

South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organization

## **SWRMPO MINUTES**

**For the 06/21/2018 Meeting**

Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association  
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

*Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman James Marpe*

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Darien	First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich	First Selectman Peter Tesei
New Canaan	First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk	Mayor Harry Rilling
Stamford	Absent
Weston	First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	Absent
Transit	Absent
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. Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, New Milford Mayor Pete Bass, Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton, Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, and Transportation Planner Harrison Wenchell of HARTransit were also in attendance.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

SWRMPO Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 11:38am. She welcomed and introduced Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci of CTDOT 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.

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

## ACTION ITEMS

**SWRMPO Approval of 05/22/2018 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by First Selectman Chris Spaulding and seconded by First Selectman Jim Marpe, the minutes of the meeting of 05/22/2018 were unanimously approved.

**SWRMPO 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.

As presented in the CTDOT provided table below, amendments to project #0400-XXXX: CT Transit Systemwide Bus Replacements and #0300-0202: New Haven Line Network Infrastructure Upgrade were discussed.

Region	FACode	Proj#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)	Comments
79	5339P	0400-XXXX	X6	CTTRANSIT	VARIOUS	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY16	ACQ	2018	6,700	5,360	1,340	0	NEW PROJECT
79	5339P	0400-XXXX	X6	CTTRANSIT	VARIOUS	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY17	ACQ	2018	6,700	5,360	1,340	0	NEW PROJECT
79	5339P	0400-XXXX	X6	CTTRANSIT	VARIOUS	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY18	ACQ	2018	6,700	5,360	1,340	0	NEW PROJECT
79	5307P	0400-XXXX	X6	CTTRANSIT	VARIOUS	CTTRANSIT SYSTEMWIDE BUS REPLACEMENTS FY18	OTH	2018	10,000	8,000	2,000	0	NEW PROJECT
77	5307P	0300-0202	X6	NHL - ML	VARIOUS	NHL - NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE FY18	CON	2018	22,500	18,000	4,500	0	NEW PROJECT

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On a motion made by Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by First Selectman Jim Marpe, the SWRMPO TIP amendments were unanimously endorsed.

**BUILD Discretionary Grant Program Application:** Letters of support for the WestCOG and NHCOC BUILD Transportation Planning Grant applications were presented. The WestCOG application seeks to conduct a Tax Increment Funding Feasibility Study. The NHCOC

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 NHCOC 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.