

South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organization

**APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES**  
For the 12/17/2020 Meeting

Held via videoconference

*Chairman Jayme Stevenson - Vice Chairman James Marpe*

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Darien	First Selectman Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich	Selectman Lauren Rabin
New Canaan	First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk	Absent
Stamford	Absent
Weston	First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit Representative	Absent
CTDOT	Transportation Planning Supervisor Kathryn Faraci
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi, 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, Charles Vidich and Victoria Ricks. **Stamford Mayor's Chief of Staff Michael Pollard**, Rick Schreiner and Alex Dashev from HARTransit, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, **Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office**, and Greenwich Planning and Zoning Chairman Margarita Alban were also in attendance.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chairman James Marpe called the meeting to order at 12:06pm.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

**FHWA Highway Safety Performance Targets for 2021:** WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on CTDOT's proposed safety targets for 2021. CTDOT has proposed returning to the 2014/2015 safety target levels. The next step is for MPO

members to consider endorsing the CTDOT safety targets as presented or to develop different safety targets before the 180-day window closes on February 26, 2021.

**Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Program:** WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ), which is a federal program that provides funds to transportation projects and programs that contribute to maintenance of air quality standards. Based on the preliminary schedule, complete applications will be due to WestCOG by February 21, 2021. MPO members expressed an interest in completing a region-wide application for electric vehicles and charging stations.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

**SWRMPO Approval of 11/19/2020 Meeting Minutes:** After review and on a motion made by Westport First Selectman James Marpe and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the minutes of the 11/19/2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the 5310 Grant Applications, which supported programs to improved mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities. On December 15<sup>th</sup> WestCOG was notified by email that the WHEELS of New Milford, Ability Beyond Disability, and ARI of Connecticut Section 5310 Traditional Project applications (accessible vehicles) were awarded.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:28pm.