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Housatonic Valley
Metropolitan Planning Organization
INTERIM HVMPO MINUTES
For the 01/20/2022 Meeting
Held via Zoom Webinar

Chairman Rudolph Marconi - Vice Chairman Julia Pemberton

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bethel	First Selectman Matt Knickerbocker
Bridgewater	First Selectman Curtis Read
Brookfield	First Selectman Tara Carr
Danbury	Mayor Dean Esposito
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	HARtransit CEO Rick Schreiner
CTDOT	Kathryn Faraci (non-voting)
MPO Staff	Executive Director Francis Pickering (non-voting)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Darien First Selectman Monica McNally, Greenwich Selectman Lauren Rabin, New Canaan First Selectman Kevin Moynihan, Stamford Mayor Caroline Simmons, and Wilton First Selectman Lynne Vanderslice, WestCOG staff members in attendance were Mike Towle, Kristin Hadjstylianos, Kevin Mahoney, Todd Fontanella, Kristin Floberg, Nicole Sullivan, Betsy Paynter, Victoria Ricks, and Cricket Carpenter. Also in attendance were Commissioner and Gov. Lamont’s Sr. Infrastructure Advisor Mark Boughton, Kimberly Morton from Norwalk Transit, Tracey Alston from Eversource, Erika Lindeberg from Traffic Operations and Safety Engineering Division, Natasha Fatu from the Office of Traffic Operations and Safety Engineering, Jennifer Carrier from FHWA, , Guyauth Gabbidon from HARtransit, Dan Gundersen Vice President of Camoin Assoc., Paige Lawrence from CTrides, James Michel from Greenwich, Mariah Okrongly, and Bruce Wittchen State of CT Environmental Analyst.

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

There were no information items this month.

ACTION ITEMS

HVMPO Approval of the December 16th 2021 Meeting minutes: After review and on a motion made by New Fairfield First Selectman Pat Del Monaco and seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the December 16th 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

CTDOT 2022 Safety Targets: WestCOG Planner Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by Bridgewater First Selectman Curtis Read and seconded by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass the CTDOT 2022 Safety Targets were unanimously approved.

Transportation Improvement Program: Nicole Sullivan provided an overview. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and seconded by Danbury Mayor Dean Esposito the Transportation Improvement Program amendment was unanimously approved.

MPO Officer Elections: WestCOG Principal Planner Kristin Hadjstylianos provided an overview. For the Housatonic Valley region, Ridgefield First Selectman Rudy Marconi was nominated for Chair, Redding First Selectman Julia Pemberton was nominated Vice Chair. After review and on a motion made by New Milford Mayor Pete Bass and Seconded by Sherman First Selectman Don Lowe the HV MPO officers were unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Metro-North Railroad New Canaan Branch Noise Pollution Abatement Feasibility Study was discussed. The Board members provided suggestions on how to proceed with this study.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 17th. On a motion duly made and seconded it was voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm.