

Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 02/18/2021 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, Stamford Mayor David Martin, 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 Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, Kevin Mahoney, Patty Payne, Charles Vidich, Victoria Ricks and Cricket Carpenter. 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, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Victoria Vetre from SLR Consulting, David Monastersky from CIRMA, CTDOT Director of Government Relations and Policy Pam Sucato, Harry Carey, and Jessica Vonashek were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Unified Planning Work Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the work beginning around developing the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 22 and 23, which is a federal requirement for MPOs. The first draft will be shared with MPO members mid-March for review and feedback. The final draft will be shared in May with endorsement at the May meeting. If any municipality has any transportation needs to include in UPWP, please contact WestCOG staff.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 01/21/2021 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the 01/21/2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

HVMPO - FTA Transit Safety Performance Targets: WestCOG Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the proposed FTA transit safety targets for 2021. With consultation between WestCOG staff and HARTransit, the HVMPO targets are finalized. On a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe, the HVMPO - FTA Transit Safety Performance Targets were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, March 18th. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 1:22 pm.