

South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**Approved SWRMPO MINUTES**  
**For the 12/14/2017 Meeting**  
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association  
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

*Chairman Jayme Stevenson*

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien	First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Chairman
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
Transit	CEO Kimberlee Morton
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, Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, 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, and HARTransit Development Director Richard Schreiner were also in attendance.

## CALL TO ORDER

SWRMPO Chairman Jayme Stevenson 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

**SWRMPO Approval of 11/16/2017 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Jim Marpe and seconded by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice the minutes of the meeting of 11/16/2017 were unanimously approved, except with abstentions made by First Selectman Kevin Moynihan.

**SWRMPO 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program:** A CTDOT amendment request for the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program was reviewed by Principal Planner Sachnin for project #173-484: Superelevation improvements and HFST Application on Various CT 15 Curves. A motion to approve the SWRMPO TIP amendment was made by First Selectman Chris Spaulding and seconded by First Selectman Peter Tesei, followed by unanimous approval.

**SWRMPO 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 the MPO bylaws to reflect the changes noted was motioned by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by First Selectman Chris Spaulding, followed by unanimous approval.

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

**SWRMPO UPWP Amendments:** Director Pickering discussed the proposed amendments to the Unified Planning Work Program. Technical adjustments to the FY18 and FY19 UPWP were discussed. On a motion made by Mayor David Martin and seconded by First Selectman Jim Marpe, 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.