

South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
Approved SWRMPO MINUTES
For the 02/15/2018 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	Absent
New Canaan	First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk	Absent
Stamford	Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston	Absent
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit	Chief Operating Officer Britt Liotta
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 HARTransit, 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, Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton, Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, and HARTransit Development Director Rick Schreiner.

CALL TO ORDER

SWRMPO Chairman Jayme Stevenson 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

SWRMPO Approval of 01/18/2018 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Jim Marpe and seconded by Chief of Staff Michael Pollard the minutes of the meeting of 01/18/2018 were unanimously approved, except with an abstention made by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice.

SWRMPO 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program: Principal Planner Sachnin introduced the TIP amendment for project #0102-0347, Norwalk Traffic Signal Update. The SWRMPO discussed the Technical Advisory Group's recommendation for endorsement. On a motion made by Chief of Staff Michael Pollard and seconded by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the amendment to project #0102-0347 was unanimously approved.

FHWA Safety Performance Measures: There was discussion regarding the FHWA Final Rule and the CTDOT Safety Targets. Chairman Stevenson noted SWRMPOs support of the CTDOT State Targets. However, she acknowledged that the number of vehicular fatalities in the Region should be zero and that endorsement of the CTDOT State Targets is contingent upon this goal. On a motion made by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by First Selectman Jim Marpe, 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.