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, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, 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 Hadjystianos, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, Kevin Mahoney, Nick Trabka, Tucker Beckett, and Victoria Ricks. Tracey Alston and Samantha LaBonne from Eversource, Lori Hammill from Norwalk Transit, Alex Dashev from HARTTransit, Greenwich Planning and Zoning Chairman Margarita Alban, Andrea Rynn, Jennine Lupo, and Westport Operations Director Sara Harris were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 12:00pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was no public participation.

INFORMATION ITEMS
Community Connectivity Grant Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjystianos gave an update on the Community Connectivity Program, which seeks to improve safety and accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians. This grant program will provide funding up to $600,000 for local municipalities for construction cost related
to these projects. All engineering, design, etc. must be covered by the municipality. Grant applications are due to CTDOT by Friday, October 16th. If you have any additional questions, please contact WestCOG staff members.

2021-2024 Draft HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP Schedule: WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on the draft HVMPO and SWRMPO 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The draft TIP will be considered for endorsement at the October 15, 2020 MPO meetings. All materials for the draft 2021-2024 HVMPO and SWRMPO TIP are available on the WestCOG website.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 8/20/2020 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the 8/20/2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

Updated Transportation Alternative Set-Aside Priority: Senior Project Manager Kevin Mahoney reported that the Town of Brookfield has withdrawn its application for federal Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside funds. By previous HVMPO resolution, the Brookfield and Danbury applications were ranked #1 and #2, respectively. Given Brookfield’s action, the HVMPO should designate a new #1 priority. On a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, HVMPO members unanimously approved a motion recommending that the HVMPO designate the Danbury City-Wide Enhancement of Pedestrian Mobility as its top priority for Transportation Alternative Set-Aside funding.

Resolution to Approve Planning Certifications: After review by WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjistylianos and on a motion made by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker and seconded by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, the Resolution to approve the HVMPO Planning Certification was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering announced that WestCOG was awarded a Federal BUILD Grant for $400,000 to conduct a study to determine whether a regional value capture mechanism can be used on a regional, multi-jurisdictional level to generate the funds required to support improvements along the Danbury and New Canaan Branch Lines.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, October 15th. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:32pm.