

South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organization  
**APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES**  
For the 05/21/2020 Meeting  
Held via videoconference  
Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman James Marpe

## MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien	First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich	First Selectman Fred Camillo
New Canaan	First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk	Mayor Harry Rilling
Stamford	Mayor David Martin
Weston	First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit Representative	CEO Kimberlee Morton
CTDOT	Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

## OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read, 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, and Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe 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, Nick Trabka, Charles Vidich, and Victoria Ricks. Rick Schreiner from HARTransit, 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 Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 12:06pm.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup>. Final applications are due to WestCOG and CTDOT by June 26<sup>th</sup>.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Draft 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program – Schedule Update:** WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos 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**

**SWRMPO Approval of 4/23/2020 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding, the minutes of the 4/23/2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

**2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program:** After a review by WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan and on a motion made by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by Norwalk Transit CEO Kim Morton, the SWRMPO TIP Amendment #2020-0521: *0173-0510 Replace Traffic Control Signals at Various Locations and Amendment #0135-0347 Realign I-95 & Replace Bridge 00032 in the City of Stamford* were unanimously approved as presented in the memo.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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