

Housatonic Valley  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**HVMPO MINUTES**  
**For the 06/21/2018 Meeting**  
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association  
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

*Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton*

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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| 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   | Mayor Pete Bass                                                |
| Newtown       | First Selectman Dan Rosenthal                                  |
| Redding       | First Selectman Julia Pemberton                                |
| Ridgefield    | Absent                                                         |
| Sherman       | First Selectman Don Lowe                                       |
| HARTransit    | Transportation Planner Harrison Wenchell                       |
| CTDOT         | Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci (non-voting) |
| MPO Staff     | Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)              |

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

WestCOG staff members in attendance were, Patricia Payne, Jamie Bastian, Nicole Sullivan, and Kristin Hadjstylianos. WestCOG interns in attendance were Collin Donovan, Leonardo Abreu, and Michael Wang. Also in attendance were; Dennis O'Connor of Norwalk Transit District, Caroline McKay and Sara Harris of Westport, Andrea Ryan of Western CT Health Network, Kristyn Gorton of CTrides, James Root of Danbury, Matthew Dormor of Newtown, Jess LeClair of Sustainable CT, Victoria Hoyland and Adam Whelchel of the Nature Conservancy, Samantha Sojka and Tracey Alston of Eversource, and Billy Taylor from the office of Congresswoman Esty. Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding, and Westport First Selectman James Marpe were also in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:38am. Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci of CTDOT was welcomed and introduced to the MPO members.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **FEATURED PRESENTATION**

Associate Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos presented a MPO Primer to the MPO members. She described the structure of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and explained the process of MPO coordination.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

**Performance Measures:** Associate Planner Hadjstylianos discussed the CTDOT Performance Measure Targets with the MPO, which includes; Pavement Condition Measures, Bridge Condition Measures, Performance of NHS, Freight Movement on the Interstate System, and CMAQ Program Measures.

\*\* First Selectman Stevenson welcomed State Senator Toni Boucher to the MPO meeting. State Senator Boucher spoke to the MPO regarding transportation and legislative matters.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**HVMPO Approval of 05/22/2018 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the meeting of 05/22/2018 were unanimously approved.

**HVMPO 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program:** As recommended to the MPO by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG), language on performance-based planning and programming would be included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) as an amendment. On a motion made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Curtis Read, the HVMPO TIP amendment was unanimously endorsed.

**BUILD Discretionary Grant Program Application:** Letters of support for the WestCOG and NHCOG BUILD Transportation Planning Grant applications were presented. The WestCOG application seeks to conduct a Tax Increment Funding Feasibility Study. The NHCOG application regards Housatonic Railroad infrastructure improvements. On a motion made by First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the letters of support for WestCOG and NHCOG had unanimous, joint approval by the Housatonic Valley and South Western Region MPOs.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was none stated.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The next MPO meeting will be held on July 19th. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:34pm.