

South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES

For the 04/22/2021 Meeting

Held via videoconference

Chairman Jeremy Ginsberg (Proxy) - Vice Chairman James Marpe

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien	Jeremy Ginsberg Planning and Zoning Director
Greenwich	Absent
New Canaan	First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk	Absent
Transit Representative	CEO Kim Morton
Stamford	Mayor David Martin
Weston	First Selectman Chris Spaulding
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
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, 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, Charles Vidich, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Rick Schreiner and Alex Dashev from HARTransit, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, Tracey Alston and Samantha LaBonne from Eversource, Ellen Graham from Senator Blumenthal's office, Greenwich Planning & Zoning Commission chair Margarita Alban, Stamford Mayor's Chief of Staff Mike Pollard, Westport Operations Director Sara Harris, Bridget Boucaud from VN Engineers, Steve O'Neill and Eric Tang from VHB were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman James Marpe called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

FEATURED PRESENTATION:

Bridget Boucaud from VN Engineers along with Eric Tang and Steve O’Neill from VHB gave a presentation on the WestCOG Regional Transportation Safety Plan 2021. Comments will be accepted by the Municipalities through May 7th. Any questions should be directed to WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan at: nsullivan@westcog.org

INFORMATION ITEMS

Unified Planning Work Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update on the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 22 and 23. The draft has been completed for both the SWRMPO and the HVMPO and sent to the CTDOT. WestCOG will review comments update the work program. The final version will be shared with the TAG and MPO members for endorsement at the May meetings. Please contact WestCOG staff if you have any questions.

USDOT Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an overview of the RAISE program. USDOT will be hosting a series of webinars to discuss the application process. Applications are due on July 12th and are to be submitted through the Grants.GOV portal. Please contact WestCOG staff if you have any questions.

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, are to 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

State Matching Grant Program: WestCOG Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview on the State Matching Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to provide funding to enhance mobility for seniors and persons with disabilities. The required materials are due to WestCOG and CTDOT by May 3rd. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Todd.

ACTION ITEMS

SWRMPO Approval of 03/18/2021 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Weston First Selectman Chris Spaulding and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, the minutes of the 03/18/2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20th, 2021. On a motion duly made by Jeremy Ginsberg and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:44 pm.