

South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization

APPROVED SWRMPO MINUTES For the 05/20/2021 Meeting

Held via videoconference

Chairman Jayme Stevenson- Vice Chairman James Marpe

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien	Jayme Stevenson
Greenwich	Selectman Lauren Rabin
New Canaan	First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk	Absent
Transit Representative	CEO Kim Morton
Stamford	Absent
Weston	Absent
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 Second Selectman Rich Straiton, 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, Kristin Floberg, Kevin Mahoney, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Rick Schreiner and Alex Dashev from HARTransit, Kathryn Faraci from CTDOT, Norwalk Transit CEO Kim Morton, John Truscinski and Katie Lund from CIRCA, David Murphy and Victoria Vetre from SLR Consulting, and Samantha Nestor were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CTDOT's Public Hearings and Public Comment on Rail Service and Fare Changes.

WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella provided an overview of the CTDOT's Public Hearings and Public Comment Period on Bus and Rail Service and Fare Changes. The public comment period will run from April 29th to May 28, 2021. The proposed bus service and rail

changes, as well as information on how to attend the public hearings, can be viewed on the Department of Transportation's website at: www.ct.gov/dot/proposedtransitchanges

Member-directed Community Project Funding Requests.

WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview of the Member-directed Community Project Funding Requests. There are seven regional projects that were submitted and currently up for consideration.

ACTION ITEMS

SWRMPO Approval of 04/22/2021 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 04/22/2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with an abstention made by Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, and Greenwich First Selectman Lauren Rabin.

2021-2024 SWRMPO Transportation Improvement Program

WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview of the SWRMPO FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments #2021-0520

0301-0195: New Haven Line- Station Improvement Program- Darien Station

The CTDOT-requested amendment would add a new project to the TIP in the Town of Darien. Improvement to the Darien Station on the New Haven Line would include construction of new platform sections, ADA platform upgrades and routing signage, as well as replacement of the grounding and bonding system. Construction for this project is scheduled for 2021. The project total is approximately \$45 million with no local match.

0300-0196: New Haven Line- Scour Rehabilitation Project

The CTDOT-requested amendment would provide funding for rehabilitation activities for Bridge 08022R in Darien and Bridge 08207R in Wilton along the New Haven Line in the SWRMPO, as well as Bridge 08086R in Milford and Bridge 08268R in Seymour. Scour is erosion of the soil at or near the substructure. To rehabilitate the bridge's scour mitigation, CTDOT will be performing full repairs of the structures to raise the condition rating to a state of good repair. Construction for this project is scheduled for 2021. The project total is approximately \$8 million with no local match.

0400-XXXX: CTTransit Systemwide Admin Capital/ Miscellaneous Support FY21

The CTDOT-requested amendment would add a new project to the TIP for CTTransit. Funding is provided under Fiscal Year 2021 and would enable the replacement of equipment that requires updating, such as; computer hardware, computer software, maintenance equipment, office equipment, and support vehicles. The project total is approximately \$1.05 million with no local match.

0170-3605: Statewide Transportation Demand Management (NY-NJ-CT Moderate)

The CTDOT-requested amendment would add a new project to the TIP for the TDM program known as CTRides. The project would provide funds for Fiscal Year 2021 and enables CTDOT to market and educate employers in support of the program. The

program aims to reduce the number of employee work trips and decrease traffic congestion by helping to form carpools as well as implement teleworking programs. The project total is approximately \$3.35 million with no local match.

0102-0368: Resurfacing, Bridge & Safety Improvements, Main Ave to Newtown Turnpike

The CTDOT-requested amendment would roll over project#0102-0368 from the 2018-2021 TIP into the current 2021-2024 TIP for this upcoming period of time. The project will take place in the towns of Norwalk and Westport in Fiscal Year 2021 for the Merritt Parkway. AC Entry and AC Conversion in this construction phase provides flexibility at the time of authorization.

After a review by WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos a motion was made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Westport First Selectman Jim Marpe. The 2021-2024 Transportation TIP Amendments #2021-0520 was unanimously approved.

Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for FY 22 and 23

After review a by WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos a motion was made by New Canaan first Selectman Kevin Moynihan and seconded by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice. The Unified Planning Work Program for Fiscal Year 22 and 23 was unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

WestCOG Executive Director Francis Pickering announced that there will be a Retreat for the Chief Elected Officials with Camoin Associates in place of the July 22nd 2021 MPO/COG meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17th, 2021. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 pm.