

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 08/19/2021 Meeting
Held via videoconference
Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield	Absent
Danbury	Absent
New Fairfield	Selectman Kristine Hall
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	Absent (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling, Westport First Selectman James Marpe, Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, Stamford Chief of Staff Michael Pollard and Norwalk Transit CEO Kimberly Morton 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, Kim Morton from Norwalk Transit, Jeff Matriano and David Brown from Barton & Loguidice, Adam Goodman from the Aspetuck Land Trust, Meg Haffner from the Kennedy Center.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 12:04.

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

HVMPO Approval of 06/17/21 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal the minutes of the 06/17/21 meeting minutes 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