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South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
INTERIM SWRMPO MINUTES
For the 3/21/2019 Meeting
Held at the Ridgefield Visiting Nurse Association
27 Governor Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut
Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman James Marpe

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien	First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich	First Selectman Peter Tesei
New Canaan	CFO Sandy Dennies
Norwalk	Mayor Harry Rilling
Stamford	Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers
Weston	First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport	First Selectman Jim Marpe
Wilton	Absent
Transit	NTD CEO Kimberlee Morton
CTDOT	Absent
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, 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, Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, and HARTransit Development Director Rick Schreiner were in attendance. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Nicole Sullivan, Patty Payne, and Kevin Mahoney. Ali Mohseni of NYMTC-MHSTCC, Ken Shooshan-Stoller of FHWA, James Root of the CT Sierra Club, Alex Dashev of HARTransit, Dan Guingi of CCM, John Field of CT DEMHS, as well as Sam Sojka and Tracy Alston of Eversource were in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Long Range Transportation Plan: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos presented the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP is a 25 year vision for the development of the transportation system and identifies investments in the region. Transportation performance management and data analysis were discussed. The public comment period will be held from February 27, 2019 to March 29, 2019. Public comments will be addressed, and an updated plan and the Air Quality Conformity Report will be presented at the April MPO meeting for endorsement.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Section 5310 Grant Programs: Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the new application cycle for the 5310 Grant Program. This program is intended to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. WestCOG staff will provide technical assistance; eligible applicants who would like staff to review their application for completeness must submit their materials to WestCOG by April 5th. Applications are due to CTDOT by April 12th.

Transportation Alternative Programs: Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the status of the Transportation Alternative Program Solicitation. The next step is for municipalities to submit concepts to WestCOG by April 18th.

Unified Planning Work Program Update: Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the draft of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) which outlines transportation tasks for the next two years. Municipalities submitted concepts for potential transportation studies which will be included in the UPWP.

Transportation Studies: Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the Western Connecticut Rail Station Parking Demand Economic Analysis and the Technical Evaluation of Stamford East Bus Service.

ACTION ITEMS

SWRMPO Approval of 2/28/2019 Meeting Minutes: On a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and seconded by Greenwich First Selectman Peter Tesei, the minutes of the 2/28/2019 meeting were unanimously approved. An abstention was made by Mayor Harry Rilling and First Selectman Peter Tesei.

Transportation Improvement Program: Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan reviewed the amendment to add new project#0158-0217: *Rehabilitation of Bridge No. 00072 carrying Sasco Creek Road over I-95 in Westport* to the TIP. On a motion made by First Selectman Jim Marpe and seconded by Mayor Harry Rilling the TIP Amendment was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

Memorandum of Understanding: Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an update on the MOU for transportation planning between the MPO's within the Bridgeport-Stamford Urbanized Area. A draft has been prepared by WestCOG and is being reviewed by the other MPOs for comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on April 18th, 2019. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:35pm.

INTERIM MINUTES SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY SWRMPO MEMBERS