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South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization
INTERIM SWRMPO MINUTES
For the 08/19/2021 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	First Selectman Kevin Moynihan
Norwalk	Mayor Harry Rilling
Stamford	Chief of Staff Michael Pollard
Weston	Absent
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice
CTDOT	Absent (non-voting)
Transit Representative	CEO Kim Morton
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, New Fairfield First Selectman Kristine Hall, 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, Nick Trabka, Nicole Sullivan, Charles Vidich, and Cricket Carpenter. Norwalk Chief of Economic and Community Development Jessica Vonashek, HARTransit CEO Rick Schreiner, Norwalk Transit CEO Kim Morton, Jeff Matriano and David Brown from Barton & Loguidice, Adam Goodman from the Aspetuck Land Trust, and Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center, were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jayme Stevenson called the meeting to order at 12:04pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

DEEP Recreational Trails Grants Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an overview. For more information or to download an application visit their website at: <https://portal.gov/DEEP/OutdoorRecreation/Trails/CRT—Funding> the application deadline is November 1, 2021.

FTA Section 5310 Announcement: WestCOG Senior planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview. The award listing has been made available for public viewing at: <https://biznet.gov.SCPSearch/ContractDetail.aspx?ID=22561>

ACTION ITEMS

SWRMPO Approval of 06/17/21 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by Westport First Selectman James Marpe and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the minutes of the 06/17/21 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

2021-2024 SWRMPO Transportation Improvement Program Amendments# 2021-0810 WestCOG Associate Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview of the SWRMPO Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments #0173-0497 Upgrade and Install CCTV Cameras and #0102-0296 Resurfacing Bridge & Safety Improvemnts. After review and on a motion made by Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice and seconded by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling the TIP amendments were unanimously approved.

Regional Congestion Study – Selection Panel: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an overview. There was a discussion regarding potential candidates for the selection panel. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was discussion regarding the coordination of New York and Connecticut for the Interstate 84/684 Study.

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, September 23rd, 2021. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:26pm.