

Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 01/21/2021 Meeting

Held via videoconference

Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

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| Bethel | First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker |
| Bridgewater | First Selectman Curtis Read |
| Brookfield | First Selectman Steve Dunn |
| Danbury | Mayor Joe Cavo |
| 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, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, Westport First Selectman James Marpe and Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin 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, Patty Payne, Charles Vidich, and Victoria Ricks. Stamford Mayor's Chief of Staff Michael Pollard, Norwalk Transit CEO Kim Morton, Alex Dashev from HARtransit, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, Tracey Alston from Eversource, and Greenwich Planning and Zoning Chairman Margarita Alban were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 12:05pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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. WestCOG staff discussed that applications must be prioritized by the MPOs, the top three priorities will advance to CTDOT for consideration and will compete against applications from other MPOs in the state, with preference given to projects that have regional significance. At the December meeting, MPO members expressed an interest in completing a region-wide application for electric vehicles and charging stations. A municipality must sponsor the application and New Milford has agreed to sponsor the HVMPO application for this initiative. WestCOG staff have begun working on this application. All other completed applications are due to WestCOG by February 21st, 2021. WestCOG will provide an overview of the submitted applications and recommendations at the March MPO meeting for endorsement.

FTA Transit Safety Targets: Highway Safety Performance Targets for 2021: WestCOG Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on CTDOT's proposed FTA transit safety targets for 2021. WestCOG staff have coordinated and established targets in consultation with HARTransit. The next step is for MPO members to review the safety targets presented and recommend endorsement at the February MPO meeting.

Unified Planning Work Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the work beginning around developing the Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 22 and 23, which is a federal requirement for MPOs.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 12/17/2020 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 12/17/2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

FHWA Highway Safety Performance Targets for 2021: After review by WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco, the FHWA 2021 Highway Safety Performance Targets were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:40pm.