Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Approved HVMPO MINUTES
For the 02/15/2018 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              First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford                Absent
Newtown                    First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Redding                    First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield                 First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman                    First Selectman Don Lowe
HARTTransit                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, William Kenny, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, and Bob Brinton. Harrison Wenchell of HARTTransit, Dennis O’Connor of Norwalk Transit, Peter Yankowski of the Ridgefield Press, Norwalk resident Jo-Anne Horvath, and Max Friedman of CCM were also in attendance. As were Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard, Westport First Selectman James Marpe, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, and Norwalk Transit Chief Operating Officer Britt Liotta.

CALL TO ORDER
HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:35am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was no public participation.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS
FTA 5310 Funding Solicitation: Associate Planner William Kenny addressed the MPO regarding the Section 5310 grant program, which seeks to broaden transportation options for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Proposed CTDOT Fare Increases and Service Reductions: Principal Planner Robert Sachnin noted the CTDOT proposed public hearings regarding CT Transit bus and Metro North rail services.

Transportation Funding Update: There was brief discussion regarding the special transportation fund.

ACTION ITEMS
HVMPO Approval of 01/18/2018 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 01/18/2018 were unanimously approved.

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

FHWA Safety Performance Measures: There was discussion regarding the FHWA Final Rule and the CTDOT Safety Targets. Members discussed support of CTDOT State targets, but noted the goal of having zero fatalities in the region, the support of State targets is to help achieve this goal. On a motion made by First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, the CTDOT Safety Targets were unanimously endorsed.

OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT
The next MPO meeting will be held on March 15th. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:11pm.