

South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES**  
For the 03/19/2020 Meeting  
Held via teleconference  
Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman James Marpe

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien	First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich	Absent
New Canaan	First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk	Absent
Stamford	Absent
Weston	First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit Representative	Absent
CTDOT	Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, 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, Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and HARTransit CEO Rick Schreiner 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 Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 11:41 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**

**SWRMPO Approval of 2/13/2020 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Westport First Selectman James Marpe and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, 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 Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the SWRMPO 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 23<sup>rd</sup>. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 am.