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South Western Region
Metropolitan Planning Organization

INTERIM SWRMPO MINUTES

For the 09/23/2021

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	Interim Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise
Weston	First Selectman Samantha Nestor
Westport	First Selectman James Marpe
Wilton	Absent
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, Danbury Mayor Joe Cavo, 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, Nick Trabka, Nicole Sullivan, Charles Vidich, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were HARtransit CEO Rick Schreiner, HARtransit Operations Manager Guyauth Gabbidon, Jason Hyde PE from New Milford, Chris Muir from the Town of Wilton, Eric Nelson from Rauhaus Freedendfeld & Associates, Bill Daggett from DWG Architects and Shelter Planners, and Tracy Alston, Stephen Silver, and Sean Redding from Eversource.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public identified themselves or offered comment when invited to do so.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CTDEEP Volkswagen NOx Mitigation Program (HV & SWR): WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview. The application deadline is 4:00 pm on September 30th. For more information on the program please visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Air/Mobile-Sources/WVC-Settlement---Grants> Contact Todd with any questions.

CTDOT Air Quality Modeling Update: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update.

MTA Central Business District Tolling Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an update.

ACTION ITEMS

SWRMPO Approval of 08/19/2021 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 08/19/21 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Resolutions to Approve Planning Certifications (HV & SWR): WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan the Resolutions to Approve Planning Certificates (HV & SWR) were unanimously approved.

FY 2021 5310 Priorities (HV & SWR): WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and seconded by New Canaan first Selectman Kevin Moynihan the HVMPO FY 2021 5310 priorities were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

The next MPO meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21st, 2021. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:24 pm.