

South Western Region  
Metropolitan Planning Organization

## **APPROVED** SWRMPO MINUTES For the 01/21/2021 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	Mayor Harry Rilling
Stamford	Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston	First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
Transit Representative	CEO Kim Morton
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, 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 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, Patty Payne, Charles Vidich and Victoria Ricks. Rick Schreiner and 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 Jayme Stevenson 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. WestCOG will prepare the application, but a municipality in the SWRMPO must sponsor the application. If any municipality is interested in sponsoring this, please contact WestCOG staff. All other completed applications are due to WestCOG by February 21<sup>st</sup>, 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 the CTDOT (on behalf of CTtransit) and with the Norwalk Transit District. 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**

**SWRMPO Approval of 12/17/2020 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 12/17/2020 meeting were unanimously approved, with an abstention made by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling.

**FHWA Highway Safety Performance Targets for 2021:** After review by WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan, and on a motion made by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, 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 18<sup>th</sup>. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:40pm.