# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



South Western Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

# APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES

For the 02/18/2021 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 Mayor David Martin

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, Patty Payne, Charles Vidich, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Stamford's Mayor Chief of Staff Michael Pollard, Rick Schreiner and 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 Jayme Stevenson 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**

SWRMPO Approval of 01/21/2021 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Westport First Selectman James Marpe, the minutes of the 1/21/2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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