Western Connecticut Council of Governments

South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES
For the 03/15/2018 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 Susan Marks, Board of Selectman
Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei (teleconference)
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
Transit CEO Kimberlee Morton
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 HARTtransit, 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. Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, 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, and HARTtransit Development Director Rick Schreiner were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER
SWRMPO Vice Chairman James Marpe 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 HARTtransit presented the Commuter and Rail Parking Study.

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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
SWRMPO Approval of 02/15/2018 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the minutes of the meeting of 02/15/2018 were unanimously approved. Abstentions were made by the Town of Weston, Norwalk Transit District, and the Town of Darien.

SWRMPO 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program: Amendments to project #30C-XXXX; New Haven Line Bridge Timber Replacement Project, project #0102-0363; Rehabilitation of Bridge #00061 in Norwalk, and project #0161-0141; Intersection Improvements at Grumman Hill Road in Wilton were discussed in regards to the Transportation Improvement Program. On a motion made by Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and seconded by First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, the SWRMPO 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.