

South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED 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
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 Matt Knickerbocker, First Selectman Curtis Read, First Selectman Steve Dunn, First Selectman Susan Chapman, First Selectman Patricia Llodra, First Selectman Julia Pemberton (teleconference), First Selectman Rudy Marconi, First Selectman Clay Cope, and HARTransit Development Director Richard Schreiner.

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

5310 Update: Robert Sachnin provided an update on this program

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

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.