

Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization
APPROVED HVMPO MINUTES
For the 09/23/2021 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	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
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, Stamford Interim Transportation Bureau Chief Frank Petise Westport First Selectman James Marpe, Weston First Selectman Samantha Nestor, 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 Norwalk Transit CEO Kim Morton, HARTransit Operations Manager Guyauth Gabbidon, Jason Hyde PE from New Milford, Chris Muir from the Town of Wilton, Eric Nelson from Rauhaus Freedenfeld & Associates, Bill Daggett from DWG Architects and Shelter Planners, and Tracy Alston, Stephen Silver, and Sean Redding from Eversource.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

No members of the public identified themselves as present or spoke 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/VW-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

HVMPO Approval of 08/19/2021 Meeting Minutes: After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco the minutes of the 08/19/21 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Resolutions to Approve Planning Certifications (HV & SWR): WestCOG Principal Planner Kristen Hadjstylianos gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Newtown First Selectman Dan Rosenthal the Resolutions to Approve Planning Certificates (HV & SWR) were unanimously approved.

2021-2024 Transportation Improvement: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview of Amendments #2021-0914 Failed Pipe Replacement Under Lavalley Avenue in New Fairfield. The project was originally added to the TIP to replace the existing trunkline under Lavalley Ave. Upon further inspection by the CTDOT it was determined that a repair will be needed and completed by State maintenance. After review and on a motion made by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and seconded by Bethel First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker the 2021-2024 TIP was unanimously approved.

FY 2021 5310 Priorities (HV & SWR): WestCOG Senior Planner Todd Fontanella gave an overview. After review and on a motion made by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe and seconded by New Milford Mayor Peter Bass, the HVMPO FY 2021 5310 priorities were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT

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