

Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 03/18/2021 Meeting

Held via videoconference

Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	Absent
Brookfield	First Selectman Steve Dunn
Danbury	Absent
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, Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin, Westport First Selectman James Marpe, and Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice were in attendance. WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Todd Fontanella, Nicole Sullivan, Kristin Floberg, Kevin Mahoney, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Norwalk Transit CEO Kim Morton, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, Tracey Alston from Eversource, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission Chair, Margarita Alban, Camoin Associates Senior Vice president, Dan Gundersen, Senior Project manager, Andy Marzo, and Analyst Aaron Metheny were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 12:01.

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 required document for MPOs. The draft

has been completed for both the SWRMPO and the HVMPO and sent to the CTDOT earlier this week. If you have any feedback, please submit your comments by Friday April 23rd. All comments will be incorporated into the document in late April. The updated version will be brought to the TAG and MPOs for endorsement during the meetings in May. If any municipality has any transportation needs to include in UPWP, please contact WestCOG staff.

CTDOT Corridor Study Solicitation: WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) Corridor Study Solicitation. All municipalities in the WestCOG region are eligible to submit a corridor study concept. Applications along with a letter of commitment signed by their municipal office, must be submitted to WestCOG by April 30th, 2021. WestCOG will review and prioritize the applications in May. The findings will be presented at the June meeting. WestCOG will be able to submit up to three (3) applications to the CTDOT in July 2021. Digital copies may be sent to Todd Fontanella at: tfontanell@westcog.org

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of 02/18/2021 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the minutes of the 02/18/2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

CMAQ Solicitation Priorities:

Kristen Hadjstylianios gave an update on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ). The WestCOG Technical Advisory Group (TAG) concurred with the HVMPO staff's rankings for the applications at the March 9th meeting. The HVMPO may submit up to three (3) applications to CTDOT by April 7, 2021. After review and on a motion made by Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the Solicitation Priorities were unanimously approved.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program:

Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan gave an update on the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement program (TIP). Nicole gave an overview of the amendments made to the program. HVMPO TIP *Amendment for Project 0096-0204: Intersection Improvements at Route 34 and SR 490, Amendment for Project 0170-3417 Mast Arm & Span Pole Inspections -AC Conversion* On a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker, the amendments were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:22 pm.