

Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 05/21/2020 Meeting
Held via videoconference
Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	First Selectman Curtis Read
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, Greenwich First Selectman Fred Camilo, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, Stamford Mayor David Martin, 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 Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, Patty Payne, Paula Burton, Kevin Mahoney, Charles Vidich, Nick Trabka, and Victoria Ricks. Norwalk Transit CEO Kimberlee Morton, **Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office**, **Tracey Alston from Eversource**, WestCOG attorney Steve Mednick, as well as members of the public Joan Polzin, Nancy Plaston, Jenine Lupo, Anne Suter, Paul Hern, Thomas Galliford, Chris Granatini, and Cathy Betz were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joan Polzin asserted the negative health effects of 5G technology. Nancy Plaston expressed concern over home values when there is a large scale 5G rollout. Annie Suter spoke about the negative health effects of 5G and had concerns that her emails to her elected officials are not getting to the right individuals.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FTA Section 5310 Grant Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the grant solicitation availability to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Eligible recipients include private non-profit organizations, state or local government authorities and operators of public transportation. If you would like WestCOG to review your application for completeness, please submit your draft application to WestCOG staff by June 19th. Final applications are due to WestCOG and CTDOT by June 26th.

State Matching Grant Program (MGP) for Elderly and Demand Response Transportation: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the 2021 application process for the MGP, which provides matching funds for transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities to each municipality. Applications are due to WestCOG and CTDOT by June 1st.

Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Schedule Update: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstyanos gave an update on the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Plan Schedule. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, CTDOT has not set dates for the STIP/TIP public engagement process.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 4/23/2020 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, the minutes of the 4/23/2020 meeting were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18th. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:23 pm.