

South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES
For the 9/17/2020 Meeting
Held via videoconference
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	Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers
Weston	First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit Representative	Chief Logistics Officer Lori Hammill
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, Kevin Mahoney, Nick Trabka, Tucker Beckett, and Victoria Ricks. Rick Schreiner and Alex Dashev from HARtransit, Tracey Alston and Samantha LaBonne from Eversource, 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 Jayme Stevenson 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 Hadjstylianos 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

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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

SWRMPO Approval of 8/20/2020 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 8/20/2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Program: After a review by WestCOG Assistant Planner Nicole Sullivan and on a motion made by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers and seconded by Westport First Selectman James Marpe, the SWRMPO TIP Amendment#2020-0917: *CTTransit – Stamford Facility Upgrades, Bus to Bus Discretionary Spending, Fiscal Year 2020* were unanimously approved as presented in the memo.

Resolution to Approve Planning Certifications: After review by WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Stamford Transportation Bureau Chief Jim Travers, the Resolution to approve the SWRMPO 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.