

South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES
For the 11/16/2017 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	Absent
Norwalk	Absent
Stamford	Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston	First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit	CEO Kimberlee Morton
CTDOT	Transportation Planner Kerry Ross (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

WestCOG staff members Robert Sachnin, Nicole Sullivan, Patty Payne, Josephine Harvey, Bob Brinton, and Kristin Hadjstylianos were in attendance. First Selectman Elect Dan Rosenthal of Newtown, Elizabeth Stocker of Norwalk, Abdul Barry Mohamed and Tom Alterrmatt of Danbury, Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Sara Harris of Westport, Garrett Bolella of Stamford, and Dan Giungi of CCM were also in attendance. As well as, Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, New Milford Mayor David Gronbach, Newtown First Selectman Patricia Llodra, Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Sherman First Selectman Clay Cope, and HARTransit Development Director Richard Schreiner.

CALL TO ORDER

SWRMPO Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 11:39am and welcomed First Selectman Chris Spaulding of Weston.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Election of Officers: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin spoke to this topic, noting that nominations for the electing of officers are made by the MPO voting members. Positions as Chairman and Vice Chairman for both the HVMPO and SWRMPO will serve a two-year term. Nominations may be for either existing leadership to continue service or a new candidate to serve.

ACTION ITEMS

SWRMPO Approval of 10/05/2017 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Chief of Staff Mike Pollard and seconded by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the minutes of the meeting of 10/05/2017 were unanimously approved.

2018 MPO Meeting Schedule: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Peter Tesei and seconded by Chief of Staff Mike Pollard, the 2018 MPO Meeting Schedule was unanimously approved by the SWRMPO.

SWRMPO Annual Federal Certifications: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin described the compliance measures associated with the attached Annual Federal Certifications and rationale behind this federal request. On a motion made by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Jim Marpe, it was unanimously endorsed by the SWRMPO.

CTDOT Corridor Study Prioritization: Associate Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos was acknowledged for her work on the CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation. Principal Planner Robert Sachnin noted that CTDOT guidelines for this discretionary program allow for two submissions per planning region, not MPO. Candidates were discussed, including Technical Advisory Group (TAG) recommendations.

In the SWRMPO region and on a motion made by First Selectman Jim Marpe and seconded by First Selectman Chris Spaulding the Stamford application for Washington Boulevard (State Routes 493 and 137) was unanimously endorsed for advancement and CTDOT funding consideration.

MPO Operating Procedures–proposed amendments: The MPO discussed adjustments to their operating procedures. Recommendation to amend the MPO operating procedures was motioned by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by First Selectman Peter Tesei with unanimous approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

Federal safety performance measures were introduced and briefly discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting is scheduled for 12/14/2017 at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association. Then on a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:09pm.