

Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 10/05/2017 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	Director of Planning Sharon Calitro (teleconference)
New Fairfield	First Selectman Susan Chapman
New Milford	Mayor David Gronbach
Newtown	Absent
Redding	First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield	First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Chairman
Sherman	First Selectman Clay Cope
HARTransit	Development Director Richard Schreiner
CTDOT	Absent (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei, New Canaan First Selectman Robert Mallozzi, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, Weston First Selectman Nina Daniel (teleconference), Westport First Selectman James Marpe, and Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice were also present. WestCOG staff members Robert Sachnin, Nicole Sullivan, and William Kenny. Sara Harris, Harrison Wenchell, Andrea Rynn, Ali Mohseni, Claire Matzke, James Root, Felicia Jones, Diane Lauricella, Jo-ann Brooks, and John Hayes were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:34am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Draft 2018 MPO Meetings Schedule: The draft meeting schedule, and the proposed January 18th Legislative Breakfast, was addressed.

Draft 2018-2022 CTDOT Capital Plan: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin reviewed the 5 year outline of possible funding. Although the Region may submit comments, the Capital Plan is a CTDOT document with no MPO action to take. First Selectman Jim Marpe noted that the improvements in the Town of Westport regarding two intersections be addressed in the comments. Potential comments regarding rail were discussed.

CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin noted that the deadline for applications is October 17th and that the WestCOG staff lead is Kristin Hadjstylianos. The TAG will review and work to prioritize applications for MPO consideration with staff support, however awards are to be announced by CTDOT.

TIGER Grant Opportunity: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin addressed this topic, noting that applications for TIGER projects are due to the USDOT by October 16th. There was discussion regarding railway prioritization.

Freight Origin/Destination Data: Dedicated freight funding for a national freight network was discussed.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 8/17/2017 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Clay Cope, the minutes of the meeting of 8/17/2017 were approved. However, Director of Planning Sharon Calitro abstained.

HVMPO TAP Adjustments: The transportation enhancements and improvements were discussed for the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area, which includes SWRMPO and portions of HVMPO. Adjustments to advance the Branchville TOD Infrastructure Improvements and the Norwalk Traffic Signal Upgrade – Phase 3, the latter contingent on CTDOT review of cost and eligible components, was recommended by the TAG. On a motion made by First Selectman Clay Cope and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the endorsement of the HVMPO resolution was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

First Selectman Rob Mallozzi was honored and unanimously thanked for his contributions to both the HVMPO and SWRMPO.

HVMPO ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting is scheduled for 11/16/2017 at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association. Then on a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.