

Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 06/18/2020 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 Selectman Lauren Rabin, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, 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, Hamsa Ganapathi, Chad Schroeder and Victoria Ricks. Norwalk Transit CEO Kimberlee Morton, **Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office**, Tracey Alston and Samantha LaBonne from Eversource, WestCOG attorney Steve Mednick, as well as members of the public Jennine Lupo were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

FTA Section 5310 Grant Program: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the grant solicitation available to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Draft applications are due June 19th to WestCOG. Final applications are due to WestCOG and CTDOT by June 26th.

Regional Transportation Safety Plan Update: WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on the plan. The consultant, VN Engineers, will assign recommendations to the high crash locations based on the countermeasures and funding sources discussed with the municipalities for the upcoming draft report.

Statewide Active Transportation Initiative: WestCOG Webinar: WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the upcoming WestCOG partnered Webinar, occurring on June 25th, “Managing Parks and Open Space During a Pandemic”. The event is geared to municipal park and open space managers. If any municipality would like more information, please contact WestCOG staff.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 5/21/2020 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal, the minutes of the 5/21/2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

WestCOG Senior Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos reminded the members of the MAP forum Zoom meeting being held tomorrow, June 19th, at 10:30am.

ADJOURNMENT

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