# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Housatonic Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization

# APPROVED 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.