

**Meeting of the Housatonic Valley & South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organizations
February 15, 2018 at 11:30 am**

Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Assoc., 27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT, 06877

Agenda

- 1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
- 3. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - a. FTA 5310 Funding Solicitation Attachment 3a, pp. 1-2
 - b. Proposed CTDOT Fare Increases and Service Reductions Attachment 3b, pp. 3-6
 - c. Transportation Funding Update
- 4. ACTION ITEMS***
 - a. Approval of January 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes (HV & SWR) Attachment 4a, pp. 7-10
 - b. 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Attachment 4b, pp. 11-12
 - i. SWR: Project #102-347, Norwalk. Attachment 4c, pp. 13-17
 - c. FHWA Safety Performance Measures
- 5. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 6. NEXT MEETING:** March 15, 2018 beginning at 11:30am
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Separate votes are taken by HV and SWR MPOs*

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TO: HVMPO, SWRMPO, and TAG Members
 FROM: Rob Sachnin, Rick Schreiner, William Kenny, Harrison Wenchell
 DATE: February 6, 2018
 RE: **Section 5310 Grant Program Solicitation**

Overview: WestCOG is soliciting applications for funding under the Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 grant program.

The Section 5310 program is intended to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. It supports transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas of Connecticut – large urbanized (over 200,000), small urbanized (50,000–200,000), and rural (under 50,000).

Eligible Recipients: recipients include private nonprofit organizations, states or local government authorities, or operators of public transportation. Taxi companies may participate in the Section 5310 program as contractors, and may apply via a coordinating entity.

Grant Types and Funding: There are three different application forms that can be completed depending on the type of project. These include Traditional Section 5310 Capital Grants (vans), Non-traditional Section 5310 Capital Grants and Section 5310 Operating. The grants provide up to 50% of operating costs and 80% of capital costs for a broad spectrum of projects, depending on the type of grant. Purchase of service agreement with Transit Districts may receive up to 80% in operating funds.

Additional Details: including applications and program criteria may be found at CTDOT's Section 5310 program website, www.ct.gov/dot/5310

Important Deadlines:

- **Friday, February 16, 2018:** traditional applicants: must publish a Public Notice one (1) time in a major newspaper with the greatest readership in the proposed area by Please note that letters to operators in the Region are required 1-week before this deadline.
- **Friday, February 23, 2018:** *optional*, but highly recommended deadline for COG review of draft applications for completeness.
- **Friday, March 2, 2018:** finalized applications should be sent electronically to DOT.Section5310@ct.gov for CTDOT, and to William Kenny of WestCOG at wkenny@westcog.org.

WestCOG Assistance: staff will provide technical assistance to those interested in applying, and will review and prioritize regional applications. Please contact Will Kenny at wkenny@westcog.org or 475-323-2065.

**Connecticut Department of Transportation
Section 5310 FFY 2017 Application Announcement
Enhanced Mobility of Seniors & Individuals with Disabilities**

The Section 5310 applications for the FFY 2017 funding cycle are now available on the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) website. To access the applications, go to www.ct.gov/dot/5310.

Applications and supporting documentation must be submitted via email to DOT.Section5310@ct.gov with a cc to the appropriate Regional Planning Organization (RPO) no later than **4:00PM on Friday, March 2, 2018**. CTDOT and the RPOs will not review late applications.

Traditional Section 5310 Capital Application – Updates:

- Traditional applicants must publish a Public Notice one (1) time in a major newspaper with the greatest readership in the proposed service area by **Friday, February 16, 2018**.
- Traditional applicants must send letters to transportation operators in the region notifying of the Public Notice posting at least one week prior to the publish date.
- There are now two (2) separate budget pages in the Traditional Section 5310 Capital application for applicants interested in applying for two (2) vehicles.

Program & Application Overview:

- The Section 5310 program provides federal funding for capital and operating expenses to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options.
- Eligible recipients of this competitive program include:
 - Private nonprofit organizations
 - State or local government authorities
 - Operators of public transportation
 - i. Taxi companies may participate in the Section 5310 program as contractors, and must apply via a coordinating entity, such as a nonprofit organization or transit district.
- There are three (3) separate applications; applicants should submit the one that corresponds to the type of project funding being requested.
 1. Traditional Section 5310 Capital
 2. Nontraditional Section 5310 Capital
 3. Section 5310 Operating
- The Application Instructions packet should be read thoroughly and should not be submitted with the application.
- The federal share of eligible capital costs may not exceed 80 percent, and 50 percent for operating assistance.
- The useful life requirement for replacement vehicles is 4 years or 100,000 miles for a mini-van and 5 years or 150,000 miles for a mini-bus or bus.
- All applications must be sent via email only, in one (1) attachment. Organizations for which this requirement causes undue hardship should contact CTDOT to discuss alternatives for submitting the application.



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TO: HVMPO and SWRMPO Members
 FROM: Robert Sachnin
 DATE: February 6, 2018
 RE: Proposed CTDOT Fare Increases and Service Reductions

Overview: On January 30th, CTDOT announced a series of public hearings to address proposed bus and rail fare increases, as well as service reductions. This applies to CT Transit bus and Metro-North rail service only.

Purpose: according to the press release, “These actions are necessary due to an estimated \$60 million budget shortfall for transit and rail accounts.” The press release also states that the proposed changes are “subject to public input and contingent on action by the General Assembly to ensure the long-term solvency of the Special Transportation Fund which is supported by the gasoline tax and other revenues, and pays for CTDOT operations.

Public Hearings: the nearest public hearings are:

- Waterbury: Tuesday, February 21, 2018 from 5 to 8 pm; Waterbury City Hall, 235 Grant Street, Waterbury, CT, 06702. Snow date: Thursday, March 8th.
- Stamford: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 5 to 8 pm; UConn Stamford Campus Auditorium, One University Place, Stamford, CT, 06904. Snow date: March 6, 2018

Potential Impacts our Region:

Rail:

- Fare increase: 21.28% in three phases, beginning July 1, 2018
 - July 1, 2018: ~10%, July 1, 2020: ~5%, July 1, 2021: ~5%
- Service reductions:
 - “Significant reductions” to New Canaan and Danbury branch lines
 - No substantial changes to New Haven main line

Bus:

- Fare increase: 14.3% (25-cents) beginning July 1, 2018
- No service reductions proposed.

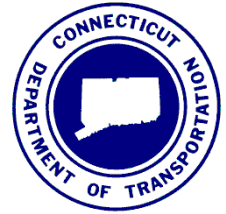
Additional Information: may be found at [CTDOT’s Proposed Fare Changes and Potential Service Cuts webpage](#).



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Notice of Public Hearings and Informational Meetings

The Connecticut Department of Transportation will conduct public hearings on proposed public transit fare increases for bus, rail and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) paratransit services; and proposed service reductions to the New Haven Line, New Canaan Line, Danbury Line, Waterbury Line, and Shore Line East rail services. No bus or ADA paratransit service reductions are proposed at this time.

At these hearings, the Department of Transportation will provide information and accept public comments about the fare and service proposals and the Service and Fare Equity Analysis (SAFE). The SAFE analysis evaluates the proposed changes to determine if they will cause a disparate impact to minority populations or a disproportionate burden to low income populations.

Public hearings will be held as follows:

TOWN	DATE AND TIME	PLACE	SNOW DATE
New Haven	Tuesday, February 20, 2018 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	New Haven Hall of Records, Room G-2 200 Orange Street, New Haven, CT	Monday, March 5, 2018 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Waterbury	Wednesday, February 21, 2018 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	Waterbury City Hall 235 Grand Street, Waterbury, CT	Thursday, March 8, 2018 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Hartford	Thursday, February 22, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Capital Community College Sentinel Hill Hall, 11 th Floor 950 Main Street, Hartford, CT	Monday, February 26, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm -or- Wednesday, March 7, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm Snow Date location: Hartford Public Library Center for Contemporary Culture 500 Main Street, Hartford, CT
Stamford	Tuesday, February 27, 2018 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	UConn Stamford Campus Auditorium, 1 st Floor One University Place, Stamford, CT	Tuesday, March 6, 2018 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
New London	Wednesday, February 28, 2018 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	New London City Hall, Council Chambers 181 State Street, New London, CT	Wednesday, March 7, 2018 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Springfield, MA	Thursday, March 1, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Pioneer Valley Planning Commission 60 Congress Street, Springfield, MA	Monday, March 5, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
New Britain	Monday, March 5, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm	New Britain Police Dept. Community Room 10 Chestnut Street, New Britain, CT	Tuesday, March 6, 2018 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Additionally, informational meetings for a proposed fare increase for Connecticut River ferry services will be held as follows:

Rocky Hill: Tuesday, February 27, 2018

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Rocky Hill Town Hall

761 Old Main Street, Rocky Hill, CT

(Snow date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 - 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

Chester: Wednesday, February 28, 2018

4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Chester Town Hall, Conference Room

203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester CT

(Snow date: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 - 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm)

In the event of inclement weather, public hearings or informational meetings that need to be re-scheduled will be announced through local media and on the CTDOT website at www.ct.gov/dot.

The proposed fare increases and service reductions may be viewed on the Department's website at www.ct.gov/dot/farecomments. The Service and Fare Equity Analysis (SAFE) will be available for public review by Friday, February 16, 2018. Written comments on the proposed fare and service changes must be received by March 9, 2018 at COMMENT ON PROPOSED FARE AND SERVICE CHANGES, Bureau of Public Transportation, P.O. Box 317546, Newington, CT 06131-7546 or dot.farecomments@ct.gov.

The meeting facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Office of Rail at (203) 497-3374 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Persons with a hearing and/or speech disability may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS). Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public, and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.



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هذا هو الإشعار الخاص بجلسات الاستماع العامة المتعلقة بالتغييرات المقترحة على التعريفية وخدمة الحافلات وأنظمة السكك الحديدية. إذا كنت بحاجة إلى مساعدة لغوية، يرجى الاتصال بمكتب قسم النقل الخاص بالسكك الحديدية على رقم (203) 497-3374.

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Sa a se yon avi konsènan odyans piblik sou chanjman nan tari ak sèvi sou sistèm otobis ak chemennfè a. Si ou bezwen asistans ak lang, tanpri kontakte Biwo Chemennfè Depatman Transpò a nan (203) 497-3374.

यह बस और रेल प्रणालियों के लिए प्रस्तावित किराये और सेवा परिवर्तन पर सार्वजनिक सुनवाई का नोटिस है। यदि आपको भाषा सहायता की आवश्यकता है, तो कृपया परिवहन विभाग, ऑफिस ऑफ रेल्स, से (203) 497-3374 पर संपर्क करें।

Con la presente si dà notifica delle udienze pubbliche sulle variazioni proposte per le tratte e i servizi dei sistemi di trasporto ferroviario e in autobus. Se ha bisogno di assistenza linguistica, contatti l'Ufficio Ferrovie del Dipartimento dei Trasporti al numero (203) 497-3374.

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Niniejszym informujemy o publicznych przesłuchaniach dotyczących proponowanych zmian taryf i usług oferowanych w ramach systemów autobusowych i kolejowych. Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy językowej, skontaktuj się z Departamentem Transportu, Wydziałem Kolei pod numerem (203) 497-3374.

Это уведомление об открытых слушаниях по поводу предлагаемых изменений стоимости билетов и порядка оказания услуг в рамках автобусной и железнодорожной сети сообщения. Если вам требуется языковая поддержка, обратитесь в Департамент транспорта, Отдел железнодорожного транспорта по телефону (203) 497-3374.

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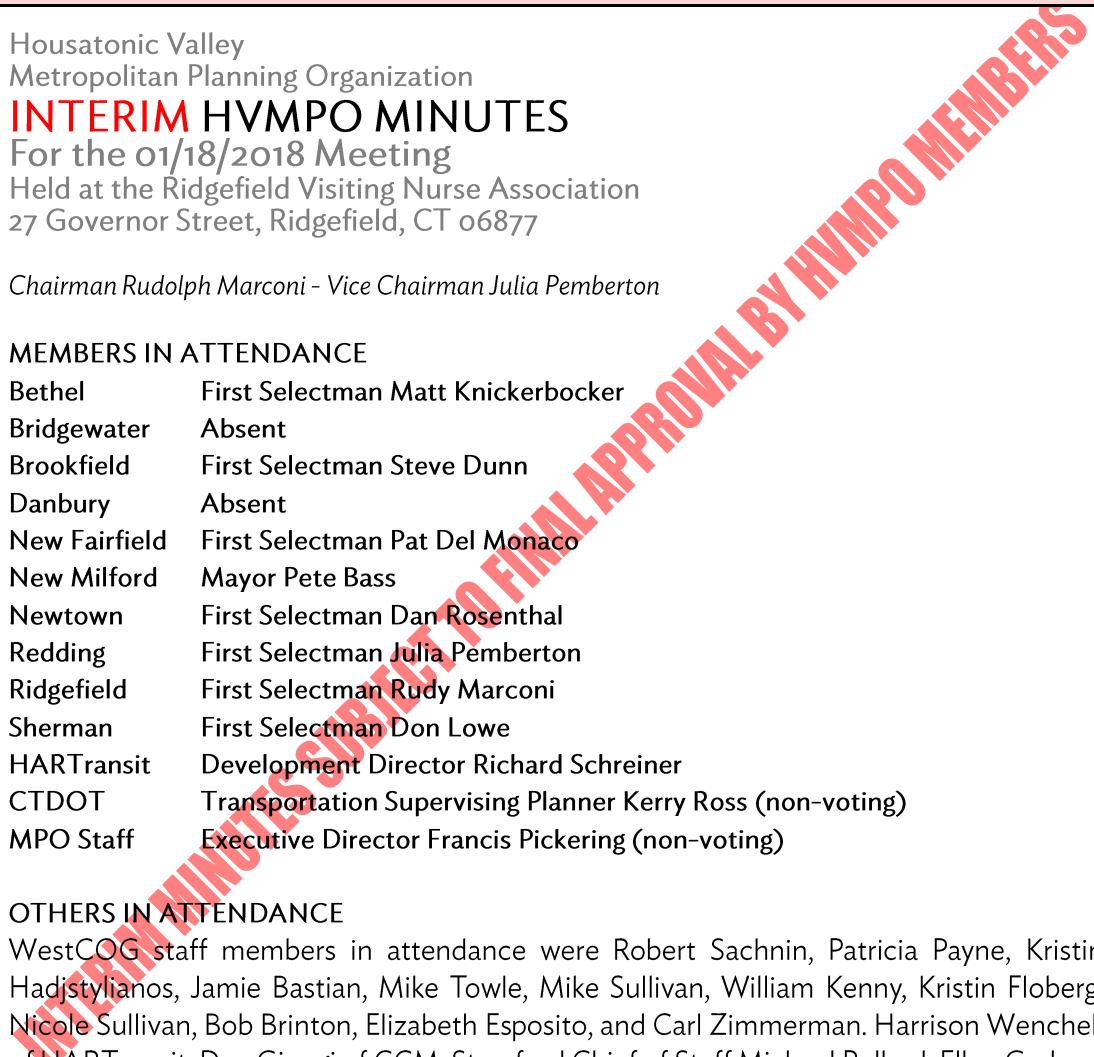
Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

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
- Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe
- 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 in attendance were Robert Sachnin, Patricia Payne, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Jamie Bastian, Mike Towle, Mike Sullivan, William Kenny, Kristin Floberg, Nicole Sullivan, Bob Brinton, Elizabeth Esposito, and Carl Zimmerman. Harrison Wenchell of HARtransit, Dan Giungi of CCM, Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard, Ellen Graham of Senator Blumenthal’s office, Jeff Wieser of Westport, Kimberlee Morton of Norwalk Transit, Sara Harris of Westport, resident of Ridgefield Steve Lyonse, Tracey Alston of Eversource, Joseph Dolan of Redding, Cathy Lezan of Eversource, Sherri Vogt of Congresswoman Esty’s office, Betsy Gara of COST, and Daphne Dixon of Live Green CT were also in attendance. 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, and Westport First Selectman James Marpe attended.

CALL TO ORDER

HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 8:14am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

First Selectman Jim Marpe introduced Alternate Jeff Wieser of Westport RTM. Daphne Dixon spoke regarding Live Green CT.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

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ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 12/14/2017 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the meeting of 12/14/2017 were unanimously approved.

HVMPO 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (if needed): There was no action needed.

HVMPO Election of Officers: Nominations for First Selectman Rudy Marconi as Chairman and First Selectman Julia Pemberton as Vice Chairman were made by the HVMPO floor. On a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Steve Dunn, First Selectman Rudy Marconi was unanimously elected Chairman of the HVMPO. On a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Mayor Pete Bass, First Selectman Julia Pemberton was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the HVMPO.

OTHER BUSINESS

First Selectman Jayme Stevenson thanked WestCOG staff for their thorough efforts on various projects.

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SWRMPO FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MPO Action Requested: Review and consider TIP amendment endorsement.

Background: The FFY2018-2021 South Western Region TIP was endorsed by the MPO on August 17th, 2017. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on October 19th, 2017.

Amendment #2018-0215:

0102-0347: Norwalk Traffic Signal Upgrades

This project was selected for funding under the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) after a solicitation in the SWRMPO region. The CMAQ program supports transportation projects that contribute air quality improvements and provide congestion relief.

This project is phase 3 of Norwalk's Traffic Signal System Upgrade Project. The project will reduce congestion and improve safety by upgrading traffic signals and communication systems at 10 locations in Norwalk. The upgrades include a full signal replacement, installation of fiber optic-communication equipment, and the installation of ADA-compliant ramps and signals.

This is a new project for the 2018-2021 SWRTIP, but it had appeared previously on the 2015-2018 SWRTIP.

Region	FACode	Proj#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments
01	CMAQ	0102-0347	X7	VARIOUS	NORWALK	TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADES @ VARIOUS LOCATIONS	CON	2018	2,750	2,750	0	0	NEW PROJECT

AQC X7- exempt

**SOUTH WESTERN REGION
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**

DARIEN•GREENWICH•NEW CANAAN•NORWALK•STAMFORD•WESTON•WESTPORT•WILTON

**RESOLUTION #2018-001 Resolution to Endorse the South Western Region
FY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program - FHWA**

WHEREAS: Present federal regulations governing federal transportation assistance in urban areas prescribe that a Transportation Improvement Program be structured for each urban area which realistically balances need and financial resources over a four year period; and

WHEREAS: The *South Western Region FFY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* has been reviewed by the transportation technical and policy boards as well as the public.

WHEREAS: The projects are consistent with the *South Western Region Long Range Transportation Plan 2015-2040*, and are financially constrained.

WHEREAS: The projects meet the conformity requirements of the Clean Air Act

- *Connecticut Department of Transportation Ozone Air Quality Conformity Determination; of the 2015 Regional Transportation Plans and the FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Programs for the Connecticut Portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT Ozone Moderate Nonattainment Area and the Greater Connecticut Ozone Nonattainment Area, May 2017, and*
- *Connecticut Department of Transportation PM 2.5 Air Quality Conformity Determination; of the 2015 Regional Transportation Plans and the FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Programs for the Connecticut Portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT area PM_{2.5} Attainment/Maintenance Area, May 2017.*

WHEREAS: The TIP is based on a continuing, comprehensive transportation process carried on cooperatively by the State, MPO, and transit operators in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. 134 and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49) U.S.C. app. 1607.

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby:

Endorses the *South Western Region FFY2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*.

This resolution is effective February 15, 2018.

Date: February 15, 2018.

Jayme Stevenson, Chairman

Western Connecticut

COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



TO: HVMPO and SWRMPO Members
FROM: Robert Sachnin
DATE: February 6, 2018

RE: FHWA Safety Performance Measure Targets

Action Requested: review and endorse of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Safety Targets using one of the two options described in this memo. By law, all MPO's must endorse these targets by February 27, 2018.

Background: On March 15, 2016, FHWA published a final rule to establish performance measures for State departments of transportation to carry out the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). The HSIP is a federal-aid program which seeks to reduce traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads.

Performance measures are a relatively new federal law requiring data-driven decision-making for transportation planning and programming. In this case, performance measures are safety-related and included the following categories:

- Number of Fatalities
- Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
- Number of Serious Injuries
- Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT
- Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

Role of MPO in Performance Measures: both CTDOT and the Connecticut MPOs are required to establish and report safety targets, but at different times. CTDOT set their targets for the five categories referenced above on August 2017, and notified the MPOs of these targets last month. Following the establishment and approval of State targets, MPO's have 180 days to either support CTDOT targets or establish other targets. Targets may be adjusted annually.

CTDOT Safety Targets: the targets set on August 27, 2017 are:

- Number of Fatalities: 5-year rolling average = 257
- Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT): 0.823
- Number of Serious Injuries: 5-year rolling average = 1,571
- Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT: 5.033
- Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries: 280

CTDOT supporting justification provided by CTDOT is included at the end of this memo.

Next Steps: the 180-day window for setting MPO targets closes on February 27, 2018 and requires action. The MPO's have two options:

- Support CTDOT Safety Targets: consistent with the direction CT MPOs and those nationwide appear to be heading. Following action, concurrence with CTDOT targets would be sent to CTDOT. Under this scenario, most of the work is conducted by CTDOT.
- Commit to a different quantifiable target for the MPO area: requires the MPO to perform most of the work, as identified in the table below:

Option	MPO Supports CTDOT Targets	MPO Sets a Different Target
MPO Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorse CTDOT targets and submit to CTDOT • Use CTDOT data for inclusion in future Long Range Plan and TIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorse different MPO targets and report them to CTDOT • Analyze safety data • Report on: baseline performance, VMT estimates and methodology, as well as progress towards achieving targets • Incorporate MPO derived data into future Long Range Plan and TIP
CTDOT Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report State and MPO targets to FHWA • Analyze safety data • Report on: baseline performance, VMT estimates and methodology, as well as progress towards achieving targets • Incorporate results into future Long Range Plan and TIP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report State and MPO targets to FHWA • Receive MPO report and make available to FHWA

CTDOT Safety Targets and Justification, from August 2017:

Number of Serious Injuries

- 5-year rolling average = 257
- Justification: While fatality figures have fluctuated during the five year reporting period, the five-year moving average and trend has continued to decrease for the 2011-2015 baseline period. Although the five year moving average decreased during the 2011-2015 baseline period, preliminary 2016 data show the fatality total of 311 and the five year moving average of 275 to represent an increase in the five year moving average. The 2017 data shows current fatality trends to keep pace with 2016 for the year to date. For this reason, the fatality trend is expected to increase during the following calendar year. After reviewing the 2017-2021 Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) goals, CTDOT chose to maintain the current five year moving average.

Rate of Fatalities

- Per 100 million VMT = 0.823
- Justification: The five year moving average decreased from .859 (2007-2011) to .823 during the 2011-2015 baseline period. Although the five year moving average decreased during the 2011-2015 baseline period, preliminary 2016 data show the fatality total of 311 and the five year moving average of 269 to represent an increase in the five year moving average. 2017 data show current fatality trends to keep pace with 2016 for the year to date. Based on the anticipated increase in fatalities in 2016 and 2017 the Fatality rate per 100M VMT trend is expected to increase during the following calendar year. After reviewing the 2017- 2021 SHSP goals and emphasis area strategies, CTDOT chose to maintain the current five year moving average.

Number of Serious Injuries

- 5-year rolling average = 1,571
- Justification: While Serious (A) Injuries have fluctuated during the five year reporting period, the five year moving average and trend has continued to decrease for the 2011-2015 baseline period. Although the five year moving average decreased during the 2011- 2015 baseline period, preliminary 2016 data show the Serious (A) Injury total of 1,692 and the five year moving average of 1,575 to represent an increase in the five year moving average. Serious Injury totals have increased for consecutive years, for this reason, the Serious (A) Injury trend is expected to increase during the following calendar year. After reviewing the 2017-2021 SHSP goals and emphasis area strategies, CTDOT chose to maintain the current five year moving average.

Rate of Serious Injuries

- Per 100 million VMT = 5.033
- Justification: While Serious (A) Injuries have fluctuated during the five year reporting period, the five year moving average and trend has continued to decrease for the 2011-2015 baseline period. Although the five year moving average decreased during the 2011- 2015 baseline period, preliminary 2016 data show the Serious (A) Injury per 100M VMT total of 4.830 and the five year moving average of 5.033 to represent an increase in the five year moving average. Serious Injury totals have increased for consecutive years, for this reason, the Serious (A) Injury per 100M VMT trend is expected to increase during the planning period. After reviewing the 2017-2021 SHSP goals and emphasis area strategies, CTDOT chose to maintain the current five year moving average.

Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Serious Injuries

- 5-year rolling average = 280
- Justification: Although Pedestrian and Bicyclist Fatalities and Serious Injuries have maintained a fairly steady level over the reporting period, there has been an increase in this measure during the last two years. Preliminary 2016 and 2017 data show this increase to be maintained during the current year. Though 2016 VMT data was not available at the time of goal setting for the 2018 planning period, this trend is expected to continue and possibly increase. For this reason, the fatality and serious injury trends are expected to increase during the planning period and maintaining the current number of pedestrian bicyclists killed and seriously injured was chosen. After reviewing the 2017-2021 SHSP goals and emphasis area strategies, CTDOT chose to maintain the current number of pedestrian and bicyclists killed and seriously injured.

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**RESOLUTION #2018-001 Resolution to Endorse FHWA Safety Performance Measure
Targets Established by CTDOT**

WHEREAS: The HVMPO has been designated by the Governor of the State of Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the Housatonic Valley; and

WHEREAS: The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures by August 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS: The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established targets for five performance measures based on five year rolling averages for:
(1) Number of Fatalities,
(2) Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
(3) Number of Serious Injuries,
(4) Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and
(5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries, and

WHEREAS: The CTDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Connecticut at the February 22, 2017 Safety Target Setting Coordination and Training Workshop; and at the December 2016 and the April 2017 RPO Coordination meetings, and

WHEREAS: The CTDOT has officially adopted the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report dated August 28, 2017, and the Highway Safety Plan dated June 2017, and

WHEREAS: The HVMPO may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the aforementioned State's targets, or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets,

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby support CTDOT's 2018 targets for the five safety performance targets as attached herein, and

Be it further resolved, that the MPO Policy Board will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

This resolution is effective February 15, 2018.

Date: February 15, 2018.

Rudy Marconi, Chairman

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RESOLUTION #2018-002 Resolution to Endorse FHWA Safety Performance Measure Targets Established by CTDOT

WHEREAS: The SWRMPO has been designated by the Governor of the State of Connecticut as the Metropolitan Planning Organization responsible, together with the State, for the comprehensive, continuing, and cooperative transportation planning process for the South Western Region; and

WHEREAS: The Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR Part 490) requires States to set targets for five safety performance measures by August 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS: The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) has established targets for five performance measures based on five year rolling averages for:

- (1) Number of Fatalities,
- (2) Rate of Fatalities per 100 million Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT),
- (3) Number of Serious Injuries,
- (4) Rate of Serious Injuries per 100 million VMT, and
- (5) Number of Non-Motorized Fatalities and Non-motorized Serious Injuries, and

WHEREAS: The CTDOT coordinated the establishment of safety targets with the 8 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in Connecticut at the February 22, 2017 Safety Target Setting Coordination and Training Workshop; and at the December 2016 and the April 2017 RPO Coordination meetings, and

WHEREAS: The CTDOT has officially adopted the safety targets in the Highway Safety Improvement Program annual report dated August 28, 2017, and the Highway Safety Plan dated June 2017, and

WHEREAS: The SWRMPO may establish safety targets by agreeing to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the aforementioned State's targets, or establish its own target within 180 days of the State establishing and reporting its safety targets,

Now therefore, be it resolved, that the Metropolitan Planning Organization hereby support CTDOT's 2018 targets for the five safety performance targets as attached herein, and

Be it further resolved, that the MPO Policy Board will plan and program projects that contribute to the accomplishment of said targets.

This resolution is effective February 15, 2018.

Date: February 15, 2018.

Jayme Stevenson, Chairman