

Housatonic Valley  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**Approved HVMPO MINUTES**  
**For the 12/14/2017 Meeting**  
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association  
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

*Chairman Rudy Marconi - Secretary Julia Pemberton*

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	Absent
Brookfield	First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury	Absent
New Fairfield	First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford	Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown	First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Redding	First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield	First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Chairman
Sherman	Absent
HARTransit	Development Director Richard Schreiner
CTDOT	Transportation Supervising Planner Kerry Ross (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

WestCOG staff members Robert Sachnin, Nicole Sullivan, Elizabeth Esposito, Bob Brinton, and Carl Zimmerman were in attendance. Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, Daniel Johnson of NYMTC, James Root Citizen of Danbury, Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, Stamford Mayor David Martin, Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Westport First Selectman James Marpe, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, and Norwalk Transit CEO Kimberlee Morton were also in attendance.

## CALL TO ORDER

HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:38am and welcomed First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, and Mayor Pete Bass to the meeting.

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

**FHWA Safety Performance Measures:** Principal Planner Robert Sachnin described the final rule for safety performance measures, which seeks to reduce traffic related fatalities and injuries on all public roads. Transportation Supervising Planner Kerry Ross of CTDOT acknowledged Principal Planner Sachnin's efforts on the performance measures.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**HVMPO Approval of 11/16/2017 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn the minutes of the meeting of 11/16/2017 were unanimously approved, except with abstentions made by Mayor Pete Bass, First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, and First Selectman Dan Rosenthal.

**HVMPO 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program:** A CTDOT amendment request for the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program was reviewed by Principal Planner Sachnin for project #96-202: Newtown Pedestrian Improvements. A motion to approve the HVMPO TIP amendment was made by First Selectman Dan Rosenthal and seconded by Mayor Pete Bass, followed by unanimous approval.

**HVMPO Operating Procedures-proposed amendments:** The MPO discussed adjustments to their operating procedures, clarifying that voting alternates must be designated by the Chief Elected Official and that the election of officers would take place at the January meeting instead of December. Amendments to the MPO bylaws to reflect the changes noted was motioned by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and second by First Selectman Steve Dunn, followed by unanimous approval.

**HVMPO Election of Officers:** Following the amendment to operating procedures, it was decided that the election of officers would take place at the next meeting.

**HVMPO UPWP Amendments:** Director Pickering discussed the proposed amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program. Technical adjustments to the FY18 and FY19 UPWP were discussed, including \$15,000 in FY18 for the HARTransit contract. On a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Mayor Pete Bass, the proposed amendments were unanimously approved.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:25pm.