

Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 03/19/2020 Meeting
Held via teleconference
Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	Absent
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	First Selectman Rudy Marconi
Sherman	First Selectman Don Lowe
Transit Representative	CEO Rick Schreiner
CTDOT	Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and Westport First Selectman James Marpe were in attendance. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, and Victoria Ricks. Alex Dashev from HARTransit, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, Paige Lawrence for CTrides, and New Canaan Director of Public Works Tiger Mann were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 11:34 am.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

USDOT 2020 BUILD Grant Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the BUILD Grant Program, which is a federal grant program for surface transportation infrastructure improvements. The grant funding can be used to support projects for roads, bridges, transit, rail or intermodal transportation. The solicitation is open and WestCOG is proposing to resubmit the same proposal as last year, which is a study to explore the feasibility of establishing a funding mechanism to support and improve the Danbury and New Canaan branch lines. If any MPO

members have any questions, please feel free to reach out to WestCOG staff members. Staff will present a draft letter of support at next month's meeting for the endorsement.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 2/13/2020 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass, the minutes of the 2/13/2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program: After a review by WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the HVMPO TIP amendments were unanimously approved as presented in the memo.

OTHER BUSINESS

WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on the status of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. WestCOG staff have selected Milone and MacBroom as the consultants and they will be reaching out to the municipalities to coordinate. WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering suggested setting up a weekly call to discuss COVID 19 issues and needs with the municipalities.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23rd. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 am.