# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

## APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES

For the 01/18/2018 Meeting
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman James Marpe

#### **MEMBERS 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
Westport First Selectman James Marpe

Wilton Absent

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 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. Rick Schreiner and 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, 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. 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 Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe attended.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 8:14am.

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FTA 5310 Funding Solicitation: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin noted that Associate Planner William Kenny will be the WestCOG staff lead on the Section 5310 grant program, which seeks to broaden transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

**FHWA Safety Performance Measures:** Principal Planner Robert Sachnin discussed this topic. MPO Action is required at the February meeting.

**Draft CTDOT 2018-2050 Long Range Transportation Plan:** Director Pickering provided an overview of the 32-year long Draft CTDOT transportation plan, including comments from the Region.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

SWRMPO Approval of 12/14/2017 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Peter Tesei seconded by First Selectman Jim Marpe, the minutes of the meeting of 12/14/2017 were unanimously approved.

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

SWRMPO Election of Officers: Nominations for First Selectman Jayme Stevenson as Chairman and First Selectman Jim Marpe as Vice Chairman were made by the SWRMPO floor. On a motion made by First Selectman Peter Tesei and seconded by Mayor Harry Rilling, First Selectman Jayme Stevenson was unanimously elected Chairman of the SWRMPO. On a motion made by Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by First Selectman Peter Tesei, First Selectman Jim Marpe was unanimously elected Vice Chairman of the SWRMPO.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Stevenson thanked WestCOG staff for their thorough efforts on various projects.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35am.