

South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES
For the 10/05/2017 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	First Selectman Nina Daniel (teleconference)
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit	CEO Kimberlee Morton (teleconference)
CTDOT	Absent (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS 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, Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton, Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, and HARTransit Development Director Richard Schreiner 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

SWRMPO Chairman Jayme Stevenson 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

SWRMPO Approval of 8/17/2017 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Mayor Harry Rilling, the minutes of the meeting of 8/17/2017 were unanimously approved.

SWRMPO 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 Rob Mallozzi and seconded by Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, the endorsement of the SWRMPO resolution was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

SWRMPO 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.