

South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES
For the 03/18/2021 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	Absent
Norwalk	Absent
Stamford	Absent
Weston	Absent
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, Brookfield First Selectman Steve Dunn, 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, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Rick Schreiner from HARTransit, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, Tracey Alston from Eversource, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Margarita Alban Chair, Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission, Camoin Associates Senior Vice president, Dan Gundersen, Senior Project manager, Andy Marzo, and Analyst Aaron Metheny were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 12:01 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 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

SWRMPO Approval of 02/18/2021 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 02/18/2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

CMAQ Solicitation Priorities:

Kristen Hadjstylianos gave an update on the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (CMAQ). The WestCOG Technical Advisory Group concurred with the SWRMPO staff's rankings for the applications at the March 9th meeting. The SWRMPO may submit up to three (3) applications to CTDOT by April 7, 2021. After review and on a motion made by Westport First Selectman James Marpe and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the CMAQ Solicitation Priorities were unanimously approved.

SWRMPO – FTA Transit Safety Performance Targets:

WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an update on the SWMPO Safety Performance Targets for 2021. The SWRMPO is asked to accept the TAG's recommendation and to endorse the Targets that were sourced from the CTDOT and Norwalk Transit District (NTD). After review and a motion made by Westport First Selectman James Marpe and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, the FTA Transit Safety Performance Targets 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. *SWRMPO TIP Amendment for Project 0173-0512: Replace Traffic Signal LED Lamps in various locations, #0089-0129: Rehabilitation of Bridge 05002 over Collins Pond in New Canaan, #0170-3417: Mast Arm & Span Pole Inspections- AC Conversion, #0102-0295: NHS Median Barrier/Resurfacing AC Conversion, City of Norwalk, and #0102-0360: Upgrade Traffic Signals & Install Variable Message Signs, City of Norwalk.* On a motion made by Westport First Selectman James Marpe and seconded by First Selectman Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, 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.