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Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization
INTERIM HVMPO MINUTES
For the 03/15/2018 Meeting
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield	First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury	Absent
New Fairfield	Absent
New Milford	Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown	First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Redding	First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield	Town Engineer Charles Fisher
Sherman	First Selectman Don Lowe
HARTransit	Development Director Rick Schreiner
CTDOT	Transportation 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, Jamie Bastian, Nicole Sullivan, and Kristin Hadjstylianos. Also in attendance were; Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit, Max Friedman of CCM, Martin Fox of Westport Transit District, Adam Schnell Town of Ridgefield, Sara Harris Town of Westport, Mark Massaro of Eversource, Lissette Andino of Eversource, Samantha Sojka of Eversource, and Tracey Alston of Eversource. As well as James Root and Mose Saccasy. Susan Marks of the Darien Board of Selectman, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling (teleconference), Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Westport First Selectman James Marpe, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, and Norwalk Transit CEO Kimberlee Morton were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

HVMPO Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton called the meeting to order at 11:33am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Development Director Rick Schreiner and Transportation Planner Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit presented on the Commuter and Rail Parking Study.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

FTA 5310 Prioritization Schedule: Principal Planner Sachnin described the analyzation process and coordination with CTDOT. Endorsement of priorities will begin in April.

State Matching Grant Program/13b-38bb: Principal Planner Sachnin noted the matching program provided by the State of Connecticut for municipalities that provide “dial-a-ride” services. The deadline for submissions to the Region and CTDOT is May 18th, 2018.

USDOT 2018 Quadrennial Certification Review (SWR): Principal Planner Sachnin noted the process for certification, which pertains to the South Western Region MPO only. The review has been scheduled for April 26th.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 02/15/2018 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 02/15/2018 were unanimously approved except with an abstention made by the Town of Ridgefield.

HVMPO 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program: Amendments to project #117-161; Ridgefield-Branchville TOD Bike/Pedestrian Improvements and project #300-XXXX; New Haven Line Bridge Timber Replacement Project were discussed in regards to the Transportation Improvement Program. On a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Curtis Read, the HVMPO TIP amendments were unanimously endorsed.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding I-95.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on April 19th. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:20pm.