

**Housatonic Valley & South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organizations**

February 28, 2019 at 1:00 pm

**Location: Capitol Building Room #310
210 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT**

Call-in Information: 515-739-1034, Access Code: 500386#

Agenda

1. Meeting Call to Order:
2. Public Participation:
3. Information Items:
 - a. TAP
 - b. Section 5310 Grant Program
 - c. Unified Planning Work Program
 - d. MOU for Transportation Planning & Funding
4. Action Items:
 - a. Approval of January 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes (HV & SWR) Attachment 4a pp. 1-4
 - b. 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program Attachment 4b pp. 5-6
5. Other Business:
6. Next Meeting: March 21, 2019 beginning at 11:30 am
7. Adjournment:

**Separate votes are taken by HV and SWR MPOs*

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Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization
INTERIM HVMPO MINUTES
For the 1/17/2019 Meeting
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877

Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	Absent
Brookfield	First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury	Mayor Mark Boughton
New Fairfield	First Selectman Pat Del Monaco
New Milford	Mayor Pete Bass
Newtown	First Selectman Dan Rosenthal
Redding	First Selectman Julia Pemberton
Ridgefield	First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman	Absent
HARtransit	Planner Alex Dashev
CTDOT	Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

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, Westport First Selectman James Marpe, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers were in attendance. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstilianos, Victoria Ricks, Patty Payne and Jamie Bastian.

CALL TO ORDER

HVMPO Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:40am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

LRTP Update: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstlianos presented an update on the Long-Range Transportation Plan and WestCOG's next steps.

MOU for Transportation Planning and Funding: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on Memorandum of Understanding for Transportation and Funding between the South Western Region MPO with the Greater Bridgeport Valley MPO. The WestCOG staff are currently in the process of updating the MOU will provide a draft at the next MPO meeting.

Unified Planning Work Program Update (UPWP): WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the outline for Transportation planning for the next 2 years. A draft plan will be provided sometime in the coming months.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 12/13/2018 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by First Bethel Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, the minutes of the meeting of 12/13/2018 were unanimously approved as amended with a second listed for the 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Project from Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker.

Safety Performance Measures: After a review by Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos, a motion was made by First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, the safety performance targets set by the CT DOT were unanimously approved. The board understands the need for attainable short-term targets, however zero fatalities and serious injuries remain the long-term vision of the board.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on February 28th, 2019. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:15pm.

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South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
INTERIM SWRMPO MINUTES
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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 Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers
- Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding
- Westport First Selectman James Marpe
- Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
- Transit Absent
- CTDOT Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci (non-voting)
- MPO Staff Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, Danbury Mayor Mark Boughton, New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, New Milford Mayor Pete Bass, Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton, Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, and HARTransit Planner Alex Dashev were in attendance. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Victoria Ricks, Patty Payne and Jamie Bastian.

CALL TO ORDER

SWRMPO Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 11:40am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

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ACTION ITEMS

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Safety Performance Measures: After a review by Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos, a motion was made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, the safety performance targets set by the CT DOT were unanimously approved. The board understands the need for attainable short-term targets, however zero fatalities and serious injuries remain the long-term vision of the board.

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COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



DATE: February 22, 2019

HVMPO FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MPO Action Requested: Review and consider TIP amendment endorsement.

Background: The FFY2018-2021 Housatonic Valley TIP was endorsed by the MPO on August 17, 2017. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on October 19, 2017.

Amendment #2019-0228:

0034-0352: Routes 37 and 841 Corridor Study

This CTDOT-requested amendment is intended to add a new entry to the TIP for the City of Danbury and Town of New Fairfield. The amendment covers the entire study and will total approximately \$150,000. This will facilitate the development of traffic improvement measures on Routes 37 and 841 between the City of Danbury and Town of New Fairfield.

Funded through the Surface Transportation Program, the study is intended to solicit a detailed evaluation of the corridor for future improvements. Physical and operational characteristics as well as existing deficiencies will be addressed. The study will focus on ways to alleviate traffic congestion during peak travel hours, improve pedestrian mobility, and promote use of environmentally sustainable modes of transportation. The feasibility of a multi-use trail stretching from the Saw Mill Road intersection to Bear Mountain Reservation will be explored. Additionally, concept plans for proposed improvements will be developed.

Region	FACode	Proj#	AQCd	Rte/Sys	Town	Description	Phase	Year	Tot\$(000)	Fed\$(000)	Sta\$(000)	Loc\$(000)
2	STPA	0034-0352	PD	CT 37/SR 841	DANBURY/NEW FAIRFIELD	CT37/SR-841 CORRIDOR STUDY	PL	2019	150	120	15	15

DATE: February 22, 2019

SWRMPO FFY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MPO Action Requested: Review and support TIP amendment endorsement.

Background: The FFY2018-2021 South Western Region TIP was endorsed by the MPO on August 17, 2017. The TIP was incorporated into the larger Statewide TIP, which was approved by USDOT and EPA on October 19, 2017.

Amendment #2019-0228:

0301-0507: BUILD Discretionary Grant- Stamford Transportation Center Improvement FY18

This CTDOT-requested amendment is intended to add a new project to the TIP in the City of Stamford. The project would provide funding for improvements to the Stamford Transportation Center (STC). The STC is on the Metro-North New Haven Line and Amtrak's Northeast Corridor. The project is funded through the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grants program, solicited by the USDOT in 2018. Formerly named the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant, the program invests in transportation infrastructure projects.

The STC's internal circulation system would be enhanced by upgrading approximately five elevators and seventeen escalators. It would also improve safety by including step demarcation lighting, continuous roller monitors, and a controlled stop braking system. These enhancements would reduce maintenance expenses and support increased transit ridership. This amendment covers the construction phase of the project which will total approximately \$22.9 million. The USDOT awarded CTDOT \$9.16 million through the BUILD program matched by \$13.74 million in state funds.

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01	BUILD	0301-0507	X6	STAMFORD	STAMFORD	BUILD DISCRETIONARY GR-STAMFORD TRANSPORTATION CENTER IMPROVEMENTS FY18	CON	2019	22,900	9,160	13,740	0