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 Rep.    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 Hadjystylianos, 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, HART Transit
Operations Manager Guyauth Gabbidon, Jason Hyde PE from New Milford, Chris Muir from the
town of Wilton, Eric Nelson from Rauhaus Freedemfnd & 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 Hadjystylianos gave an update.

MTA Central Business District Tolling Program: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjystylianos 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 Hadjystylianos 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 Lavalle Avenue in New Fairfield. The project was originally added to the TIP to replace the existing trunkline under Lavalle 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.