTDOT Air Quality Conformity Determinations using Resolutions 2017-004, 2017-005, 2017-006 as attached.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There was no other business.

## HVMPO ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting scheduled for 9/21/2017 at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association will need to be confirmed. Then on a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:10pm.



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South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**INTERIM SWRMPO MINUTES**  
For the 8/17/2017 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	First Selectman Peter Tesei
New Canaan	First Selectman Robert Mallozzi
Norwalk	Mayor Harry Rilling
Stamford	Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers
Weston	Absent
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit	CEO Kimberlee Morton
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#### CALL TO ORDER

SWRMPO Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 11:32am.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was significant public participation. John Suggs of Westport RTM, Morley Boyd of the Westport Preservation Alliance, Ron Corwin for the Coalition for Westport, and Jennifer Johnson from the Town of Westport all spoke in regards to the South Western Region MPO and the Town of Westport.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

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## **ACTION ITEMS**

**SWRMPO Approval of 6/15/2017 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Peter Tesei and seconded by Lynne Vanderslice, the minutes of the meeting of 6/15/2017 were unanimously approved.

**SWRMPO 2018-2021 Draft Transportation Improvement Program & Air Quality Conformity:** Robert Sachnin addressed this topic, including an overview of the TIP, its relationship to Air Quality Conformity, and the associated public comment period. Kimberlee Morton commented on the proposed technical changes for the City of Norwalk Transit Districts. Jim Marpe then requested to amend project #0158-0214, requesting to delete 5 line items until the current Environmental Assessment was complete. He explained that the scope of repairs cannot be decided until the Environmental Assessment, which also addresses cultural and community components, is complete. The First Selectman urged his fellow residents of Westport to take part in the Environmental Assessment in order to ensure that the outcome is acceptable to the community as a whole. A motion to endorse the SWRMPO TIP as amended and including corresponding CTDOT Air Quality Conformity Determinations was made by Rob Mallozzi and seconded by Harry Rilling for Resolutions 2017-010, 2017-011, 2017-012 as attached.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There was no other business.

## **SWRMPO ADJOURNMENT**

The next MPO meeting scheduled for 9/21/2017 at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association will need to be confirmed. Then on a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:10pm.

# Western Connecticut

## COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: HVMPO and SWRMPO Members  
 FROM: Rob Sachnin, Bob Brinton  
 DATE: September 28, 2017

### RE: Proposed FFY 2016-2020 TAP Program Adjustments

#### 1. Overview:

The Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) provides federal aid for smaller-scale transportation projects, such as: pedestrian and bicycle facilities; recreational trails; safe routes to school; community improvements; and environmental mitigation.

In December 2016, HVMPO and SWRMPO advanced several priorities and contingency projects to CTDOT for review, including, but not limited to:

- #1 Priority: Norwalk River Valley Trail (NRVT) – Phase 3, (Norwalk), \$1,127,160 federal share
- #2 Priority: Branchville (Ridgefield) TOD Infrastructure Improvement – Phase 1, \$720,000 federal share
- Contingency: Norwalk Traffic Signal Upgrade – Phase 3, \$395,400

#### 2. Funding and Schedule:

Funding is allocated by Urbanized Area (UZA), not MPO. This means HVMPO and SWRMPO TAP funding for the Bridgeport-Stamford UZA is shared with the Greater Bridgeport Valley MPO (GBVMPO).

Total federal funding to the entire UZA amounts to \$5,494,232 over a five-year period covering Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2016 to 2020. This totals \$1,087,129 a year. Complicating matters and under federal law, TAP projects have the potential to lapse if they are not expended within four years. For example, FFY 2016 TAP funds must be obligated by September 30, 2019 or they will be lost.

To provide a safeguard against lapsing funds, CTDOT has its own contingency projects in the region which may utilize TAP funding. These projects already have dedicated federal funding, so it is incumbent on the MPOs to advance their projects at a reasonable pace, or risk either losing funding or having it applied to CTDOT contingencies, which may not reflect the MPO priorities.

Per a recent CTDOT memo, seven of nine MPOs in the state have decided on final projects to advance.

#### 3. Results of CTDOT Application Review:

Staff received CTDOT application review comments in April of this year. CTDOT did not provide a cost estimate for the Norwalk NRVT due to a need for additional information. CTDOT expressed concern regarding cost and schedule exceeding TAP constraints, citing permitting, utility, and flood

hydraulic impacts. A revised cost estimate and scope was provided for Ridgefield's Branchville project. CTDOT recommended Phase 2 of the project be combined with phase one to satisfy federal requirements regarding logical termini. According to CTDOT, the combined Phase 1 and 2 Branchville project fit within TAP constraints, with an estimated federal share of \$1,639,640.

#### **4. Follow-ups:**

Staff participated in follow up meetings with CTDOT and Norwalk to discuss application comments and CTDOT concerns. This included participation at a CTDOT-CTDEEP interagency meeting to discuss permitting concerns.

In June, Norwalk, Ridgefield, and WestCOG staff met to recap progress and discuss next steps. It was agreed that Norwalk would be provided an opportunity to provide additional information to CTDOT and obtain a cost estimate. It was noted however that should any CTDOT concerns remain, the Branchville project may instead be advanced.

Supplemental information was received by the region in July and sent to CTDOT. Comments and a cost estimate were provided on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Some CTDOT concerns remained and construction of the Norwalk NRVT was estimated at \$5.7 million for the federal share. CTDOT concluded the project cost exceeds the available TAP funding in the Bridgeport-Stamford UZA, including one GBVMPO project which has been advanced (Ansonia Riverwalk - ~\$1.4 million federal share)

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, Norwalk, Ridgefield, and WestCOG staff participated in a discussion to address next steps. All parties agreed to the following:

- Advance the Ridgefield TOD project, the MPO's #2 priority
- Advance Norwalk's Traffic Signal Upgrade - Phase 3 (pedestrian improvements) contingency project, subject to coordination with CTDOT to confirm cost and eligible components
- Ask HVMPO and SWRMPO to consider a resolution stating the regional significance and importance of the NRVT project in our regions.
- Explore opportunities to fund NRVT design with any remaining TAP funds, as well as explore other federal funding opportunities for construction of the Norwalk trail project.

#### **5. Recommendations and Next Steps:**

At the September 6<sup>th</sup> TAG meeting, an overview of TAP activities to date was provided, including results of the CT DOT project reviews and the Norwalk-Ridgefield-WestCOG discussions. With representatives from Norwalk and Ridgefield present, the TAG unanimously agreed to recommend HVMPO and SWRMPO advance the projects referenced above with the noted considerations to support the Norwalk NRVT project.

**MPO Activity:** Consider action on the TAP adjustments described above, so that regional TAP projects may advance in a timely manner.

**HOUSATONIC VALLEY  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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•NEW MILFORD•NEWTOWN•REDDING•RIDGEFIELD•SHERMAN

**RESOLUTION #2017-007**

**Resolution to Adjust the Transportation Alternatives  
Program (TAP) Selected and Ranked Projects  
Approved on December 15, 2016**

**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.

**WHEREAS,** the HVMPO advanced priority and contingency projects in accordance with FAST Act TAP guidelines, including consistency with the goals and objectives of the Long-Range Transportation Plan for the Housatonic Valley Region, as referenced in HVMPO Resolution #2016-004, dated December 15, 2016.

**WHEREAS,** the TAP fiscal and schedule constraints have necessitated program adjustments.

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

Endorses the following *TAP Program adjustments to utilize available funding* and consider program constraints:

- Advance the #2 priority: Branchville TOD Infrastructure Improvements, adding Phase 2 to satisfy logical termini concerns. A “new” project as defined by TAP, with a current federal share of \$1,639,640.
- Advance contingency project: Norwalk Traffic Signal Upgrade – Phase 3. An “existing” project as defined by TAP, contingent on CTDOT review of cost and eligible components.
- Consider other HVMPO priority and contingency projects, should any remaining TAP funding be available.

HVMPO confirms the regional significance and importance of the Norwalk River Valley Trail – Phase 3 project, which remains the #1 regional priority but exceeds available TAP funding constraints based on CTDOT estimates. We respectfully request that CTDOT work with the Region and Norwalk to identify a suitable funding program which may accommodate estimated project costs.

This resolution is effective October 5, 2017.

Date: October 5, 2017.

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Julia Pemberton, Secretary

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

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**RESOLUTION #2017-013**

**Resolution to Adjust the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Selected and Ranked Projects Approved on December 15, 2016**

**WHEREAS:** a portion of 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,** for the eight SWRMPO municipalities located 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.

**WHEREAS,** the SWRMPO advanced priority and contingency projects in accordance with FAST Act TAP guidelines, including consistency with the goals and objectives of the Long-Range Transportation Plan for the South Western Region, as referenced in SWRMPO Resolution #2016-004, dated December 15, 2016.

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Jayne Stevenson, Chairman